

# REVIEW

§5.7 (Substitution Methods)

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- Try the **Substitution Method** when the integrand has the form  $f(u(x))u'(x)$ . If  $F$  is an antiderivative of  $f$ , then

$$\int f(u(x))u'(x) dx = \boxed{F(u(x))}^{(1)} + C$$

- The differential of  $u(x)$  is related to  $dx$  by  $du = \boxed{u'(x) dx}^{(2)}$ .
- The **Change of Variables Formula** says that

- For indefinite integrals:  $\int f(u(x))u'(x) dx = \boxed{\int f(u) du}^{(3)}$

- For definite integrals:  $\int_a^b f(u(x))u'(x) dx = \boxed{\int_{u(a)}^{u(b)} f(u) du}^{(4)}$

# SOLUTIONS

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(1) Evaluate the indefinite integral.

(a)  $\int x(x+1)^9 dx$

SOLUTION: Let  $u = x + 1$ . Then  $x = u - 1$  and  $du = dx$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}\int x(x+1)^9 dx &= \int (u-1)u^9 du = \int (u^{10} - u^9) du \\ &= \frac{1}{11}u^{11} - \frac{1}{10}u^{10} + C = \frac{1}{11}(x+1)^{11} - \frac{1}{10}(x+1)^{10} + C\end{aligned}$$

(b)  $\int \sin(2x-4) dx$

SOLUTION: Let  $u = 2x - 4$ . Then  $du = 2dx \implies \frac{1}{2}du = dx$ . So

$$\int \sin(2x-4) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \sin u du = -\frac{1}{2} \cos u + C = -\frac{1}{2} \cos(2x-4) + C$$

(c)  $\int \frac{x^3}{(x^4+1)^4} dx$

SOLUTION: Let  $u = x^4 + 1$ . Then  $du = 4x^3 dx$  or  $\frac{1}{4} du = x^3 dx$ . Hence

$$\int \frac{x^3}{(x^4+1)^4} dx = \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{1}{u^4} du = -\frac{1}{12}u^{-3} + C = -\frac{1}{12}(x^4+1)^{-3} + C$$

(d)  $\int \sqrt{4x-1} dx$

SOLUTION: Let  $u = 4x - 1$ . Then  $du = 4 dx$  or  $\frac{1}{4} du = dx$ . Hence,

$$\int \sqrt{4x-1} dx = \frac{1}{4} \int u^{1/2} du = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{3} u^{3/2} + C = \frac{1}{6}(4x-1)^{3/2} + C$$

(e)  $\int x \cos(x^2) dx$

SOLUTION: Let  $u = x^2$ . Then  $du = 2x dx$  or  $\frac{1}{2} du = x dx$ . Hence,

$$\int x \cos(x^2) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \cos u du = \frac{1}{2} \sin u + C = \frac{1}{2} \sin(x^2) + C.$$

$$(f) \int \sin^5 x \cos x \, dx$$

SOLUTION: Let  $u = \sin x$ . Then  $du = \cos x \, dx$ . Hence,

$$\int \sin^5 x \cos x \, dx = \int u^5 \, du = \frac{1}{6}u^6 + C = \frac{1}{6} \sin^6 x + C.$$

$$(g) \int \sec^2 x \tan^4 x \, dx$$

SOLUTION: Let  $u = \tan x$ . Then  $du = \sec^2 x \, dx$ . Hence,

$$\int \sec^2 x \tan^4 x \, dx = \int u^4 \, du = \frac{1}{5}u^5 + C = \frac{1}{5} \tan^5 x + C.$$

$$(h) \int \frac{dx}{(2 + \sqrt{x})^3}$$

SOLUTION: Let  $u = 2 + \sqrt{x}$ . Then  $du = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \, dx$ , so that

$$2\sqrt{x} \, du = dx \implies 2(u - 2) \, du = dx.$$

Using this, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{dx}{(2 + \sqrt{x})^3} &= \int 2 \frac{u - 2}{u^3} \, du \\ &= 2 \int (u^{-2} - 2u^{-3}) \, du \\ &= 2(-u^{-1} + u^{-2}) + C \\ &= 2 \left( -\frac{1}{2 + \sqrt{x}} + \frac{1}{(2 + \sqrt{x})^2} \right) + C \\ &= 2 \left( \frac{-2 - \sqrt{x} + 1}{(2 + \sqrt{x})^2} \right) + C \\ &= -2 \frac{1 + \sqrt{x}}{(2 + \sqrt{x})^2} + C \end{aligned}$$

