

Integration by Substitution (Review)

Part 1: Compute the indefinite integral in three steps: (1) specify the substitution $u = ?$ and $du = ?$, (2) rewrite the integral *completely* in terms of the new variable u , (3) compute the new integral and express the final answer in terms of the original variable.

Example. Evaluate $\int \frac{x}{x^2+1} dx$.

Solution.

(1) Set $u = x^2 + 1$, so $du = 2x dx$.

(2) Since $x dx = \frac{1}{2} du$, we have $\int \frac{x}{x^2+1} dx = \int \frac{(1/2) du}{u} = \int \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{u} du$.

(3) $\int \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{u} du = \frac{1}{2} \ln |u| + C = \frac{1}{2} \ln |x^2 + 1| + C = \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2 + 1) + C$.

1. Evaluate $\int x^2 \sin(x^3) dx$.

Let $u = x^3$, $du = 3x^2 dx$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \int x^2 \sin(x^3) dx &= \int \sin(u) \frac{du}{3} = -\frac{\cos(u)}{3} \\ &= \boxed{-\frac{\cos(x^3)}{3} + C} \end{aligned}$$

2. Evaluate $\int x\sqrt{4x+1} dx$.

Let $u = 4x+1$, $du = 4 dx$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{u-1}{4}$$

$$\int x\sqrt{4x+1} dx = \int \frac{1}{4}(u-1)\sqrt{u} \frac{du}{4} = \frac{1}{16} \int u^{3/2} - u^{1/2} du$$

$$= \frac{1}{16} \left[\frac{2}{5} u^{5/2} - \frac{2}{3} u^{3/2} \right] = \boxed{\frac{1}{16} \left[\frac{2}{5} (4x+1)^{5/2} - \frac{2}{3} (4x+1)^{3/2} \right] + C}$$

3. Evaluate $\int \frac{1+x}{1-x} dx$.

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

$$\int \frac{1+x}{1-x} dx = \int \frac{1+(1-u)}{u} \frac{du}{-1} = - \int \frac{u-2}{u} du = \int 1 - \frac{2}{u} du$$

$$= u - 2 \ln |u| = \boxed{1-x - 2 \ln |1-x| + C}$$

4. Evaluate $\int \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx$.

$$\text{Let } u = \ln x, \quad du = \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx = \int \frac{1}{u} du = \ln |u| = \boxed{\ln(\ln x) + C}$$

5. Evaluate $\int \sin^3 x dx$. (Hint: $\sin^2 x = 1 - \cos^2 x$.)

$$\int \sin^3 x dx = \int \sin^2 x \cdot \sin x dx = \int (1 - \cos^2 x) \sin x dx$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Let } u = \cos x \\ du = -\sin x dx \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow = \int (1 - u^2) \frac{du}{-1} = \int u^2 - 1 du = \frac{u^3}{3} - u$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{\cos^3 x}{3} - \cos x + C}$$

Part 2: Express the definite integral in x as a new definite integral in the new variable u . Don't evaluate the new definite integral.

Example. Rewrite $\int_2^3 x e^{-x^2} dx$ in terms of $u = x^2$.

Solution. When $u = x^2$, $du = 2x dx$. If $x = 2$ then $u = 4$, and if $x = 3$ then $u = 9$, so
 $\int_2^3 x e^{-x^2} dx = \int_{u=4}^{u=9} e^{-u} \frac{du}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \int_4^9 e^{-u} du.$

6. Rewrite $\int_0^1 (3x+1)^2 dx$ in terms of $u = 3x+1$. $\Rightarrow du = 3 dx$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u(0) = 3(0) + 1 = 1 \\ u(1) = 3(1) + 1 = 4 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \int_1^4 u^2 \frac{du}{3}$$

7. Rewrite $\int_0^1 x^2(1+2x^3)^5 dx$ in terms of $u = 1+2x^3$. $\Rightarrow du = 6x^2 dx$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u(0) = 1 + 2(0)^3 = 1 \\ u(1) = 1 + 2(1)^3 = 3 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \int_1^3 u^5 \frac{du}{6}$$

8. Rewrite $\int_0^{\pi/3} \frac{\sin x}{\cos^2 x} dx$ in terms of $u = \cos x$. $\Rightarrow du = -\sin x dx$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} u(0) = \cos 0 = 1 \\ u(\pi/3) = \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \int_1^{1/2} \frac{-1}{u^2} du$$

9. Rewrite $\int_0^{\pi/3} \sin x \cos x dx$ in terms of $u = \cos x$. $\Rightarrow du = -\sin x dx$

$$\int_1^{1/2} -u du$$

10. Rewrite $\int_0^{\pi/3} \sin x \cos x dx$ in terms of $u = \sin x$. $\Rightarrow du = \cos x dx$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} u(0) = \sin 0 = 0 \\ u(\pi/3) = \sin \pi/3 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \int_0^{\sqrt{3}/2} u du$$

Methods of Integration

Solutions to these problems should show all of your work, not just a single final answer.

