

Substitution:

Recall: The chain rule gives:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f(g(x))) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x).$$

Then antiderivative of $f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$ is $f(g(x))$.

ie, $\int f'(g(x)) g'(x) dx = f(g(x)) + \text{Constant}$. ———— ①

Let's take $\boxed{u = g(x)}$ ————— ②

Then, $u' = g'(x)$, ie, $\frac{du}{dx} = g'(x)$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{du = g'(x) dx}$ ————— ③

Now, substituting ② & ③ in ① we get,

$$\int f'(g(x)) g'(x) dx = f(g(x)) + C \quad \text{as}$$

$$\int f'(u) du = f(u) + C$$

- Steps:
- ① Choose proper substitution for u .
 - ② Convert the problem in terms of u .
 - ③ Compute the integrals with respect to u .
 - ④ Return back the substitutions.

Eg (1). Compute $\int (7x+9)^8 dx$.

Let, $u = 7x+9$

$$\therefore du = 7 dx \Rightarrow dx = \frac{1}{7} du$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So, } \int u^8 \cdot \frac{1}{7} du &= \frac{1}{7} \int u^8 du \\
 &= \frac{1}{7} \cdot \frac{u^9}{9} + C \\
 &= \frac{u^9}{63} + C \\
 &= \frac{(7x+9)^9}{63} + C
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \int (7x+9)^8 dx = \frac{(7x+9)^9}{63} + C.$$

Eg (2). Compute $\int \frac{7}{7x+5} dx$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Let, } u = 7x+5 &\Rightarrow du = 7 dx \\
 &\Rightarrow dx = \frac{1}{7} du
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int \frac{7}{7x+5} dx &= \int \frac{7}{u} \cdot \frac{1}{7} du = \int \frac{du}{u} \\
 &= \ln|u| + C \\
 &= \ln|7x+5| + C
 \end{aligned}$$

Eg (3). Compute $\int \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta d\theta$

$$u = \cos \theta \Rightarrow du = -\sin \theta d\theta \Rightarrow -du = \sin \theta d\theta.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta d\theta &= \int u^2 (-du) \\
 &= -\int u^2 du \\
 &= -\frac{u^3}{3} + C \\
 &= -\frac{\cos^3 \theta}{3} + C
 \end{aligned}$$

For function $y = f(x)$,
the differential of y is
 $dy = f'(x) dx$

Substitution on Definite Integral:

Find $\int_0^1 \frac{3}{\sqrt{6x+5}} dx$

Method (1). First compute $\int \frac{3}{\sqrt{6x+5}} dx$ (without the constant)

$$\text{Let } u = 6x+5 \Rightarrow du = 6 dx \Rightarrow dx = \frac{1}{6} du$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \int \frac{3}{\sqrt{6x+5}} dx &= \int \frac{3}{\sqrt{u}} \cdot \frac{1}{6} du = \int \frac{1}{2} u^{-1/2} du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{u^{1/2}}{1/2} \\ &= u^{1/2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } \int_0^1 \frac{3}{\sqrt{6x+5}} dx &= \left[\sqrt{6x+5} \right]_{x=0}^1 = \sqrt{6x+5} \\ &= \sqrt{6(1)+5} - \sqrt{6(0)+5} \\ &= \sqrt{11} - \sqrt{5} \end{aligned}$$

Method (2). Changing Integral limits.

$$\text{Let } u = 6x+5 \Rightarrow du = 6 dx \Rightarrow dx = \frac{1}{6} du$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } \int_{x=0}^1 \frac{3}{\sqrt{6x+5}} dx &= \int_{u=5}^{11} \frac{3}{\sqrt{u}} \cdot \frac{1}{6} du = \frac{1}{2} \int_5^{11} u^{-1/2} du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{u^{1/2}}{1/2} \Big|_5^{11} = \sqrt{11} - \sqrt{5} \end{aligned}$$