

This solution is generated by Ms. Louesa Huf who is taking math 172 currently.

After reading page 464-465 of the textbook I found the information needed to solve the problem from class:

$$\int \tan^4 x \sec^3 x \, dx$$

Involves using this formula: $\int \sec x \, dx = \ln|\sec x + \tan x| + c$

I may have gotten a few signs mixed up but here goes....

1. express $\tan^4 x$ in terms of secant

$$\int (\sec^2 x - 1)^2 \sec^3 x \, dx$$

$$\int (\sec^4 x - 2\sec^2 x + 1)\sec^3 x \, dx$$

$$\int \sec^7 x - 2\sec^5 x + \sec^3 x \, dx$$

2. Then integrate each secant individually

$$\int \sec^7 x \, dx - 2 \int \sec^5 x \, dx + \int \sec^3 x \, dx$$

3. I integrated using integration by parts from the smallest to the largest because it turns out that I needed the solution from the smaller power of secant to solve the others

$$\int \sec^3 x \, dx = ?$$

$$u = \sec x$$

$$dv = \sec^2 x \, dx$$

$$du = \sec x \tan x$$

$$v = \tan x$$

$$\int \sec^3 x \, dx = \sec x \tan x - \int \sec x \tan^2 x \, dx$$

$$\int \sec^3 x \, dx = \sec x \tan x - \int \sec x (\sec^2 x - 1) \, dx$$

$$\int \sec^3 x \, dx = \sec x \tan x - \int \sec^3 x - \sec x \, dx$$

$$\int \sec^3 x \, dx = \sec x \tan x - \int \sec^3 x \, dx - \int \sec x \, dx$$

$$2 \int \sec^3 x \, dx = \sec x \tan x - \int \sec x \, dx$$

$$\int \sec^3 x \, dx = \frac{1}{2}(\sec x \tan x - \ln|\sec x + \tan x|) \quad \text{using the identity } \int \sec x \, dx = \ln|\sec x + \tan x| + c$$

4. Next I used integration by parts for the next lowest power of secant

$$-2 \int \sec^5 x \, dx = ?$$

$$u = (\sec x)^3$$

$$dv = \sec^2 x \, dx$$

$$du = 3\sec^3 x \tan x \, dx$$

$$v = \tan x$$

$$-2 \int \sec^5 x \, dx = \tan x \sec^3 x - 3 \int \tan^2 x \sec^3 x \, dx$$

$$-2 \int \sec^5 x \, dx = \tan x \sec^3 x - 3 \int (\sec^2 x - 1) \sec^3 x \, dx$$

$$-2 \int \sec^5 x \, dx = \tan x \sec^3 x - 3 \int \sec^5 x - \sec^3 x \, dx$$

$$-2 \int \sec^5 x \, dx = \tan x \sec^3 x - 3 \int \sec^5 x \, dx - \int \sec^3 x \, dx$$

$$\int \sec^5 x \, dx = \tan x \sec^3 x - \int \sec^3 x \, dx \quad \text{since I already solved } \int \sec^3 x \, dx \text{ I'll substitute it when I write out the whole answer}$$

5. Next I used integration by parts for the highest power of sign.

$$\int \sec^7 x \, dx = ? \quad \begin{array}{ll} u = (\sec x)^5 & dv = \sec^2 x \, dx \\ du = 5 \sec^4 x \tan x \sec x \, dx & v = \tan x \end{array}$$

$$\int \sec^7 x \, dx = \tan x \sec^5 x - 5 \int \sec^5 x \tan^2 x \, dx$$

$$\int \sec^7 x \, dx = \tan x \sec^5 x - 5 \int \sec^5 x (\sec^2 x - 1) \, dx$$

$$\int \sec^7 x \, dx = \tan x \sec^5 x - 5 \int \sec^7 x - \sec^5 x \, dx$$

$$\int \sec^7 x \, dx = \tan x \sec^5 x - 5 \int \sec^7 x \, dx - \int \sec^5 x \, dx$$

$$6 \int \sec^7 x \, dx = \tan x \sec^5 x - \int \sec^5 x \, dx$$

$$\int \sec^7 x \, dx = \frac{1}{6} (\tan x \sec^5 x - \int \sec^5 x \, dx) \quad \text{since I already solved } \int \sec^5 x \, dx \text{ I'll substitute it when I write out the answer}$$

6. Here it is

$$\int \tan^4 x \sec^3 x \, dx = \frac{1}{6} \left\{ \tan x \sec^5 x + \left[\tan x \sec^3 x - \frac{1}{2} (\sec x \tan x - \ln |\sec x + \tan x|) \right] \right\} + \left[\tan x \sec^3 x - \frac{1}{2} (\sec x \tan x - \ln |\sec x + \tan x|) \right] + \frac{1}{2} (\sec x \tan x - \ln |\sec x + \tan x|) + C$$

If it's wrong then I got a lot of practice with trigonometric identities and such! :-)