

Section 6.2: Substitution

$$\begin{aligned} u &= 4x^2 + 7 \\ \frac{du}{dx} &= 8x \end{aligned}$$

Reversing the Chain Rule

Recall that in order to find the derivative of a composite function, we can use the Chain Rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx} (f(g(x))) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x) \quad \frac{d}{dx} \underset{u}{(4x^2+7)}^8 = \underset{\text{chain rule}}{8(4x^2+7)^7} (8x)$$

In this section, we will look at reversing the Chain Rule in order to calculate an indefinite integral in which the integrand involves a Chain Rule. In other words,

$$\int [f'(g(x))] g'(x) dx = f(g(x)) + C$$

$$\begin{aligned} &8u^7 \cdot \\ &\int 64x(4x^2+7)^7 dx \\ &= (4x^2+7)^8 + C \end{aligned}$$

Example 1: Evaluate the following integral:

$$\int e^{x^3-1} \cdot 3x^2 dx = \int f(g(x)) \cdot g'(x) dx = \begin{aligned} &f(x)=e^x \\ &g(x)=x^3-1 \\ &f(g(x))+c=e^{x^3-1}+c \\ &3x^2=\frac{d}{dx}(x^3-1)=\frac{1}{3}x^2-\frac{1}{x^2} \\ &=3x^2+0=3x^2 \end{aligned}$$

General Indefinite Integral Formulas

1. $\int (f(x))^n \cdot f'(x) dx = \frac{(f(x))^{n+1}}{n+1} + C, n \neq -1$
2. $\int e^{f(x)} \cdot f'(x) dx = e^{f(x)} + C$
3. $\int \frac{1}{f(x)} \cdot f'(x) dx = \ln|f(x)| + C$

When it is not easy to recognize that the integrand is the result (or nearly the result) of the Chain Rule, the process of **substitution**, sometimes called ***u*-substitution**, can be used.

Substitution Method:

1. Select u (look for a more involved function where in the previous section we had just an x).

$$\begin{array}{l} \textcircled{1} \int \underset{u}{(\text{function})}^n \underset{du}{\cancel{dx}} \quad \textcircled{2} \int e^{\underset{u}{\text{function}}} \underset{dx}{\cancel{dx}} \quad \textcircled{3} \int \frac{1}{\underset{u}{\text{function}}} \underset{du}{\cancel{dx}} \end{array}$$

2. Take the derivative of u using the $\frac{du}{dx}$ notation.
3. Bring dx to the right hand side of the equation.
4. Bring any constant multiples to the left-hand side of the equation.
5. Substitute to replace everything involving x in the integral. You should now have a basic integral involving u 's.
6. Integrate (i.e., find the anti-derivative) your basic integral involving u 's.
7. In your result, replace all u 's with x 's. This is your answer!

Example 2: Let's use u -substitution for the integral from Example 1.

$$\begin{aligned} &\int e^{x^3-1} \cdot 3x^2 dx \stackrel{\text{case 2}}{=} \begin{aligned} &u=x^3-1 \\ &\frac{du}{dx}=3x^2 \\ &\Rightarrow du=3x^2 dx \end{aligned} \\ &= \int e^u \cdot du \\ &= e^u + C = \boxed{e^{x^3-1} + C} \\ &\text{Last} \\ &\text{6.1} \end{aligned}$$

Example 3: Evaluate the following integrals:

$$a) \int \frac{7}{u} (8x^2 + 3)^9 dx = \int 7 u^9 \cdot \frac{1}{16} du = \frac{7}{16} \cdot \int u^9 du$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Let } u = 8x^2 + 3 \quad \text{so } du = 16x dx \\ & \text{Multiply both sides by } \frac{1}{16} \text{ to get } \frac{1}{16} du = x dx \quad \text{divide by 16 for both sides} \\ & \text{Now substitute: } \int 7 u^9 \cdot \frac{1}{16} du = \frac{7}{16} \cdot \frac{1}{10} u^{10} + C \end{aligned}$$

$$b) \int \frac{12x}{3x^2 + 5} dx = \int \frac{2}{u} du = \frac{2}{16} (8x^2 + 3)^{-1} + C$$

Let $u = 3x^2 + 5$ so $du = 6x dx$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Let } 2du = 12x dx \quad \text{divide by 6} \\ & \text{Now substitute: } \int \frac{2}{u} du = 2 \ln|u| + C \\ & \text{Final answer: } 2 \ln|3x^2 + 5| + C \end{aligned}$$

$$c) \int \frac{2e^{5/x^4}}{3x^5} dx = \int e^{\frac{2}{x^4}} \cdot \frac{2}{3x^5} dx$$

