

Integration by Substitution ... Set 1

Integration by Substitution

In problems 1 through 8, find the indicated integral.

1. $\int (2x + 6)^5 dx$

Solution. Substituting $u = 2x + 6$ and $\frac{1}{2}du = dx$, you get

$$\int (2x + 6)^5 dx = \frac{1}{2} \int u^5 du = \frac{1}{12} u^6 + C = \frac{1}{12} (2x + 6)^6 + C.$$

2. $\int [(x - 1)^5 + 3(x - 1)^2 + 5] dx$

Solution. Substituting $u = x - 1$ and $du = dx$, you get

$$\begin{aligned} \int [(x - 1)^5 + 3(x - 1)^2 + 5] dx &= \int (u^5 + 3u^2 + 5) du = \\ &= \frac{1}{6} u^6 + u^3 + 5u + C = \\ &= \frac{1}{6} (x - 1)^6 + (x - 1)^3 + 5(x - 1) + C. \end{aligned}$$

Since, for a constant C , $C - 5$ is again a constant, you can write

$$\int [(x - 1)^5 + 3(x - 1)^2 + 5] dx = \frac{1}{6} (x - 1)^6 + (x - 1)^3 + 5x + C.$$

3. $\int x e^{x^2} dx$

Solution. Substituting $u = x^2$ and $\frac{1}{2}du = x dx$, you get

$$\int x e^{x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int e^u du = \frac{1}{2} e^u + C = \frac{1}{2} e^{x^2} + C.$$

4. $\int x^5 e^{1-x^6} dx$

Solution. Substituting $u = 1 - x^6$ and $-\frac{1}{6}du = x^5 dx$, you get

$$\int x^5 e^{1-x^6} dx = -\frac{1}{6} \int e^u du = -\frac{1}{6} e^u + C = -\frac{1}{6} e^{1-x^6} + C.$$

5. $\int \frac{2x^4}{x^5+1} dx$

Solution. Substituting $u = x^5 + 1$ and $\frac{2}{5}du = 2x^4 dx$, you get

$$\int \frac{2x^4}{x^5+1} dx = \frac{2}{5} \int \frac{1}{u} du = \frac{2}{5} \ln |u| + C = \frac{2}{5} \ln |x^5 + 1| + C.$$

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6. $\int \frac{10x^3 - 5x}{\sqrt{x^4 - x^2 + 6}} dx$

Solution. Substituting $u = x^4 - x^2 + 6$ and $\frac{5}{2} du = (10x^3 - 5x) dx$, you get

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{10x^3 - 5x}{\sqrt{x^4 - x^2 + 6}} dx &= \frac{5}{2} \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} du = \frac{5}{2} \int u^{-\frac{1}{2}} du = \frac{5}{2} \cdot 2u^{\frac{1}{2}} + C = \\ &= 5\sqrt{x^4 - x^2 + 6} + C. \end{aligned}$$

7. $\int \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx$

Solution. Substituting $u = \ln x$ and $du = \frac{1}{x} dx$, you get

$$\int \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx = \int \frac{1}{u} du = \ln |u| + C = \ln |\ln x| + C.$$

8. $\int \frac{\ln x^2}{x} dx$

Solution. Substituting $u = \ln x$ and $du = \frac{1}{x} dx$, you get

$$\int \frac{\ln x^2}{x} dx = \int \frac{2 \ln x}{x} dx = 2 \int u du = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} u^2 + C = (\ln x)^2 + C.$$

9. Use an appropriate change of variables to find the integral

$$\int (x+1)(x-2)^9 dx.$$

Solution. Substituting $u = x - 2$, $u + 3 = x + 1$ and $du = dx$, you get

$$\begin{aligned} \int (x+1)(x-2)^9 dx &= \int (u+3)u^9 du = \int (u^{10} + 3u^9) du = \\ &= \frac{1}{11} u^{11} + \frac{3}{10} u^{10} + C = \\ &= \frac{1}{11} (x-2)^{11} + \frac{3}{10} (x-2)^{10} + C. \end{aligned}$$

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10. Use an appropriate change of variables to find the integral

$$\int (2x + 3)\sqrt{2x - 1} dx.$$

Solution. Substituting $u = 2x - 1$, $u + 4 = 2x + 3$ and $\frac{1}{2}du = dx$, you get

$$\begin{aligned}\int (2x + 3)\sqrt{2x - 1} dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int (u + 4)\sqrt{u} du = \frac{1}{2} \int u^{\frac{3}{2}} du + 2 \int u^{\frac{1}{2}} du = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{5} u^{\frac{5}{2}} + 2 \cdot \frac{2}{3} u^{\frac{3}{2}} + C = \frac{1}{5} u^{\frac{5}{2}} + \frac{4}{3} u^{\frac{3}{2}} + C = \\ &= \frac{1}{5} (2x - 1)^{\frac{5}{2}} + \frac{4}{3} (2x - 1)^{\frac{3}{2}} + C = \\ &= \frac{1}{5} (2x - 1)^2 \sqrt{2x - 1} + \frac{4}{3} (2x - 1) \sqrt{2x - 1} + C = \\ &= (2x - 1) \sqrt{2x - 1} \left(\frac{2}{5} x - \frac{1}{5} + \frac{4}{3} \right) + C = \\ &= \left(\frac{2}{5} x + \frac{17}{25} \right) (2x - 1) \sqrt{2x - 1} + C.\end{aligned}$$