

Integrals of the day: Part 3

1. Compute

$$\int \frac{1}{\sin(x-a)\sin(x-b)} dx$$

if $a - b$ is not a multiple of π .

Hint:

$$\int \frac{1}{\sin(x-a)\sin(x-b)} dx = \frac{1}{\sin(a-b)} \int \frac{\sin[(x-b)-(x-a)]}{\sin(x-a)\sin(x-b)} dx.$$

2. Compute

$$\int \sqrt{1+e^{2x}} dx.$$

Hint: Substitute $u = \sqrt{1+e^{2x}}$. Or else, substitute $v = e^x$. Then one arrives at the integral

$$\int \frac{\sec^3 x}{\tan x} dx,$$

which one could integrate by using

$$\int \frac{\sec^3 x}{\tan x} dx = \int \frac{\sec^3 x \tan x}{\tan^2 x} dx = \int \frac{\sec^2 x}{\sec^2 x - 1} d(\sec x).$$

The integrand in the last integral is a rational function in $\sec x$, which can be integrated using partial fractions.

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