

# Integration By Parts - An Interesting Example

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Evaluate  $\int_{\pi/2}^{2\pi} \sin x \cos x dx$

Recall  $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$

Let  $u = \sin x$ ;  $dv = \cos x dx$

$$\int \sin x \cos x dx = \sin x \sin x - \int \sin x \cos x dx$$

The initial expression appears in the result of integration by parts, but that's ok!

Rearranging ...

$$\int \sin x \cos x dx + \int \sin x \cos x dx = \sin^2 x$$

$$2 \int \sin x \cos x dx = \sin^2 x$$

$$\int \sin x \cos x dx = \frac{\sin^2 x}{2} \Rightarrow \int_{\pi}^{2\pi} \sin x \cos x dx = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sin^2 x}{\pi} \Big|_{\pi}^{2\pi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sin^2 2\pi - \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [0 - 1] = -1/2$$