

REDUCTION FORMULAE

A reduction formula is formed for  $\int f^n(x)dx$  or  $\int f^n(x)g^m(x)dx$  when the integration is completed repeating the same process more than two times and each time except the last time  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  remain same only the powers  $m$  or  $n$  reduce.

The following four reduction formulae shows the reduction the power of  $x$  or  $(a + bx^n)$ .

$$(1) \int x^m(a + bx^n)^r dx$$

Reduction formula to reduce the power of  $x$

$$\int x^m(a + bx^n)^r dx = Pf(x) + Q \int x^{m-n}(a + bx^n)^r dx$$

$$(2) \int x^{-m}(a + bx^n)^r dx$$

Reduction formula to reduce the power of  $x$

$$\int x^{-m}(a + bx^n)^r dx = Pf(x) + Q \int x^{-m+n}(a + bx^n)^r dx$$

$$(3) \int x^m(a + bx^n)^r dx$$

Reduction formula to reduce the power of  $(a + bx^n)$ .

$$\int x^m(a + bx^n)^r dx = Pf(x) + Q \int x^m(a + bx^n)^{r-1} dx$$

$$(4) \int x^m(a + bx^n)^{-r} dx$$

Reduction formula to reduce the power of  $(a + bx^n)$ .

$$\int x^m(a + bx^n)^{-r} dx = Pf(x) + Q \int x^m(a + bx^n)^{-r+1} dx$$

Process to Form the Reduction Formulae:

A process to form reduction formula is given below for reduction formulae (1).

First Method: Using integration by parts:

$$\Psi(x) = \int x^m (a + bx^n)^r dx$$

Multiplying and dividing by  $nb x^{n-1}$  {because  $(a + bx^n)' = nb x^{n-1}$ }

$$= \frac{1}{nb} \left[ \int x^m \cdot x^{-n+1} (nbx^{n-1}) (a + bx^n)^r dx \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{nb} \left[ \int x^{m-n+1} (nbx^{n-1})(a + bx^n)^r dx \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{nb} \left[ \frac{1}{r+1} x^{m-n+1} (a + bx^n)^{r+1} - \frac{m-n+1}{r+1} \int x^{m-n} (a + bx^n)^{r+1} dx \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{nb} \left[ \frac{1}{r+1} x^{m-n+1} (a + bx^n)^{r+1} - \frac{m-n+1}{r+1} \int x^{m-n} (a + bx^n)^r (a + bx^n) dx \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{nb(r+1)} x^{m-n+1} (a + bx^n)^{r+1} - \frac{a(m-n+1)}{nb(r+1)} \int x^{m-n} (a + bx^n)^r dx - \frac{m-n+1}{n(r+1)} \Psi(x)$$

$$\Psi(x) = \frac{1}{b(nr+m+1)} x^{m-n+1} (a + bx^n)^{r+1} - \frac{a(m-n+1)}{b(nr+m+1)} \int x^{m-n} (a + bx^n)^r dx$$

where  $P = \frac{1}{b(nr+m+1)}$ ,  $Q = \frac{-a(m-n+1)}{b(nr+m+1)}$

Second Method:

$$\Psi(x) = \int x^m (a + bx^n)^r dx$$

$$g(x) = a + bx^n \text{ and } g'(x) = bnx^{n-1}$$

To reduce the power of  $x$ .

$$\lambda = 1 + \min \{m - n, n\} = m - n + 1$$

$$\mu = 1 + \min\{r, r\} = r + 1$$

$$\int x^m (a + bx^n)^r dx = Px^\lambda (a + bx^n)^\mu + Q \int x^{m-n} (a + bx^n)^r dx$$

$$\int x^m (a + bx^n)^r dx = Px^{m-n+1} (a + bx^n)^{r+1} + Q \int x^{m-n} (a + bx^n)^r dx$$

