

## Section 6.5 The Substitution Rule

**The substitution rule for indefinite integrals** If  $u = g(x)$  is a differentiable function whose range is an interval  $I$  and  $f$  is continuous on  $I$ , then

$$\int f(g(x))g'(x)dx = \int f(u)du \quad \begin{array}{l} u = g(x) \\ du = g'(x)dx \end{array}$$

**Example 1.** Evaluate each integral:

$$1. \int \frac{1}{3} x^2 e^{x^3} dx = \left. \begin{array}{l} u = x^3 \\ du = (x^3)' dx \\ du = 3x^2 dx \end{array} \right| = \frac{1}{3} \int e^{x^3} (3x^2 dx) = \frac{1}{3} \int e^u du = \frac{1}{3} e^u + C = \boxed{\frac{1}{3} e^{x^3} + C}$$

$$2. \int \frac{x + \arcsin x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \int \frac{(-2)x}{2\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx + \int \frac{\arcsin x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} u = 1-x^2 \\ du = -2x dx \\ v = \arcsin x \\ dv = \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \end{array} \right| = -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{du}{\sqrt{u}} + \int v dv = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{u^{-1/2+1}}{-1/2+1} + \frac{v^2}{2} + C = -u^{1/2} + \frac{v^2}{2} + C = \boxed{-\sqrt{1-x^2} + \frac{(\arcsin x)^2}{2} + C}$$

$$3. \int \frac{1}{5} \sin(5x+4) dx = \left. \begin{array}{l} u = 5x+4 \\ du = (5x+4)' dx \\ du = 5 dx \end{array} \right| = \frac{1}{5} \int \sin u du = -\frac{1}{5} \cos u + C = \boxed{-\frac{1}{5} \cos(5x+4) + C}$$

$$4. \int \frac{2}{3} \frac{dx}{2\sqrt{3x+1}} = \left. \begin{array}{l} u = 3x+1 \\ du = 3 dx \end{array} \right| = \frac{2}{3} \int \frac{du}{2\sqrt{u}} = \frac{2}{3} \int \frac{1}{2\sqrt{u}} du = \frac{2}{3} \int u^{-1/2} du = \frac{2}{3} \frac{u^{-1/2+1}}{-1/2+1} + C = \frac{2}{3} \frac{u^{1/2}}{1/2} + C = \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{3x+1} + C = \boxed{\frac{2}{3} \sqrt{3x+1} + C}$$

$$5. \int \frac{2x^2 + 4x}{x^3 + 3x^2 - 4} dx \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u = x^3 + 3x^2 - 4 \\ du = (x^3 + 3x^2 - 4)' dx \\ du = (3x^2 + 6x) dx \\ du = 3(x^2 + 2x) dx \end{array} \right. = \int \frac{2(x^2 + 2x)}{x^3 + 3x^2 - 4} dx \stackrel{\frac{du}{3}}{=} = \frac{2}{3} \int \frac{du}{u} = \frac{2}{3} \ln|u| + C = \boxed{\frac{2}{3} \ln|x^3 + 3x^2 - 4| + C}$$

$$6. \int x^2 \sqrt{2+x} dx \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u = 2+x \Rightarrow x = u-2 \\ du = dx \end{array} \right. = \int \frac{(u-2)^2 \sqrt{u} du}{x^2 \sqrt{2+x}} \stackrel{dx}{=} = \int (u^2 - 4u + 4) \sqrt{u} du = \int [u^2 \sqrt{u} - 4u \sqrt{u} + 4\sqrt{u}] du$$

$$= \int (u^{5/2} - 4u^{3/2} + 4u^{1/2}) du = \frac{u^{5/2+1}}{5/2+1} - 4 \frac{u^{3/2+1}}{3/2+1} + 4 \frac{u^{1/2+1}}{1/2+1} + C$$

$$= \frac{2}{7} u^{7/2} - \frac{8}{5} u^{5/2} + \frac{8}{3} u^{3/2} + C = \boxed{\frac{2}{7} (x+2)^{7/2} - \frac{8}{5} (x+2)^{5/2} + \frac{8}{3} (x+2)^{3/2} + C}$$

$$7. \int x^3 \sqrt{x^2+1} dx \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u = x^2 + 1 \Rightarrow x^2 = u-1 \\ du = 2x dx \Rightarrow x dx = \frac{du}{2} \end{array} \right. = \int \frac{(u-1) \sqrt{u} du}{x^2 \sqrt{x^2+1} \cdot \frac{2}{x dx}}$$

