

# Honors Day 2014

## Be a Part of the Story

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# Famous uses of Integration by Parts



Laurent Schwartz (1915-2002), Fields Medal 1950



Peter Lax (1926-), National Science Medal 1986



Gottfried Wilhelm von Leibniz, (1646-1716)

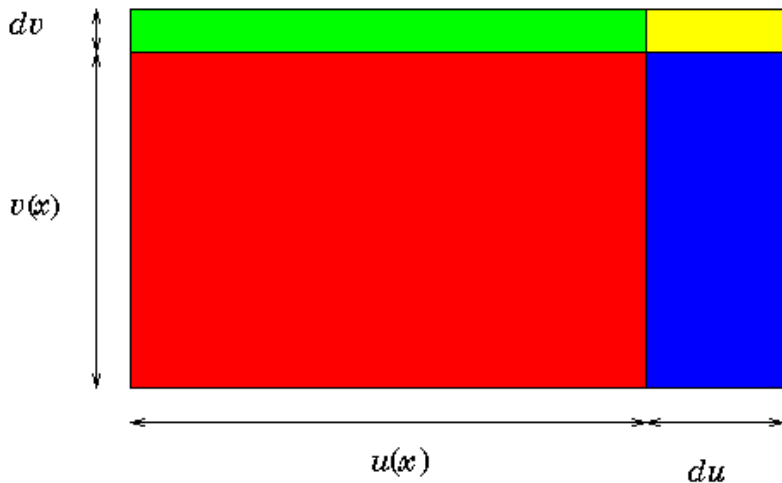
Three L's

You are Really Famous when you have a Cookie



# Leibnitz Product Rule

The derivative of  $uv$  is  $u'v + uv'$  so  $d(uv) = vdu + u dv$ .



A GUIDE TO  
INTEGRATION BY PARTS:

GIVEN A PROBLEM OF THE FORM:

$$\int f(x)g(x)dx = ?$$

CHOOSE VARIABLES  $u$  AND  $v$  SUCH THAT:

$$u = f(x)$$

$$dv = g(x)dx$$

NOW THE ORIGINAL EXPRESSION BECOMES:

$$\int u dv = ?$$

WHICH DEFINITELY LOOKS EASIER.

ANYWAY, I GOTTA RUN.

BUT GOOD LUCK!

# If it is Nice, Do it Twice

$$\int fg' = fg - \int f'g$$

$$\int fg'' = fg' - f'g + \int f''g$$

$$\int fg''' = fg'' - f'g' + f''g - \int f'''g$$

$u$        $dv$

$f$        $+$        $g'''$

$f'$        $-$        $g''$

$f''$        $+$        $g'$

$f'''$        $-$        $g$

If  $f = x^2$  and  $g''' = \cos nx$ , we have:

$$\int x^2 \cos(nx) = x^2 \sin(nx)/n + 2x \cos(nx)/n^2 - 2 \sin(nx)/n^3 - 0$$

# The Table

$u$	$dv$
$x^2$	$\cos nx$
$2x$	$\sin nx/n$
$2$	$-\cos nx/n^2$
$0$	$-\sin nx/n^3$

$u$	$dv$
$x^2$	$+$ $\cos nx$
$2x$	$-$ $\sin nx/n$
$2$	$+$ $-\cos nx/n^2$
$0$	$-$ $-\sin nx/n^3$

$$\int x^2 \cos(nx) = x^2 \sin(nx)/n + 2x \cos(nx)/n^2 - 2 \sin(nx)/n^3 - 0$$

# Another Table

$u$	$dv$
$e^{2x}$	$\sin(3x)$
$2e^{2x}$	$-\cos(3x)/3$
$4e^{2x}$	$-\sin(3x)/9$

$u$	$dv$
$e^{2x}$	$\sin(3x)$
$2e^{2x}$	$-\cos(3x)/3$
$4e^{2x}$	$-\sin(3x)/9$

$$\int e^{2x} \sin(3x) = -e^{2x} \cos(3x)/3 + 2e^{2x} \sin(3x)/9 - 4/9 \int e^{2x} \sin(3x)$$