Part 1: Integration by parts. Do each problem as follows: (1) specify u and dv , (2) compute du and v , (3) use integration by parts with your choice of u and dv . (4) If you need integration by parts more than once, each time go through steps 1, 2, and 3 again.

Example. Compute $\int x^2 e^x dx$.

Solution.

(1) Set $u = x^2$ and $dv = e^x dx$.

(2) We have $du = 2x dx$ and $v = e^x$.

(3) Now $\int x^2 e^x dx = \int u dv = uv - \int v du = x^2 e^x - \int e^x (2x) dx = x^2 e^x - 2 \int x e^x dx$.

(4) To find $\int x e^x dx$, set $u = x$ and $dv = e^x dx$, so $du = dx$ and $v = e^x$. Then $\int x e^x dx = \int u dv = uv - \int v du = x e^x - \int e^x dx = x e^x - e^x$.

(5) Substituting the result of (4) into (3),

$$\int x^2 e^x dx = x^2 e^x - 2(x e^x - e^x) + C = (x^2 - 2x + 2)e^x + C.$$

1. Compute $\int x \cos(5x) dx$.

$$u = x \quad dv = \cos(5x) dx$$

$$du = dx \quad v = \frac{\sin(5x)}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x \sin(5x)}{5} - \int \frac{\sin(5x)}{5} dx = \boxed{\frac{x \sin(5x)}{5} + \frac{\cos(5x)}{25} + C}$$

2. Compute $\int x^2 2^x dx$. (Hint: You can find an antiderivative of 2^x by recalling how to differentiate 2^x .)

u		dv
x^2	$+$	2^x
$2x$	$-$	$\frac{2^x}{\ln 2}$
2	$-$	$\frac{2^x}{(\ln 2)^2}$
0	$+$	$\frac{2^x}{(\ln 2)^3}$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\frac{x^2 2^x}{\ln 2} - \frac{2x 2^x}{(\ln 2)^2} + \frac{2 \cdot 2^x}{(\ln 2)^3} + C \right]$$

Part 2: Integration of rational functions.

Example. Compute $\int \frac{2x+1}{x^2-4} dx$ using partial fractions.

Solution. Write $\frac{2x+1}{x^2-4} = \frac{A}{x+2} + \frac{B}{x-2}$ for some A and B . Clearing the denominator, $2x+1 = A(x-2) + B(x+2)$. Setting $x=2$ we get $5 = 4B$, so $B = 5/4$. Setting $x = -2$ we get $-3 = -4A$, so $A = 3/4$. Thus $\frac{2x+1}{x^2-4} = \frac{3/4}{x+2} + \frac{5/4}{x-2}$, so

$$\int \frac{2x+1}{x^2-4} dx = \int \left(\frac{3/4}{x+2} + \frac{5/4}{x-2} \right) dx = \frac{3}{5} \ln|x+2| + \frac{5}{4} \ln|x-2| + C.$$

3. Compute $\int \frac{10}{x^3-x^2-6x} dx$ using partial fractions.

$$= \int \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x-3} + \frac{C}{x+2} dx$$

$$= \int \frac{-5/3}{x} + \frac{2/3}{x-3} + \frac{1}{x+2} dx$$

$$= \frac{-5}{3} \ln|x| + \frac{2}{3} \ln|x-3| + \ln|x+2| + C$$

$$10 = A(x-3)(x+2) + Bx(x+2) + Cx(x-3)$$

$$x=0: 10 = -6A \Rightarrow A = -5/3$$

$$x=3: 10 = 15B \Rightarrow B = 2/3$$

$$x=-2: 10 = 10C \Rightarrow C = 1$$

4. Compute $\int \frac{x^2+x+1}{x(x^2+4)} dx$ using partial fractions.

$$= \int \frac{A}{x} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+4} dx = \int \frac{1/4}{x} + \frac{3/4x+1}{x^2+4} dx$$

$$= \int \frac{1/4}{x} + \frac{3/4x}{x^2+4} + \frac{1}{x^2+4} dx$$

$$= \int \frac{1/4}{x} + \frac{3/8 \cdot 2x}{x^2+4} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{(\frac{x}{2})^2+1} dx = \frac{1}{4} \ln|x| + \frac{3}{8} \ln(x^2+4) + \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + C$$

$$x^2+x+1 = A(x^2+4) + (Bx+C)x$$

$$= (A+B)x^2 + Cx + 4A$$

$$\Rightarrow C=1, 1=4A \Rightarrow A=1/4$$

$$A+B=1 \Rightarrow B=3/4$$