

Section 2: Inverse trigonometric functions

Crucial points

- 1. Be careful to use the chain rule correctly when differentiating composite functions involving inverse trig functions**
Make sure that you are confident with this – see the Notes and Examples if you are not sure.
- 2. Make sure that you apply the standard integrals correctly**
Remember in particular that the coefficient of x^2 must be 1, and that if it isn't you must take out a factor or use a substitution before carrying out the integration.
- 3. Make sure that you are confident in completing the square so that the standard integrals can be applied**
Get plenty of practice in this if you are not confident with it!