

$$I = \int_0^2 \frac{6x - 5}{\sqrt{10 + (3x - 2)^2}} dx$$

**Change-of-variable theorem (definite integrals).** If  $g : [A, B] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $C^1$  and strictly monotone and  $\phi$  is integrable, then

$$\int_A^B \phi(g(x)) g'(x) dx = \int_{g(A)}^{g(B)} \phi(t) dt, \quad t = g(x), \quad dt = g'(x) dx.$$

This is the rigorous form of  $u$ -substitution for definite integrals.

**Solution linking  $u$ -sub and change of variable.** Apply the affine substitution

$$y = g(x) = 3x - 2, \quad g'(x) = 3, \quad dx = \frac{dy}{3}, \quad g(0) = -2, \quad g(2) = 4.$$

Rewrite the numerator to expose  $y$ :

$$6x - 5 = 2(3x - 2) - 1 = 2y - 1.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \frac{1}{3} \int_{-2}^4 \frac{2y - 1}{\sqrt{10 + y^2}} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \left( \int_{-2}^4 \frac{2y}{\sqrt{10 + y^2}} dy - \int_{-2}^4 \frac{1}{\sqrt{10 + y^2}} dy \right). \end{aligned}$$

*First piece* ( $u$ -sub via the theorem): with  $t = 10 + y^2$ ,  $dt = 2y dy$ ,

$$\int \frac{2y}{\sqrt{10 + y^2}} dy = \int t^{-1/2} dt = 2\sqrt{t} = 2\sqrt{10 + y^2}.$$

Evaluating on  $[-2, 4]$  and including the prefactor  $1/3$  gives

$$\frac{1}{3} \cdot 2(\sqrt{26} - \sqrt{14}) = \frac{2}{3}(\sqrt{26} - \sqrt{14}).$$

*Second piece* (standard primitive):

$$\int \frac{dy}{\sqrt{a^2 + y^2}} = \operatorname{arsinh}\left(\frac{y}{a}\right) = \ln\left(y + \sqrt{y^2 + a^2}\right) \quad (a > 0).$$

With  $a = \sqrt{10}$ ,

$$\frac{1}{3} \int_{-2}^4 \frac{dy}{\sqrt{10 + y^2}} = \frac{1}{3} \left[ \operatorname{arsinh}\left(\frac{y}{\sqrt{10}}\right) \right]_{-2}^4 = \frac{1}{3} \left( \operatorname{arsinh}\frac{4}{\sqrt{10}} + \operatorname{arsinh}\frac{2}{\sqrt{10}} \right).$$

*Combine:*

$$\boxed{I = \frac{2}{3}(\sqrt{26} - \sqrt{14}) - \frac{1}{3} \left[ \operatorname{arsinh}\frac{4}{\sqrt{10}} + \operatorname{arsinh}\frac{2}{\sqrt{10}} \right]}.$$

**Equivalent logarithmic form.** Using  $\operatorname{arsinh}(x) = \ln(x + \sqrt{1 + x^2})$ ,

$$\operatorname{arsinh}\frac{4}{\sqrt{10}} + \operatorname{arsinh}\frac{2}{\sqrt{10}} = \ln\left(\frac{4 + \sqrt{26}}{\sqrt{10}}\right) + \ln\left(\frac{2 + \sqrt{14}}{\sqrt{10}}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{(4 + \sqrt{26})(2 + \sqrt{14})}{10}\right).$$

Hence

$$I = \frac{2}{3}(\sqrt{26} - \sqrt{14}) - \frac{1}{3}\ln\left(\frac{(4 + \sqrt{26})(2 + \sqrt{14})}{10}\right).$$

**Derivative check.** Define

$$F(x) = \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{10 + (3x - 2)^2} - \frac{1}{3}\operatorname{arsinh}\frac{3x - 2}{\sqrt{10}}.$$

Then

$$F'(x) = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{(3x - 2) \cdot 3}{\sqrt{10 + (3x - 2)^2}} - \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{\sqrt{10}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{(3x-2)^2}{10}}} = \frac{6x - 5}{\sqrt{10 + (3x - 2)^2}}.$$