(2) Evaluate the definite integral.

$$(a) \int_0^1 \frac{x}{(x^2 + 1)^3} \, dx$$

SOLUTION: Let  $u = x^2 + 1$ . Then  $du = 2x \, dx$  or  $\frac{1}{2}du = x \, dx$ . Hence,

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x}{(x^2 + 1)^3} \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_1^2 \frac{1}{u^3} \, du = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left. -\frac{1}{2}u^{-2} \right|_1^2 = -\frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{16}$$

$$(b) \int_{10}^{17} (x-9)^{-2/3} dx$$

SOLUTION: Let  $u = x - 9$ . Then  $du = dx$ . Hence,

$$\int_{10}^{17} (x-9)^{-2/3} dx = \int_1^8 u^{-2/3} dx = 3u^{1/3} \Big|_1^8 = 3(2-1) = 3$$

$$(c) \int_{-8}^8 \frac{x^{15}}{3 + \cos^2 x} dx$$

SOLUTION: This function is odd! Set  $f(x) = \frac{x^{15}}{3 + \cos^2 x}$ , and then  $f(-x) = -f(x)$ . The bounds of the integral are symmetric, and the function is odd, so the answer is zero.

$$(d) \int_0^{\pi/2} \sec^2(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta$$

SOLUTION: Let  $u = \cos \theta$ ; then  $du = -\sin \theta d\theta$ , and the new bounds of integration are  $\cos 0 = 1$  to  $\cos \pi/2 = 0$ . Thus,

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sec^2(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta = - \int_1^0 \sec^2 u du = \tan u \Big|_0^1 = \tan 1.$$

$$(e) \int_{-4}^{-2} \frac{12x dx}{(x^2 + 2)^3}$$

SOLUTION: Let  $u = x^2 + 2$ ; then  $du = 2x dx$  and the new bounds of integration are  $u = 18$  to  $u = 6$ . Thus,

$$\int_{-4}^{-2} \frac{12x dx}{(x^2 + 2)^3} = \int_{18}^6 \frac{6}{u^3} du = -3u^{-2} \Big|_{18}^6 = -\frac{2}{27}$$

$$(f) \int_1^8 \sqrt{t+8} dt$$

SOLUTION: Let  $u = t + 8$ ; then  $t^2 = (u - 8)^2$  and  $du = dt$ . The new bounds of integration are  $u = 9$  to  $u = 16$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^8 t^2 \sqrt{t+8} dt &= \int_9^{16} (u-8)^2 \sqrt{u} du = \int_9^{16} (u^{5/2} - 16u^{3/2} + 64u^{1/2}) du \\ &= \left( \frac{2}{7} u^{7/2} - \frac{32}{5} u^{5/2} + \frac{128}{3} u^{3/2} \right) \Big|_9^{16} = \frac{66868}{105} \end{aligned}$$

$$(g) \int_0^{\pi/3} \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos^{2/3} \theta} d\theta$$

SOLUTION: Let  $u = \cos \theta$ . Then  $du = -\sin \theta d\theta$  and when  $\theta = 0$ ,  $u = 1$  and when  $\theta = \pi/3$ ,  $u = \frac{1}{2}$ . So

$$\int_0^{\pi/3} \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos^{2/3} \theta} d\theta = -\int_1^{1/2} u^{-2/3} du = -3u^{1/3} \Big|_1^{1/2} = -3(2^{-1/3} - 1) = 3 - \frac{3\sqrt[3]{4}}{2}.$$

$$(h) \int_{-2}^4 |(x-1)(x-3)| dx$$

SOLUTION:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-2}^4 |(x-1)(x-3)| dx &= \int_{-2}^1 (x^2 - 4x + 3) dx + \int_1^3 (-x^2 + 4x - 3) dx + \int_3^4 (x^2 - 4x + 3) dx \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{3}x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x \right) \Big|_{-2}^1 + \left( -\frac{1}{3}x^3 + 2x^2 - 3x \right) \Big|_1^3 + \left( \frac{1}{3}x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x \right) \Big|_3^4 \\ &= \frac{4}{3} - \left( -\frac{50}{3} \right) + 0 - \left( -\frac{4}{3} \right) + \frac{4}{3} - 0 \\ &= \frac{62}{3} \end{aligned}$$