

1 (10 pts). Integrate: $\int (\ln x)^2 dx$

1. (Source: 7.1.15 8e)

Solution One:

Use integration by parts:

$$u = (\ln x)^2 \quad dv = dx \quad du = 2(\ln x) \frac{dx}{x} \quad v = x$$

and the indefinite integral becomes

$$\int (\ln x)^2 dx = \int u dv = uv - \int v du = x(\ln x)^2 - 2 \int (\ln x) dx.$$

Use parts again:

$$U = \ln x \quad dV = dx \quad dU = \frac{dx}{x} \quad V = x$$

and then the integral is

$$\begin{aligned} \int (\ln x)^2 dx &= x(\ln x)^2 - 2 \int (\ln x) dx \\ &= x(\ln x)^2 - 2 \left[x \ln x - \int dx \right] \\ &= x(\ln x)^2 - 2x \ln x + 2x + C \\ &= x((\ln x)^2 - 2 \ln x + 2) + C. \end{aligned}$$

Solution Two:

First make the substitution $y = \ln x$. Then $dy = \frac{1}{x} dx$, so $dx = x dy = e^y dy$, and the integral becomes

$$\int (\ln x)^2 dx = \int y^2 e^y dy.$$

Now use integration by parts twice as in Example 3, p.474, resulting in

$$e^y(y^2 - 2y + 2) + C = x((\ln x)^2 - 2 \ln x + 2) + C.$$