$1 \quad \text{Evaluate } \int x \cos^2 3x \, dx$ 

**Solution:** First rewrite  $\cos^2 3x$  using the half-angle formula:

$$\int x \cos^2 3x \, dx = \int x \left(\frac{1 + \cos 6x}{2}\right) \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \int x \, dx + \frac{1}{2} \int x \cos 6x \, dx.$$

Now use integration by parts to evaluate  $\int x \cos 6x \, dx$ , setting u = x and  $dv = \cos 6x \, dx$ , which makes du = dx and  $v = \sin 6x/6$ :

$$\frac{1}{2}\int x\,dx + \frac{1}{2}\int x\cos 6x\,dx = \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x\sin 6x}{12} - \int \frac{\sin 6x}{12}\,dx$$
$$= \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x\sin 6x}{12} + \frac{\cos 6x}{72}\,dx + C$$

$$\boxed{2} \quad \text{Evaluate } \int e^{2x} \sin x \, dx.$$

**Solution:** We use integration by parts twice. Set  $I = \int e^{2x} \sin x \, dx$ . Now, using integration by parts with  $u = e^{2x}$  and  $dv = \sin x \, dx$  (the other choice of u and dv works just as well), so  $du = 2e^{2x} \, dx$  and  $v = -\cos x$ , we have

$$I = -e^{2x}\cos x - \int -2e^{2x}\cos x \, dx$$

Using integration by parts again with  $u = -2e^{2x}$  and  $dv = \cos x \, dx$ , we get

$$I = -e^{2x}\cos x - \left(-2e^{2x}\sin x - \int -4e^{2x}\sin x \, dx\right)$$
$$= -e^{2x}\cos x + 2e^{2x}\sin x - 4\int e^{2x}\sin x \, dx + C$$
$$= -e^{2x}\cos x + 2e^{2x}\sin x - 4I + C.$$

Solving this equation for I, we see that

$$I = \frac{-e^{2x}\cos x + 2e^{2x}\sin x}{5} + C$$

3 Could you in principle compute  $\int x^{10^{10}} e^x dx$ , and if so, how?

**Solution:** Yes, using integration by parts  $10^{10}$  times, each time setting u equal to the polynomial and letting  $dv = e^x dx$ .

 $4 \quad \text{Evaluate } \int \sin^3 x \cos^4 x \, dx.$ 

**Solution:** Since the power of sine is odd, we convert 2 of the sines into cosines using  $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$ , so  $\sin^2 x = 1 - \cos^2 x$ :

$$\int \sin^3 x \cos^4 x \, dx = \int \sin x \left(1 - \cos^2 x\right) \cos^4 x \, dx.$$

Now we make a *u*-substitution, setting  $u = \cos x$  and  $du = -\sin x \, dx$ :

$$\int \sin x (1 - \cos^2 x) \cos^4 x \, dx = -\int (1 - u^2) u^4 \, du$$
$$= -\int u^4 - u^6 \, du$$
$$= -\frac{u^5}{5} + \frac{u^7}{7} + C$$
$$= -\frac{\cos^5 x}{5} + \frac{\cos^7 x}{7} + C.$$

5 Evaluate  $\int \sec^4 x \tan^4 x \, dx$ .

**Solution:** Since the power of secant is even, we save a  $\sec^2 x$  and convert the other secants to tangents using the identity  $\sec^2 x = 1 + \tan^2 x$ :

$$\int \sec^4 x \tan^4 x \, dx = \int \sec^2 x \left(1 + \tan^2 x\right) \tan^4 x \, dx$$

Now we make a *u*-substitution, setting  $u = \tan x$  and  $du = \sec^2 x \, dx$ :

$$\int \sec^2 x \left(1 + \tan^2 x\right) \tan^4 x \, dx. = \int (1 + u^2) u^4 \, du$$
$$= \int u^4 + u^6 \, du$$
$$= \frac{u^5}{5} + \frac{u^7}{7} + C$$
$$= \frac{\tan^5 x}{5} + \frac{\tan^7 x}{7} + C$$

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6 What substitution would you use to evaluate  $\int x^3 \sqrt{16 + x^2} \, dx$ ?

