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# Substitution Method (For integrals)

## (§4.6)

Last Class:  $\int x \sin(x^2) dx$   
 $x$  is kind of the derivative of  $x^2$ .

If you notice one part of your function as the derivative of another part then a good guess for  $u$  is the other part.

$$\text{Let } u = x^2. \quad \frac{du}{dx} = 2x.$$

$$du = 2x dx.$$

$$\frac{1}{2} du = x dx.$$

$$\int \sin(x^2) x dx.$$

$$= \int \sin(u) \frac{1}{2} du = \frac{1}{2} \int \sin(u) du.$$

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$$= -\frac{1}{2} \cos(u) + C.$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \cos(x^2) + C.$$

Example:  $\int \frac{x}{\sqrt{2x^2+3}} dx.$

Clicker Q: Let  $u = ?$

- A)  $u = x^2$
- $\rightarrow$  B)  $u = 2x^2 + 3$
- C)  $u = \sqrt{2x^2 + 3}$
- D) No idea / none of the above.

Let  $u = 2x^2 + 3.$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 4x.$$

$$\frac{1}{4} du = x dx.$$

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{2x^2+3}} \underbrace{x dx}_{u.} = \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} du.$$

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$$= \frac{1}{4} \int u^{-1/2} du.$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \cdot 2u^{1/2} + C.$$

$$\left( \begin{aligned} \int u^{-1/2} du &= \frac{1}{1/2} u^{1/2}. \\ \int u^n du &= \frac{1}{n+1} u^{n+1} \end{aligned} \right)$$

↑ inverse power rule.

$$= \frac{1}{4} 2(2x^2+3)^{1/2} + C.$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2x^2+3} + C.$$

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## Definite Integrals with Substitution.

$$\int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} \sin^2 x \cos x \, dx.$$

There are two ways we can go.

- One!
- find indefinite integral
  - then do definite integral.

$$\int \sin^2 x \cos x \, dx \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u = \sin^2 x \\ u = \sin x \\ u = \cos x. \end{array} \right.$$

$$u = \sin^2 x$$

$$\bullet \frac{du}{dx} = 2 \sin x \cos x \dots \dots \dots$$

$$u = \cos x$$

$$\bullet \frac{du}{dx} = -\sin x \dots \dots \dots$$

$$\bullet u = \sin x. \quad \frac{du}{dx} = \cos x.$$

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$$u = \sin x$$
$$du = \cos x dx$$

$$\int \underbrace{\sin^2 x}_{u^2} \underbrace{\cos x dx}_{du}$$

$$= \int u^2 du$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} u^3 + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \sin^3 x + C = F(x)$$

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

$$\stackrel{\pi}{\pi/2} = F(\pi) - F(\pi/2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} [\sin(\pi)]^3 - \frac{1}{3} [\sin(\frac{\pi}{2})]^3$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} 0^3 - \frac{1}{3} \cdot 1^3$$

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

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The other way. Change the limits of integration.

$$\int_{x=\pi/2}^{x=\pi} \underbrace{\sin^2 x}_{u^2} \underbrace{\cos x}_{du} dx. \quad \text{let } u = \sin x \\ du = \cos x dx.$$

when  $x = \pi/2$ ,  $u = \sin(\pi/2) = 1$   
 $u = 1$ .

when  $x = \pi$ ,  $u = \sin(\pi) = 0$ .  
 $u = 0$ .

$$\int_{u=1}^{u=0} u^2 du = \frac{1}{3} u^3 \Big|_{u=1}^{u=0}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} 0^3 - \frac{1}{3} 1^3$$

$$= -1/3.$$

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Example!  $\int_1^2 \frac{\ln x}{x} dx$  . Next Class .