Let $u = \frac{5}{x^4} = 5x^{-4}$ so $du = (-4) \cdot 5x^{-5} dx = -20x^{-5} dx$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Let } -\frac{1}{20} du = 2x^{-5} dx \\ & \text{Now substitute: } \int e^u \cdot \frac{2}{3} \int e^{\frac{2}{x^4}} \cdot x^{-5} dx = \frac{2}{3} \int e^u \left(-\frac{1}{20}\right) du \\ & = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{20}\right) \cdot \int e^u du = -\frac{1}{30} \cdot e^u + C \\ & = -\frac{1}{30} (e^u + C) \\ & = -\frac{1}{30} e^{\frac{5}{x^4}} + C \end{aligned}$$

$$-\frac{1}{n} + 1 = -\frac{1}{n} + \frac{n}{n} = \frac{6}{n} \quad (6.1) \quad \text{①}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int u^n du &= \frac{1}{n+1} \cdot u^{n+1} + C \\ n &= -\frac{1}{7} \\ &= \frac{1}{-\frac{1}{7} + 1} \cdot u^{-\frac{1}{7} + 1} + C \\ &= \frac{1}{\frac{6}{7}} \cdot u^{\frac{6}{7}} + C \\ &= \frac{7}{6} u^{\frac{6}{7}} + C \end{aligned}$$

$$d) \int \frac{8t^3}{\sqrt[7]{2-5t^4}} dt$$

Let $u = 2 - 5t^4$ so $du = -20t^3 dt$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Let } -\frac{1}{20} du = t^3 dt \\ & \text{Now substitute: } \int \frac{8t^3}{\sqrt[7]{u}} du = 8 \int \frac{1}{\sqrt[7]{u}} du = 8 \int u^{-\frac{1}{7}} du \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & = 8 \cdot \frac{1}{-\frac{1}{7} + 1} \cdot u^{-\frac{1}{7} + 1} + C \\ & = -\frac{8}{6} \cdot \int \frac{1}{u^{\frac{6}{7}}} du = -\frac{2}{3} \cdot \int u^{\frac{1}{7}} du \\ & = -\frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{1}{\frac{8}{7}} \cdot u^{\frac{8}{7}} + C \right) \\ & = -\frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{7}{8} u^{\frac{8}{7}} + C \right) = -\frac{7}{12} u^{\frac{8}{7}} + C \\ & = -\frac{7}{15} \cdot u^{\frac{6}{7}} + C = -\frac{7}{15} \cdot (2-5t^4)^{\frac{6}{7}} + C \end{aligned}$$

$$e) \int \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx$$

Let $u = \ln x$ so $du = \frac{1}{x} dx$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Let } \frac{1}{2} du = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{x} dx \\ & \text{Now substitute: } \int \frac{1}{u} \cdot \frac{1}{2} du = \frac{1}{2} \ln|u| + C \\ & \text{Final answer: } \frac{1}{2} \ln|\ln x| + C \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{f) } \int \frac{12e^{8x}}{e^{8x}-7} dx = \int \frac{\frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{u}}{u} du \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{① } \int f^n \sim dx \\ \text{② } \int e^f \sim dx \\ \text{③ } \int \frac{1}{f} \sim dx \end{array}$$

$\cancel{u=8x} \quad u = e^{8x} - 7$

$$\stackrel{(5)}{=} \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{1}{u} du \stackrel{(4)}{=} \frac{1}{4} \ln|u| + C$$

$\stackrel{6.1}{=} \frac{1}{4} \ln|e^{8x} - 7| + C$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(e^{8x}) = 8e^{8x} \quad \frac{du}{dx} = 8e^{8x}$$

$$= e^{8x} \cdot (8x)' \quad du = 8e^{8x} dx \quad \text{divides both side by 4}$$

$$= 8e^{8x} \quad \frac{1}{4} du = 2e^{8x} dx$$

$$\text{g) } \int \frac{(3x^4+6)(10x+x^5+7)^6}{u} dx = \int 3(x^4+2) \underbrace{(10x+x^5+7)^6}_u dx = \int 3 \cdot \frac{u^6}{5} du$$

$$\text{u} = 10x + x^5 + 7 \quad \boxed{\int f^n \sim dx \text{ for } n > 1}$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 10 + 5x^4 \quad (3x^4+6) = 3(x^4+2)$$

$$= 5(x^4+2)$$

$$\frac{1}{5} \int du = \frac{1}{5} (x^4+2) dx$$

$$\text{h) } \int (25+4e^{5x-7}) dx$$

$$= \int 25 dx + \int 4e^{5x-7} dx \stackrel{(5)}{=} 25x + C + 4 \int e^{5x-7} dx \stackrel{(6)}{=} 25x + \frac{4}{5} e^{5x-7} + C \stackrel{7}{=} \frac{3}{35} (10x + x^5 + 7)^7 + C$$

$$\int e^{5x-7} dx = \int e^u \cdot \frac{1}{5} du \stackrel{(5)}{=} \frac{1}{5} \int e^u du \stackrel{(3)}{=} \frac{1}{5} e^u + C$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 5 \quad du = 5 dx \Rightarrow \frac{1}{5} du = dx$$

Example 4: Find $f(x)$ if $f(2) = 0$ and $f'(x) = \frac{x^4}{x^5+1}$.

$$\int f'(x) dx = \int \frac{x^4}{x^5+1} dx = \int \frac{1}{u} \cdot \frac{1}{5} du \stackrel{(5)}{=} \frac{1}{5} \int \frac{1}{u} du \stackrel{(6)}{=} \frac{1}{5} \ln|u| + C$$

$\boxed{u = x^5 + 1}$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 5x^4$$

$$\frac{1}{5} \int du = \frac{1}{5} x^4 dx$$

$$\text{If } Y(x) = f(x) \Rightarrow Y(2) = f(2) = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{5} \cdot \ln(2^5 + 1) + C = 0 \Rightarrow C = -\frac{1}{5} \ln 33$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{5} \ln(x^5 + 1) - \frac{1}{5} \ln 33$$