**Solution:** We would like to simplify the radical  $\sqrt{16 + x^2}$  using the identity  $16 + 16 \tan^2 \theta = 16 \sec^2 \theta$ , so we would set  $x = 4 \tan \theta$ .

7 Evaluate  $\int \frac{dx}{(9-x^2)^{3/2}}$ .

**Solution:** The goal is to simplify  $(9 - x^2)^{3/2}$  using the identity  $9 - 9\sin^2\theta = 9\cos^2\theta$ , so we set  $x = 3\sin\theta$ , giving  $dx = 3\cos\theta$ :

$$\int \frac{dx}{(9-x^2)^{3/2}} = \int \frac{3\cos\theta}{(9-9\sin^2\theta)^{3/2}} d\theta$$
$$= \int \frac{3\cos\theta}{3^3\cos^3\theta} d\theta$$
$$= \frac{1}{9} \int \frac{d\theta}{\cos^2\theta}$$
$$= \frac{1}{9} \int \sec^2\theta d\theta$$
$$= \frac{1}{9} \tan\theta + C.$$

Now we would draw a right triangle with  $\sin \theta = x/3$  to compute that  $\tan \theta = x/\sqrt{9-x^2}$ , giving us that

$$\int \frac{dx}{(9-x^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{x}{9\sqrt{9-x^2}} + C.$$

8 Is the angle between the vectors  $\mathbf{a} = \langle 3, -1, 2 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \langle 2, 2, 4 \rangle$  acute, obtuse, or right?

**Solution:** Since  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 6 - 2 + 8 = 12 > 0$  and  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = |\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \cos \theta$ , we see that  $\cos \theta > 0$ , so the angle between  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  is acute.

9 Find the area of the parallelogram whose vertices are (-1, 2, 0), (0, 4, 2), (2, 1, -2), and (3, 3, 0).

**Solution:** Label the points P, Q, R, and S. Then  $\overrightarrow{PQ} = \langle 1, 2, 2 \rangle$ ,  $\overrightarrow{PR} = \langle 3, -1, -2 \rangle$  and  $\overrightarrow{PS} = \langle 4, 1, 0 \rangle$ . It follows that the parallelogram is determined by  $\overrightarrow{PQ}$  and  $\overrightarrow{PR}$ , so it's area is  $|\overrightarrow{PQ} \times \overrightarrow{PR}| = |\langle -2, 8, -7 \rangle| = \sqrt{4 + 64 + 49} = \sqrt{117}$ .

10 If **a** and **b** are both nonzero vectors and  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = |\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}|$ , what can you say about the relationship between **a** and **b**?

**Solution:** We are given that  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = |\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}|$ , and we know that

 $\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} &= |\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \cos \theta, \text{ while} \\ |\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}| &= |\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \sin \theta \end{aligned}$ 

It follows that we must have  $\cos \theta = \sin \theta$ , and the only value of  $\theta$  which satisfies this is  $\theta = \pi/4$ , so the two vectors are at a 45° angle to each other.

11 Consider the vectors  $\mathbf{a} = \langle 4, 1 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \langle 2, 2 \rangle$ , shown below. Compute  $\cos \theta$ ,  $\mathbf{u}$ , and the length x.

Note: you should not leave unevaluated trigonometric functions in your answer.

**Solution:** As  $\theta$  is the angle between **a** and **b**, we can find it via the dot product:

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 10 = |\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \cos \theta = \sqrt{17} \sqrt{8} \cos \theta,$$

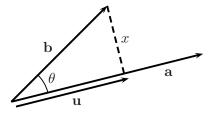
so  $\cos \theta = \frac{10}{\sqrt{17}\sqrt{8}}.$ 

Now,

$$\mathbf{u} = \operatorname{proj}_{\mathbf{a}}\mathbf{b} = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}|^2}\mathbf{a} = \frac{10}{17}\langle 4, 1 \rangle = \left\langle \frac{40}{17}, \frac{10}{17} \right\rangle.$$

Finally, using the Pythagorean Theorem,

$$x = \sqrt{|\mathbf{b}|^2 - |\mathbf{u}|^2} = \sqrt{8 - \frac{100}{17}} = \sqrt{\frac{36}{17}} = \frac{6}{\sqrt{16}}.$$



12 Find the equation of the plane which passes through the point (2, -3, -1) and contains the line

$$x = 3t - 2, \quad y = t + 3, \quad z = 5t - 3$$
.

