

If we want to integrate expressions with  $\sin$  or  $\cos$ , it may be helpful to replace them by their complex counterparts  $\sin(x) = \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i}$  and  $\cos(x) = \frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2}$ ,  $\tan(x) = \frac{i}{e^{2ix} + 1} - \frac{i}{e^{-2ix} + 1}$ .

We try this with three examples:

$$\int e^x \cdot \cos(x) dx$$

$$\int \cos(x) \cdot \sin(x) dx$$

$$\int e^{2x} \cdot \cos(3x) dx$$

More information you may find at:

[https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Calculus/Integration\\_techniques/Integration\\_by\\_Complexifying](https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Calculus/Integration_techniques/Integration_by_Complexifying)

Hope I can help you with learning quantum mechanics.

Complexifying is a method to solve exponentials containing trigonometric functions.

We want to solve the first example:

$$\int e^x \cdot \cos(x) dx$$

We know:

$$\cos(x) = \operatorname{Re}(e^{ix})$$

Note:  $\operatorname{Re}(e^{ix})$  is the real part of the complex  $e^{ix}$ .

We have:

$$\int e^x \cdot \cos(x) dx = \operatorname{Re} \left( \int e^x \cdot e^{ix} dx \right) = \operatorname{Re} \left( \int e^{x(1+i)} dx \right)$$

For better readability we omit the "Re" and solve:

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

We get:

$$\int e^{x(1+i)} dx = \frac{e^{x(1+i)}}{(1+i)} = \frac{e^x \cdot e^{ix}}{(1+i)}$$

We need to extract the Real part:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{e^x \cdot e^{ix}}{(1+i)} &= \frac{(1-i) \cdot e^x \cdot e^{ix}}{(1+i) \cdot (1-i)} = \\ \frac{1}{2} \cdot (e^x \cdot e^{ix} - i \cdot e^x \cdot e^{ix}) &= \\ \frac{1}{2} \cdot e^x \cdot (e^{ix} - i \cdot e^{ix}) \end{aligned}$$

We transform in sin/cos:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \cdot e^x \cdot (\cos(x) + i \cdot \sin(x) - i \cdot (\cos(x) + i \cdot \sin(x))) &= \\ \frac{1}{2} \cdot e^x \cdot (\cos(x) + i \cdot \sin(x) - i \cdot \cos(x) + \sin(x)) \end{aligned}$$

We extract the real part only:

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot e^x \cdot (\cos(x) + \sin(x))$$

We get the solution:

$$\int e^x \cdot \cos(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \cdot e^x \cdot (\cos(x) + \sin(x))$$

We check with the product rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{2} \cdot e^x \cdot (\cos(x) + \sin(x)) \right) =$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \cdot e^x \cdot (\cos(x) + \sin(x)) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot e^x \cdot (-\sin(x) + \cos(x)) &= \\ \frac{1}{2} \cdot e^x \cdot (\cos(x) + \sin(x) - \sin(x) + \cos(x)) &= \\ e^x \cdot \cos(x) \end{aligned}$$

The same example, working with exponentials:

$$\int e^x \cdot \cos(x) dx$$

We know:

$$\cos(x) = \frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2}$$

We insert:

$$\begin{aligned} \int e^x \cdot \frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2} dx &= \\ \frac{1}{2} \int e^x \cdot e^{ix} + e^x \cdot e^{-ix} dx &= \\ \frac{1}{2} \left( \int e^{x(1+i)} dx + \int e^{x(1-i)} dx \right) &= \\ \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{e^{x(1+i)}}{1+i} + \frac{e^{x(1-i)}}{1-i} \right) &= \\ \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{(1-i)e^{x(1+i)} + (1+i)e^{x(1-i)}}{(1+i)(1-i)} \right) &= \\ \frac{1}{4} \left( (1-i)e^{x(1+i)} + (1+i)e^{x(1-i)} \right) &= \\ \frac{1}{4} \left( e^x \left( (1-i)e^{ix} + (1+i)e^{-ix} \right) \right) &= \\ \frac{1}{4} e^x \left( e^{ix} + e^{-ix} - i(e^{ix} - e^{-ix}) \right) &= \\ \frac{1}{4} e^x \left( 2\cos(x) - i(2i\sin(x)) \right) &= \\ \frac{1}{2} e^x (\cos(x) + \sin(x)) \end{aligned}$$

This is the same solution as above.

