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Integration By Parts

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$$\int_a^b u dv = [uv]_a^b - \int_a^b v du \text{ [definite]}$$

How do I choose u and dv ? In general, you choose a u such that its derivative du is considered simpler.

Helpful Hint: LIATE: u is typically the first term from this list.

Logarithm ($\ln x, \log_5 x, \text{ etc}$)

Inverse Trig ($\arctan x, \arcsin x, \tan^{-1} x, \text{ etc}$)

Algebraic (polynomial) ($2x + 1, x^2 + 5x - 9, \text{ etc}$)

Trig ($\sin x, \cos x, \cot x, \text{ etc}$)

Exponential ($e^x, 2^x, \text{ etc}$)

Example

$$\int x e^x dx$$

Example

$$\int_0^{\pi} 4x \sin(3x) dx$$

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$$\int 4x^8 \ln x dx$$

Example

$$\int (x^2 + 1)e^{4x} dx$$

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TRICKY: When there is a logarithm by itself.

Example

$$\int \ln x dx$$

Note:

$$\int \ln \sqrt[4]{x} dx$$

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TRICKY: When there is an inverse trig by itself

Example

$$\int \arctan x dx$$

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When to use substitution: Generally when it is a complicated composite function

When to use integration by parts: Generally, when it is simple functions. In general, if you can't go from dv to v then it was not meant to be integration by parts OR you chose the wrong u

$$\int x^2 e^x dx \qquad \int x^2 e^{x^2} dx$$

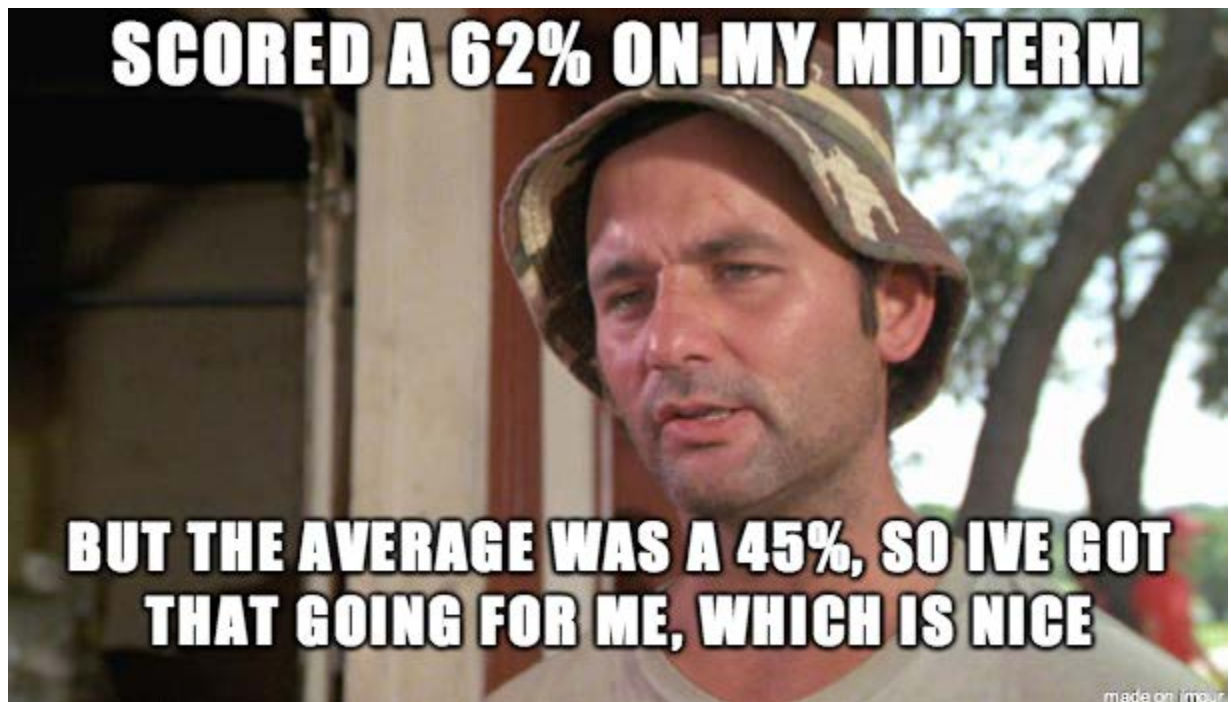
$$\int x \cos x dx \qquad \int x \cos x^2 dx$$

$$\int \ln(x^2) dx \qquad \int \frac{(\ln x)^3}{x} dx$$

Sometimes, a question can be tackled in multiple different ways. It does not matter which technique you use as the final answer will be mathematically equivalent!

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