Differencing with respect to  $x$

$$x^m (a + bx^n)^r = P(m - n + 1) x^{m-n} (a + bx^n)^{r+1} \\ + Pbn(r + 1) x^m (a + bx^n)^r + Q x^{m-n} (a + bx^n)^r$$

$$x^m (a + bx^n)^r = P(m - n + 1) x^{m-n} (a + bx^n)^r (a + bx^n) \\ + Pbn(r + 1) x^m (a + bx^n)^r + Q x^{m-n} (a + bx^n)^r$$

$$x^m (a + bx^n)^r = [Pb(m - n + 1) + Pbn(r + 1)] x^m (a + bx^n)^r \\ + [Pa(m - n + 1) + Q] x^{m-n} (a + bx^n)^r$$

By equating the coefficients, we get

$$Pb(m - n + 1) + Pbn(r + 1) = 1, \quad Pa(m - n + 1) + Q = 0$$

$$P = \frac{1}{b(nr + m + 1)} \quad \text{and} \quad Q = \frac{-a(m - n + 1)}{b(nr + m + 1)}$$

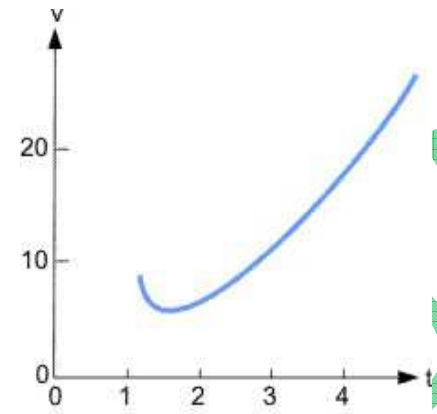
**Example 5:**

An object is moving so that its speed at time  $t$  is

$$v = t^5(t^2 - 3)^{-3/2} \text{ kilometer per hour.}$$

**Figure 10.16**

- (a) Find the distance of the particle at time  $t$ . At time 1.2 hours the particle is at distance 10 kilometer from the origin.
- (b) Find the distance of the particle from the origin in 4 hours.

**Figure 10.16**

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$$\text{Let } P = \frac{1}{m-2}, \quad Q = \frac{m-1}{m-2}$$

By (2):

If  $m = 5$

$$\begin{aligned} \int t^5 (t^2 - 1)^{-\frac{3}{2}} dt \\ = \frac{1}{3} t^4 (t^2 - 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{4}{3} \int t^3 (t^2 - 1)^{-3/2} dt \end{aligned}$$

If  $m = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \int t^3 (t^2 - 1)^{-\frac{3}{2}} dt \\ = t^2 (t^2 - 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + 2 \int t (t^2 - 1)^{-\frac{3}{2}} dt \\ = t^2 (t^2 - 1)^{-1/2} - 2(t^2 - 1)^{-1/2} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int t^5 (t^2 - 1)^{-\frac{3}{2}} dt \\ = \frac{1}{3} t^4 (t^2 - 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{4}{3} t^2 (t^2 - 3)^{-\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{8}{3} (t^2 - 3)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + C \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{t^2 - 1}} (t^4 + 4t^2 - 8) + C \quad \rightarrow (3)$$

At  $t = 1.2$ ,  $x = 10$ , so by equation (3)

$$C = 10.08$$

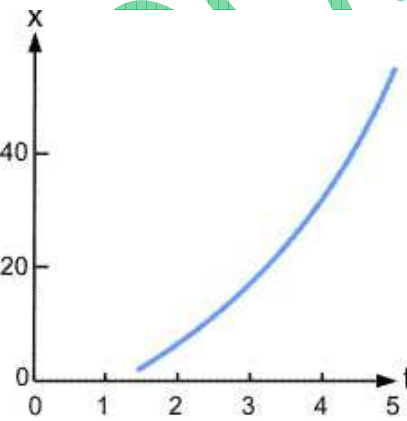
Putting in equation (3)

$$x = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{t^2 - 1}} (t^4 + 4t^2 - 8) + 10.08 \quad \rightarrow (4)$$

**Figure 10.17**

(b) Putting  $t = 4$  in equation (4)

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{1}{3\sqrt{4^2 - 1}} (4^4 + 4 \cdot 4^2 - 8) + 10.08 \\ x &= 36.93 \text{ km} \end{aligned}$$



**Figure 10.17**

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