# Gamma Function

$$u = x^{t-1}, dv = e^{-x}, v = -e^{-x}$$

$$\Gamma(t) = \int_0^{\infty} x^{t-1} e^{-x} dx$$

$$\Gamma(t) = (t-1) \int_0^{\infty} x^{t-2} e^{-x} dx$$

$$\Gamma(t) = (t-1)\Gamma(t-1)$$

$$\Gamma(n) = (n-1)!$$

# Inverse Functions

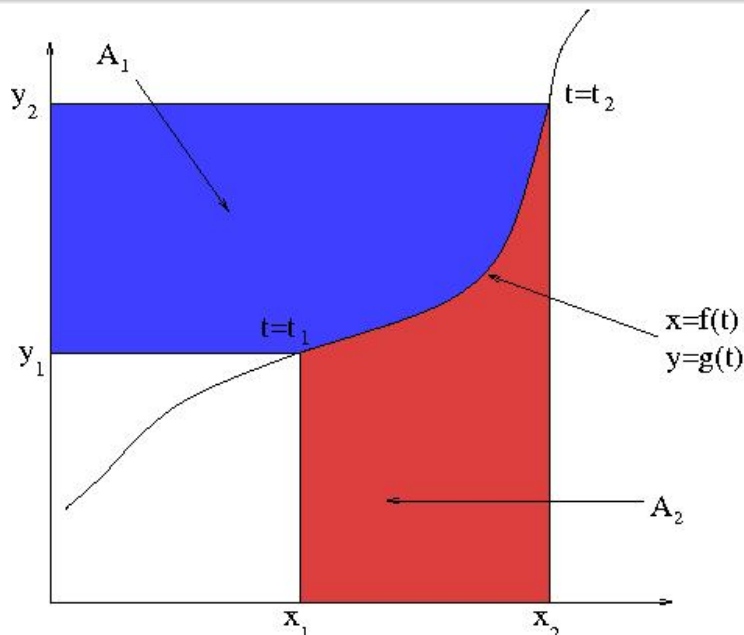
Inverse functions:  $f$  is 1 – 1 with inverse  $f^{-1}$

$$\begin{aligned}\int f(x) dx &= xf(x) - \int xf'(x) dx \\ &= xf(x) - \int f^{-1}(f(x))f'(x) dx \\ &= xf(x) - \int f^{-1}(u) du\end{aligned}$$

# Integration by Parts implies Taylor's Formula

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= f(0) + \int_0^x f'(x-t) dt \\&= f(0) + xf'(0) + \int_0^x tf''(x-t) dt \\&= f(0) + xf'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2}f''(0) + \int_0^x \frac{t^2}{2}f'''(x-t) dt\end{aligned}$$

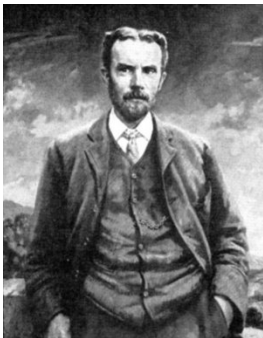
# Picture for Integration by parts



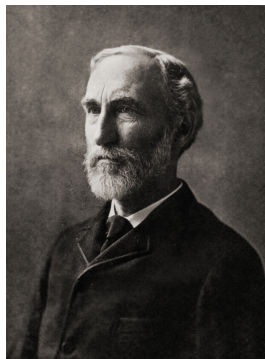
# Mathematical Physicists



Paul Dirac (1902-1984)  
1933 Nobel Prize



Oliver Heaviside (1850-1925)  
1922 Faraday Medal  
Vec-tor form of Maxwell's Equations



J. Willard Gibbs (1839-1903)  
1863 1st American PhD in Engineering  
1901 Copley Medal

# Dirac Delta Function

Also called the unit impulse function.

$$\delta(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ \infty & \text{if } x = 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

with the additional property of “unit mass”

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(x) dx = 1$$

so for nice  $\phi$ , 
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(x)\delta(x) dx = \phi(0)$$

# Heaviside Step Function

Also called the unit step function

$$H(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 1/2 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

The value at  $x = 0$  is not important. The choice of  $1/2$  is from Fourier series, the Fourier series expansion for  $H(x)$  converges to  $1/2$  at  $x = 0$ .

# The Physics is clear

A unit impulse of Force to a unit mass at rest at time 0 changes the velocity from 0 to 1.

$$F = ma(t) = \delta(t) = v'(t)$$
$$v(t) = H(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t \delta(t) dt$$

The value of the velocity at time  $t = 0$  is not important.



# The Mathematics is not clear

The function  $\delta(x)$  is not a function. It only makes sense inside an integral. And even then, integrals should not depend on the value at one point. (ie

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b g(x) dx$$

if  $f = g$  except at one (or finitely many) point(s).

# The Space of Test Functions

Generalize functions  $g(x)$  are objects that make sense when integrated with a test function,  $\phi(x)$ , a function with infinitely many derivatives and compact support. Compact support means there is  $[a, b]$  so that  $\phi(x) = 0$  if  $x \leq a$  or  $x \geq b$ . A classic example

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} \exp(-1/(1-x^2)) & \text{if } x \in (-1, 1) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Parts to the Rescue

Define the derivative of  $f(x)$  of any function that makes sense under the integral by parts:

$$\int \phi(x)f'(x) dx = - \int \phi'(x)f(x) dx$$

Note the  $\phi(x)f(x)$  term vanishes, since  $\phi$  has compact support. (ie, it is zero at  $\pm\infty$ )

$$\begin{aligned}\int \phi'(x)H(x) dx &= \int_0^\infty \phi'(x) dx \\ &= \phi(x)|_0^\infty \text{ by the fundamental theorem of calculus} \\ &= \phi(\infty) - \phi(0) = - \int \phi(x)\delta(x) dx\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $H'(x) = \delta(x)$ .

# More derivatives

The derivative of  $\delta(x)$  satisfies

$$\int \phi(x)\delta'(x) dx = - \int \phi'(x)\delta(x) dx = -\phi'(0)$$

Let  $R(x)$  be the ramp function

$$R(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

We have  $R'(x) = H(x)$  since

$$\begin{aligned} \int \phi(x)R'(x) dx &= - \int \phi'(x)R(x) dx = - \int_0^{\infty} x\phi'(x) dx \\ &= -x\phi|_0^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} \phi(x) dx = \int \phi(x)H(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

# Where is the Error?

$$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \frac{1}{x}x - \int x \left(-\frac{1}{x^2}\right) dx = 1 + \int \frac{1}{x} dx$$

Therefore  $1 = 0$

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