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

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

**The substitution rule for definite integrals** If  $g'(x)$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  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 2.** Evaluate the integral:

$$1. \int_e^{e^4} \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{\ln x}} = \left. \begin{array}{l} u = \ln x \\ du = \frac{1}{x} dx \\ e \rightarrow \ln e = 1 \\ e^4 \rightarrow \ln e^4 = 4 \end{array} \right| = \int_1^4 \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} du = \int_1^4 u^{-1/2} du = \left. \frac{u^{-1/2+1}}{-1/2+1} \right|_1^4 = 2u^{1/2} \Big|_1^4 = 2(\sqrt{4} - \sqrt{1}) = \boxed{2}$$

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$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+a^2}} dx = \ln|x + \sqrt{x^2+a^2}| + C$$

$$2. \int_0^1 \frac{2x dx}{\sqrt{1+x^4}} = \left. \begin{array}{l} u = x^2 \\ du = 2x dx \\ 0 \rightarrow 0^2 = 0 \\ 1 \rightarrow 1^2 = 1 \end{array} \right| = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{du}{\sqrt{1+u^2}} = \frac{1}{2} \ln|u + \sqrt{u^2+1}| \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ln|1 + \sqrt{1+1}| - \ln|0 + \sqrt{0+1}| \right] = \boxed{\frac{1}{2} \ln(1+\sqrt{2})}$$

$$3. \int_0^1 \frac{e^z + 1}{e^z + z} dz = \left. \begin{array}{l} u = e^z + z \\ du = (e^z + 1) dz \\ z=0 \Rightarrow u = e^0 + 0 = 1 \\ z=1 \Rightarrow u = e^1 + 1 = e+1 \end{array} \right| = \int_1^{e+1} \frac{du}{u} = \ln|u| \Big|_1^{e+1} = \ln(e+1) - \ln 1 = \boxed{\ln(e+1)}$$

**Integrals of symmetric functions** Suppose  $f$  is continuous on  $[-a, a]$ .

(a) If  $f$  is **even**, that is  $f(-x) = f(x)$ , then  $\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = 2 \int_0^a f(x) dx$

(b) If  $f$  is **odd**, that is  $f(-x) = -f(x)$ , then  $\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = 0$

$y = f(x)$ ,  $f$  is even

$\text{area}(A_1) = \text{area}(A_2)$

$\text{area}(A_1) = \int_0^a f(x) dx$

$\text{area}(A_2) = \int_{-a}^0 f(x) dx$

$\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = \text{area}(A_1) + \text{area}(A_2)$

$= 2 \cdot \text{area}(A_1) = 2 \int_0^a f(x) dx$

$f$  is odd

$\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = \text{area}(A_1) - \text{area}(A_2)$

$= 0$

$\text{area}(A_1) = \text{area}(A_2)$

**Example 4.** Evaluate the integral  $\int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \frac{x^2 \sin x}{1+x^6} dx$ .

- even functions:  $y = x^2, x^4, x^6, \dots$   
 $y = \cos x$
- odd functions:  $y = x, x^3, x^5, \dots$   
 $y = \sin x$   
 $y = \arctan x$

is  $\frac{x^2 \sin x}{1+x^6}$  even or odd?

$\frac{x^2}{1+x^6}$  even

$\sin x$  odd

(even)(odd) = odd

$\frac{x^2 \sin x}{1+x^6}$  is odd

$$\int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \frac{x^2 \sin x}{1+x^6} dx = 0$$