Example two:

$$\int \cos(x)\sin(x)dx$$

We replace *cos* and *sin* by the respective exponential expressions:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2} \cdot \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2 \cdot i} dx = \\ & -\frac{1}{4i} \int (e^{ix} + e^{-ix}) \cdot (e^{ix} - e^{-ix}) dx = \\ & -\frac{1}{4i} \int e^{2ix} - e^{ix}e^{-ix} + e^{ix}e^{-ix} - e^{-2ix} dx = \\ & -\frac{1}{4i} \int e^{2ix} - e^{-2ix} dx = \\ & -\frac{1}{4i} \int 2i\sin(2x) dx = \\ & -\frac{1}{2} \int \sin(2x) dx = \\ & -\frac{1}{4} \cos(2x) \end{aligned}$$

Example three:

We want to solve:

$$\int e^{2x} \cdot \cos(3x) dx$$

We know:

$$\cos(3x) = \frac{e^{i3x} + e^{-i3x}}{2}$$

We insert:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int e^{2x} \cdot \frac{e^{i3x} + e^{-i3x}}{2} dx = \\ & \frac{1}{2} \int e^{2x} \cdot e^{i3x} + e^{2x} \cdot e^{-i3x} dx = \\ & \frac{1}{2} \left( \int e^{x(2+i3)} + e^{x(2-i3)} dx \right) = \\ & \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{e^{x(2+i3)}}{2+i3} + \frac{e^{x(2-i3)}}{2-i3} \right) = \\ & \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{(2-i3)(e^{x(2+i3)}) + (2+i3)(e^{x(2-i3)})}{(2+i3)(2-i3)} \right) = \\ & \frac{1}{26} \left( (2-i3)e^{x(2+i3)} + (2+i3)e^{x(2-i3)} \right) = \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{26} (2e^{x(2+i3)} - i3e^{x(2+i3)} + 2e^{x(2-i3)} + i3e^{x(2-i3)}) = \\ & \frac{1}{26} (2e^{2x}e^{i3x} + 2e^{2x}e^{-i3x} + i3e^{2x}e^{-i3x} - i3e^{2x}e^{i3x}) = \\ & \frac{1}{26} (2e^{2x}(e^{i3x} + e^{-i3x} + i3e^{-i3x} - i3e^{i3x})) = \\ & \frac{1}{26} (2e^{2x}(e^{i3x} + e^{-i3x} - i(3e^{i3x} - 3e^{-i3x}))) = \\ & \frac{e^{2x}}{13} (2\cos(3x) + 3\sin(3x)) \end{aligned}$$

We check:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{e^{2x}}{13} (2\cos(3x) + 3\sin(3x)) \right) = \\ & 2 \frac{e^{2x}}{13} (2\cos(3x) + 3\sin(3x)) + \frac{e^{2x}}{13} (-6\sin(3x) + 9\cos(3x)) = \\ & 2 \frac{e^{2x}}{13} (2\cos(3x) + 3\sin(3x)) + \frac{e^{2x}}{13} (-6\sin(3x) + 9\cos(3x)) = \\ & \frac{4}{13} e^{2x} \cos(3x) + \frac{6}{13} e^{2x} \sin(3x) - \frac{6}{13} e^{2x} \sin(3x) + \frac{9}{13} e^{2x} \cos(3x) = \\ & \frac{4}{13} e^{2x} \cos(3x) + \frac{9}{13} e^{2x} \cos(3x) = \\ & \frac{13}{13} e^{2x} \cos(3x) = \\ & e^{2x} \cos(3x) \end{aligned}$$