

Unit 4: Integration
4.7 Integration By Substitution

*used to integrate composite functions

ex.

$$\int x^2(2x^3 + 2)^3 dx$$

let $u = 2x^3 + 2$

*substitute for the inner function

then $\frac{du}{dx} = 6x^2$

*differentiate and solve for dx

$$dx = \frac{du}{6x^2}$$

*now substitute back into the integral

$$= \int x^2 \cdot u^3 \frac{du}{6x^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \int u^3 du$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{u^4}{4} \right) + c$$

$$= \frac{u^4}{24} + c$$

$$= \frac{(2x^3 + 2)^4}{24} + c$$

ex.

$$\int x^3 \sqrt{1 + x^2} dx$$

let $u = 1 + x^2$

then $\frac{du}{dx} = 2x$

$$dx = \frac{du}{2x}$$

$$= \int x^3 \sqrt{u} \frac{du}{2x}$$

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

*still need to eliminate x

since $u = 1 + x^2$

then $x^2 = u - 1$

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

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

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2}{5} u^{5/2} - \frac{2}{3} u^{3/2} \right) + c$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} (1 + x^2)^{5/2} - \frac{1}{3} (1 + x^2)^{3/2} + c$$

Extend to definite integrals as well:

ex.

$$\int_0^1 x(x^2 + 1)^3 dx$$

let $u = x^2 + 1$

also switch the values of the bounds:

then $\frac{du}{dx} = 2x$

$x = 1 \Rightarrow u = 2$

$dx = \frac{du}{2x}$

$x = 0 \Rightarrow u = 1$

$$= \int_1^2 x \cdot u^3 \frac{du}{2x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_1^2 u^3 du$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{u^4}{4} \right]_1^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(4 - \frac{1}{4} \right)$$

$$\boxed{= \frac{15}{8}}$$

ex.

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2 x \cos x dx$$

let $u = \sin x$

then $\frac{du}{dx} = \cos x$

$x = \pi/2 \Rightarrow u = 1$

$dx = \frac{du}{\cos x}$

$x = 0 \Rightarrow u = 0$

$$= \int_0^1 u^2 \cos x \frac{du}{\cos x}$$

$$= \int_0^1 u^2 du$$

$$= \left[\frac{u^3}{3} \right]_0^1$$

$$\boxed{= \frac{1}{3}}$$

Practice Questions

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