

$$(2) \quad \int \frac{dx}{a^2 - x^2} = \frac{1}{2a} \log \left| \frac{a+x}{a-x} \right| + C$$

$$(3) \quad \int \frac{dx}{x^2 + a^2} = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{a} + C$$

$$(4) \quad \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}} = \log \left| x + \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} \right| + C$$

$$(5) \quad \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} = \sin^{-1} \frac{x}{a} + C$$

$$(6) \quad \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} = \log \left| x + \sqrt{x^2 + a^2} \right| + C$$

We now prove the above results:

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad \text{We have } \frac{1}{x^2 - a^2} &= \frac{1}{(x-a)(x+a)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2a} \left[\frac{(x+a) - (x-a)}{(x-a)(x+a)} \right] = \frac{1}{2a} \left[\frac{1}{x-a} - \frac{1}{x+a} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } \int \frac{dx}{x^2 - a^2} &= \frac{1}{2a} \left[\int \frac{dx}{x-a} - \int \frac{dx}{x+a} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2a} [\log |(x-a)| - \log |(x+a)|] + C \\ &= \frac{1}{2a} \log \left| \frac{x-a}{x+a} \right| + C \end{aligned}$$

(2) In view of (1) above, we have

$$\frac{1}{a^2 - x^2} = \frac{1}{2a} \left[\frac{(a+x) + (a-x)}{(a+x)(a-x)} \right] = \frac{1}{2a} \left[\frac{1}{a-x} + \frac{1}{a+x} \right]$$