

Find $I = \int \sqrt{1 + \sin x} \, dx$

Method I:

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= \int \sqrt{\left(\sin^2 \frac{x}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{x}{2}\right) + 2 \sin \frac{x}{2} \cos \frac{x}{2}} \, dx \\
 &= \int \sqrt{\left(\sin \frac{x}{2} + \cos \frac{x}{2}\right)^2} \, dx \\
 &= \int \left| \sin \frac{x}{2} + \cos \frac{x}{2} \right| \, dx \\
 &\quad \text{When } x \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right], \quad \frac{x}{2} \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}\right], \\
 &\quad \sin \frac{x}{2} + \cos \frac{x}{2} \geq 0, \text{ and} \\
 I &= \int \sin \frac{x}{2} + \cos \frac{x}{2} \, dx \\
 &= 2 \left(\cos \frac{x}{2} - \sin \frac{x}{2} \right) + C, \quad \text{where } x \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Method II:

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= \int \sqrt{\frac{1 - \sin^2 x}{1 - \sin x}} \, dx, \quad \text{where } x \neq n\pi \\
 &= \int \frac{|\cos x|}{\sqrt{1 - \sin x}} \, dx
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{When } x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, 0\right) \cup \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right), \quad \cos x > 0$$

$$\therefore I = \int \frac{\cos x}{\sqrt{1 - \sin x}} \, dx$$

$$\text{Let } u = 1 - \sin x, \quad du = -\cos x \, dx$$

$$I = \int \frac{-1}{\sqrt{u}} \, du$$

$$I = -2\sqrt{u} + C$$

$$= -2\sqrt{1 - \sin x} + C$$

$$\text{When } x \in \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right) \cup \left(\pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right), \quad \cos x < 0$$

$$\therefore I = \int \frac{-\cos x}{\sqrt{1 - \sin x}} \, dx$$

$$= 2\sqrt{1 - \sin x} + C$$

$$\text{Let } s(x) = -1 \text{ when } \cos x > 0, \text{ and } s(x) = 1 \text{ when } \cos x < 0, \text{ then } s(x) = \frac{-\cos x}{\sqrt{\cos^2 x}} \text{ for } x \neq n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$I = 2 \cdot s(x) \sqrt{1 - \sin x} + C$$

$$= 2 \cdot \frac{-\cos x}{\sqrt{\cos^2 x}} \sqrt{1 - \sin x} + C = -2 \cos x \sqrt{\frac{1 - \sin x}{\cos^2 x}} = -2 \cos x \sqrt{\frac{1 - \sin x}{1 - \sin^2 x}} = \frac{-2 \cos x}{\sqrt{1 + \sin x}}$$

$$\therefore I = \frac{-2 \cos x}{\sqrt{1 + \sin x}} \text{ for } x \neq \frac{n\pi}{2} \quad \left(\text{In this question, all restrictions on } x \text{ fall on } \frac{n\pi}{2}.\right)$$