

Calculus I

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

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Example (Substitution Rule, more factors)

Evaluate $\int 3x^5 \sqrt{1+x^3} dx = \int 3x^2 x^3 \sqrt{1+x^3} dx.$

Let $u = 1 + x^3.$

Then $du = 3x^2 dx.$

$x^3 = u - 1.$

$$\begin{aligned} \int 3x^2 x^3 \sqrt{1+x^3} dx &= \int (u-1) \sqrt{u} du \\ &= \int \left(u^{\frac{3}{2}} - u^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) du \\ &= \left(\frac{u^{\frac{5}{2}}}{\frac{5}{2}} - \frac{u^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\frac{3}{2}} \right) + C \\ &= \frac{2}{5} (1+x^3)^{\frac{5}{2}} - \frac{2}{3} (1+x^3)^{\frac{3}{2}} + C. \end{aligned}$$