4.5 Integration by Substitution

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What will you learn?



- Use pattern recognition to find an indefinite integral
- Use a change of variable to find an indefinite integral
- Use the General Power Rule for Integration to find an indefinite integral
- Use a change of variables to integrate a definite integral
- Evaluate a definite integral involving an even or odd function

Pattern Recognition

Techniques for integrating composite functions

u -substitution

(comparable to the role of the Chain Rule)

2 Parts < Pattern Recognition → perform substitution mentally Change of Variable → write substitution steps

Theorem 4.12 Antidifferentiation of a Composite Function

Exploration

Recognizing Patterns

The integrand in each of the following integrals fits the pattern of f(g(x))g'(x). Identify the pattern and use the result to evaluate the integral.

$$\int 2x (x^2 + 1)^4 dx$$

$$\int 3x^2 \sqrt{x^3 + 1} dx$$

$$\int \sec^2 x (\tan x + 3) dx$$

The next three integrals are similar to the first three. Show how you can multiply and divide by a constant to evaluate these integrals.

$$\int x (x^2 + 1)^4 dx$$

$$\int x^2 \sqrt{x^3 + 1} dx$$

$$\int 2 \sec^2 x (\tan x + 3) dx$$

Outside function
$$\int f(g(x))g'(x) dx = F(g(x)) + C$$
Inside function
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Example 1 - Recognizing the f (g (x)) g'(x) Pattern

Find
$$\int (x^2 + 1)^2 (2x) dx$$

Example 2 - Recognizing the f(g(x))g'(x) Pattern

Find $\int 5 \cos 5x \, dx$

Example 3 - Multiplying & Dividing by a Constant

Find
$$\int x (x^2 + 1)^2 dx$$

Change of Variable

With a formal change of variables, you completely rewrite the integral in terms of u and du Useful for more complicated integrands

$$\int f(g(x))g'(x)dx = \int f(u)du = F(u) + C$$

Example 4 - Change of Variables

Find
$$\int \sqrt{2x-1} \ dx$$

Example 5 - Change of Variables

Find
$$\int_{X} \sqrt{2x-1} dx$$

Example 6 - Change of Variables

$$\int \sin^2 3x \cos 3x \, dx$$

Guidelines for Making a Change of Variables

- 1. Choose a substitution u = g(x)(Usually it is best to choose the INNER function)
- 2. Compute du = g'(x) dx
- 3. Rewrite the integral in terms of the variable u
- 4. Find the resulting integral in terms of u
- 5. Replace u by g (x)
- 6. Check by differentiating

The General Power Rule for Integration

one of the most common *u* - subs

Theorem 4.13 - The General Power Rule for Integration

If g is a differentiable function of x, then

$$\int [g(x)]^n g'(x) dx = \frac{[g(x)]^{n+1}}{n+1} + C$$

Equivalently, if u = g(x), then

$$\int u^n du = \frac{u^{n+1}}{n+1} + C$$

Example 7 - Substitution and the General Power Rule

$$\int 3(3x-1)^4 dx$$

$$\int (2x+1)(x^2+x) dx$$

$$\int 3x^2 \sqrt{x^3-2} dx$$

$$\int \frac{-4x}{(1-2x^2)} dx$$

$$\int \cos^2 x \sin x dx$$

Change of Variables for Definite Integral

When using u-sub - it's often convenient to determine the limits of integration for the variable u rather than to convert the antiderivative back to x and evaluate at the original limits

Theorem 4.14 - Change of Variables for Definite Integrals

If the function u = g(x) has a continuous derivative on the closed interval [a,b] and f is continuous on the range of g, then

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(g(x))g'(x)dx = \int_{g(a)}^{g(b)} f(u)du$$

Example 8 - Change of Variables

$$\int_0^1 x(x+1)^3 dx$$

Example 9 - Change of Variables

$$A = \int_{1}^{5} \frac{x}{\sqrt{2x-1}} dx$$

Integration of Even & Odd Functions

Occasionally, you can simplify the evaluation of a definite integral (over the interval that is symmetric about the y-axis or origin) by recognizing the integrand to be an even or odd function.

Theorem 4.15 - Integration of Even & Odd Functions

Let f be integrable on the closed interval [-a,b]

- 1. If f is an even function, then $\int_{-a}^{a} f(x) dx = 2 \int_{0}^{a} f(x) dx$
- 2. If f is an odd function, then $\int_{-a}^{a} f(x) dx = 0$

Example 10 - Integration of an Odd Function

Evaluate
$$\int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} (\sin^3 x \cos x + \sin x \cos x) dx$$