

Problem 26, Section 6.2

Calculate the indefinite integral $\int (e^{2x} + e^{-3x}) \, dx$.

Well,

$$\int (e^{2x} + e^{-3x}) \, dx = \int e^{2x} \, dx + \int e^{-3x} \, dx.$$

To calculate $\int e^{2x} \, dx$, set $u = 2x$. Then

$$du = 2dx \implies \frac{du}{2} = dx.$$

Substituting, we get

$$\int e^{2x} \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \int e^u \, du = \frac{1}{2} e^u + c = \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} + c.$$

Using the same method, $\int e^{-3x} \, dx = -\frac{1}{3} e^{-3x} + c$. Therefore,

$$\int (e^{2x} + e^{-3x}) \, dx = \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} - \frac{1}{3} e^{-3x} + c.$$