

1 (10 pts). Integrate: $\int \frac{\sqrt{9-x^2}}{x^2} dx$

Solution: 1.(Source: 7.3.4) Use trig substitution. Because we want

$$9 - x^2 = 9 - 9 \sin^2 \theta = 9(1 - \sin^2 \theta) = 9 \cos^2 \theta,$$

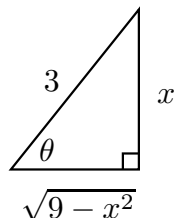
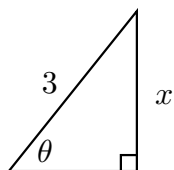
we let

$$x = 3 \sin \theta, \quad dx = 3 \cos \theta d\theta.$$

Now the integral becomes

$$\int \frac{\sqrt{9 \cos^2 \theta}}{9 \sin^2 \theta} 3 \cos \theta d\theta = \int \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin^2 \theta} d\theta = \int \cot^2 \theta d\theta = \int (\csc^2 \theta - 1) d\theta = -\cot \theta - \theta + C$$

To rewrite this answer in terms of the original variable x , draw a right triangle with interior angle θ . Label two sides using $\sin \theta = x/3$, and then find the third side by the Pythagorean theorem:



So the integral equals $-\cot \theta - \theta + C = -\frac{\sqrt{9-x^2}}{x} - \sin^{-1}(x/3) + C$.