**Solution:** We need to find two vectors on this plane, so consider the vector from the point (2, -3, -1) to the point (-2, 3, -3) which lies on the given line (just set t = 0 in the line equation). This vector is  $\langle -4, 6, 2 \rangle$ , and the direction vector of the given line is  $\langle 3, 1, 5 \rangle$ , so the normal vector to the plane is  $\langle -4, 6, 2 \rangle \times \langle 3, 1, 5 \rangle = \langle 28, 26, -22 \rangle$ . The equation for the plane is then

$$28(x-2) + 26(y+3) - 22(z+1) = 0.$$

13 Find the line of intersection of the planes x + y + z = 12 and 2x + 3y + z = 2.

**Solution:** Since the line of intersection lies on both planes, it must be orthogonal to both normal vectors. Therefore its direction is given by the cross product of the normal vectors:

$$\langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle \times \langle 2, 3, 1 \rangle = \langle -2, 1, 1 \rangle.$$

We also need a point on the line of intersection. To find this, let us set x = 0 (other choices work equally well). The equations for the first plane becomes y + z = 12, so z = 12 - y. Substituting this into the equation for the second plane gives 3y + (12 - y) = 2, so y = -5. Thus the point (0, -5, 17) lies on the line of intersection, so the line is given by

$$x = -2t, \quad y = t - 5, \quad z = t + 17.$$

14 Compute the position vector for a particle which passes through the origin at time t = 0 and has velocity vector

$$\mathbf{v}(t) = 2t\,\mathbf{i} + \sin t\,\mathbf{j} + \cos t\,\mathbf{k}.$$

Solution: The position vector is the antiderivative of the velocity vector, so it is

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \int \mathbf{v}(t) dt = t^2 \mathbf{i} - \cos t \mathbf{j} + \sin t \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{C},$$

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where **C** is a *vector* constant of integration. The problem stated that the particle passes through origin at time t = 0, so need  $\mathbf{r}(0) = \mathbf{0}$ :

$$\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{r}(0) = -\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{C};$$

thus  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{j}$ , so we have that

$$\mathbf{r}(t)t^{2}\mathbf{i} + (1 - \cos t)\mathbf{j} - \sin t\mathbf{k}.$$

15 Show that if a particle moves at constant speed, then its velocity and acceleration vectors are orthogonal. Note that this does *not* mean that the velocity is 0! (Hint: consider the derivative of  $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}$ .)

**Solution:** Suppose that the particle's speed is C, so  $|\mathbf{v}(t)| = C$ . Then we have

$$\mathbf{v}(t) \cdot \mathbf{v}(t) = C^2,$$

so taking the derivates of both sides gives

$$\mathbf{v}(t) \cdot \mathbf{v}'(t) + \mathbf{v}'(t) \cdot \mathbf{v}(t) = 0,$$

which implies that  $\mathbf{v}(t) \cdot \mathbf{v}'(t) = \mathbf{v}(t) \cdot \mathbf{a}(t) = 0$ , as we wanted.

16 Consider the curve defined by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle 4\sin ct, 3ct, 4\cos ct \rangle \,.$$

What value of c makes the arc length of the space curve traced by  $\mathbf{r}(t)$ ,  $0 \le t \le 1$ , equal to 10?

**Solution:** The arc length from 0 to 1 of this curve is given by

$$\int_{0}^{1} \operatorname{speed} dt = \int_{0}^{1} \sqrt{16c^{2} \cos^{2} ct + 9c^{2} + 16c^{2} \sin^{2} ct} dt$$
$$= \int_{0}^{1} \sqrt{16c^{2} + 9c^{2}} dt$$
$$= \int_{0}^{1} 5c dt$$
$$= 5c.$$

For this to equal 10, we want c = 2.