

# The (Basic) Substitution Rule

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(or, run the Chain Rule in reverse gear)

Chain Rule:  $(f \circ g)'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} f(g(x)) = f'(g(x))g'(x)$

In reverse:  $\int \underbrace{f'(g(x))}_u \underbrace{g'(x) dx}_{du} = f(g(x)) = (f \circ g)(x)$

Substitution Rule:  $\int_a^b f(g(x))g'(x) dx$

$$u = g(x)$$

$$du = g'(x) dx$$

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

$$\left[ \frac{du}{dx} = g'(x) \right]$$

Alternatively  $= \int_{x=a}^{x=b} f(u) du$

& eventually substitute back using  $u = g(x)$  once you have the antiderivative of  $f(u)$ .

$f(u)$ .

Examples: ①  $\int x \sqrt{1+x^2} dx$

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 $u = 1+x^2$   
 $\frac{du}{dx} = 2x$   
 $\Rightarrow du = 2x dx$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} du = x dx$

$= \int \sqrt{u} \cdot \frac{1}{2} du = \frac{1}{2} \int u^{1/2} du$  (now use Power Rule)

With indefinite integrals substitute back into the original variable: we are finding an antiderivative.

$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{u^{3/2}}{3/2} + C = \frac{u^{3/2}}{3} + C$   
 $= \frac{(1+x^2)^{3/2}}{3} + C$

②  $\int_0^1 x \sqrt{1+x^2} dx = \int_{\phi}^2 \sqrt{u} \cdot \frac{1}{2} du = \frac{1}{2} \int_1^2 u^{1/2} du = \frac{u^{3/2}}{3} \Big|_1^2$   
 $= \frac{2^{3/2}}{3} - \frac{1^{3/2}}{3} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}-1}{3}$

$u = 1+x^2$   
 $du = 2x dx$   
 $\Rightarrow x dx = \frac{1}{2} du$

x	u
0	1
1	2

or

$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{x=0}^{x=\phi} u^{1/2} du = \frac{u^{3/2}}{3} \Big|_{x=0}^{x=\phi} = \frac{(1+x^2)^{3/2}}{3} \Big|_0^1$   
 $= \frac{2^{3/2}}{3} - \frac{1^{3/2}}{3} = \dots = \frac{2\sqrt{2}-1}{3}$

$$\textcircled{3} \text{ a) } \int e^{2x} dx = \int e^u \cdot \frac{1}{2} du = \frac{1}{2} e^u + C$$

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$$\begin{aligned} u &= 2x \\ du &= 2dx \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} du &= dx \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} e^{2x} + C$$

$$\text{b) } \int e^{2x} dx = \int (e^x)^2 dx = \int \underbrace{e^x}_w \cdot \underbrace{e^x dx}_{dw} = \int w dw$$

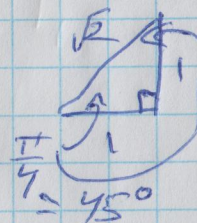
$$\begin{aligned} w &= e^x \\ dw &= e^x dx \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{w^2}{2} + C = \frac{(e^x)^2}{2} + C = \frac{e^{2x}}{2} + C$$

Moral: different substitution could be available in any given substitution

$$\textcircled{4} \int_0^{\pi/4} \tan(x) dx = \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} dx \quad \begin{aligned} u &= \cos(x) \\ du &= -\sin(x) dx \\ \Rightarrow (-1) du &= \sin(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

$x$	$u$
0	1
$\pi/4$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$



$$= \int_{1/\sqrt{2}}^1 \frac{1}{u} \cdot (-1) du = \int_{1/\sqrt{2}}^1 \frac{1}{u} du = \ln(u) \Big|_{1/\sqrt{2}}^1$$

$$\left[ \text{uses } \int_a^b f(x) dx = -\int_b^a f(x) dx \right] = \ln(1) - \ln(2^{-1/2}) = 0 - (-\frac{1}{2}) \ln(2) = \frac{1}{2} \ln(2)$$

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$$\int \tan(x) dx = \int \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)} dx = \int \frac{1}{u} (-1) du$$

$$u = \cos(x)$$

$$du = -\sin(x) dx$$

$$(-1) du = \sin(x) dx$$

$$= -\ln(u) + C$$

$$= -\ln(\cos(x)) + C$$

$$= \ln((\cos(x))^{-1}) + C$$

$$= \ln\left(\frac{1}{\cos(x)}\right) + C$$

$$= \ln(\sec(x)) + C$$

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$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\cos(x) \sin^2(x)}{1 + \sin^2(x)} dx$$

$u = \sin(x)$   
 $du = \cos(x) dx$   
 $\cancel{dx} du =$

x	u
0	0
$\pi/2$	1

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{u^2}{1+u^2} du = \int_0^1 \frac{1+u^2-1}{1+u^2} du = \int_0^1 \left( \frac{1+u^2}{1+u^2} - \frac{1}{1+u^2} \right) du$$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{1+u^2}{1+u^2} du - \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+u^2} du = \int_0^1 1 du - \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+u^2} du$$

$\tan(\frac{\pi}{4}) = 1$      $\tan(0) = 0$

$$= u \Big|_0^1 - \arctan(u) \Big|_0^1 = (1-0) - (\arctan(1) - \arctan(0))$$

$$= 1 - (\frac{\pi}{4} - 0) = \boxed{1 - \frac{\pi}{4}}$$

Next: Integration by Parts