

## 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

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

**Example 1.** Evaluate each integral:

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} 4. \int \frac{2x^2 + 4x}{x^3 + 3x^2 - 4} dx & \left| \begin{array}{l} (x^3 + 3x^2 - 4)' = 3x^2 + 6x \\ = 3(x^2 + 2x) \\ u = x^3 + 3x^2 - 4 \\ du = 3(x^2 + 2x) dx \end{array} \right. \\ = \frac{1}{3} \int \frac{2(x^2 + 2x) \cdot 3 dx}{x^3 + 3x^2 - 4} & = \frac{2}{3} \int \frac{du}{u} = \frac{2}{3} \ln|u| + C = \boxed{\frac{2}{3} \ln|x^3 + 3x^2 - 4| + C} \end{aligned}$$

$$5. \int \frac{x + \arcsin x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \int \frac{-2x}{2\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx + \int \frac{\arcsin x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx$$

$u = 1-x^2$   
 $du = -2x dx$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} du$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \int u^{-1/2} du$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{u^{-1/2+1}}{-1/2+1} + C$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{u^{1/2}}{1/2} + C$$

$$= -u^{1/2} + C = -(1-x^2)^{1/2} + C$$

$(\arcsin x)' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

$$= \int \arcsin x \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} u = \arcsin x \\ du = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx \end{array} \right.$$

$$= \int u du = \frac{u^2}{2} + C = \frac{(\arcsin x)^2}{2} + C$$

$-(1-x^2)^{1/2} + \frac{(\arcsin x)^2}{2} + C$

$$b. \int x^5 \sqrt{1+x^3} dx \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} u = 1+x^3 \rightarrow x^3 = u-1 \\ du = 3x^2 dx \\ x^5 = (x^3)(x^2) \end{array} \right. = \frac{1}{3} \int (x^3)(x^2) \sqrt{1+x^3} dx = du$$

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

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

The substitution rule for definite integrals. If  $g'(x)$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and  $f$  is continuous on the range of  $g$ , then

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

$$\begin{aligned} u &= g(x) \\ du &= g'(x) dx \\ a &\mapsto g(a) \\ b &\mapsto g(b) \end{aligned}$$

Example 2. Evaluate the integral:

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

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

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

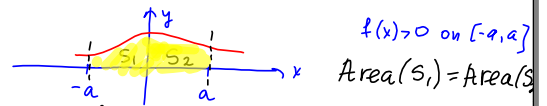
3.  $-\frac{1}{2} \int_{-3/2}^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-2x}}$

$u = 1-2x \rightarrow x = \frac{1-u}{2}$   
 $du = -2 dx$   
 $0 \rightarrow 1-2(0) = 1$   
 $-3/2 \rightarrow 1-2(-3/2) = 4$

$= -\frac{1}{2} \int_4^1 \frac{1-u}{\sqrt{u}} du = \frac{1}{2} \int_1^4 \frac{(1-u) du}{\sqrt{u}}$   
 $= \frac{1}{4} \int_1^4 (1-u) u^{-1/2} du = \frac{1}{4} \int_1^4 (u^{-1/2} - u^{1/2}) du$   
 $= \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{u^{-1/2+1}}{-1/2+1} - \frac{u^{1/2+1}}{1/2+1} \right) \Big|_1^4 = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{u^{1/2}}{1/2} - \frac{u^{3/2}}{3/2} \right) \Big|_1^4$   
 $= \frac{1}{4} \left( 2 u^{1/2} - \frac{2}{3} u^{3/2} \right) \Big|_1^4 = \frac{2}{4} \left( 4^{1/2} - \frac{1}{3} 4^{3/2} - 1^{1/2} + \frac{1}{3} 1^{3/2} \right)$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} \left( 2 - \frac{8}{3} - 1 + \frac{1}{3} \right)$

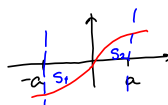
**Integrals of symmetric functions.** Suppose  $f$  is continuous on  $[-a, a]$ .

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



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

$f(-x) = -f(x)$   
 $x, x^3, x^5, \sin x, \tan x$



$\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = \text{Area}(S_1) + \text{Area}(S_2)$   
 $= 2 \text{Area}(S_2) = 2 \int_0^a f(x) dx$

$\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = \text{area}(S_2) - \text{area}(S_1) = 0$   
 $\text{area}(S_1) = \text{area}(S_2)$

(odd)(odd) = even  
 (even)(odd) = odd

**Example 3.** Evaluate the integral

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

$\sin x$  - odd  
 $x^2$  - even  
 $1+x^6$  - even

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