

**Section 6.2: Substitution**

$$u = 4x^2 + 7$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 8x$$

**Reversing the Chain Rule**

Recall that in order to find the derivative of a composite function, we can use the Chain Rule:

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

$$\frac{d}{dx} \underbrace{(4x^2+7)}_u^8 = 8 \underbrace{(4x^2+7)}_u^7 \cdot \underbrace{(8x)}_{\text{chain rule}}$$

In this section, we will look at reversing the Chain Rule in order to calculate an indefinite integral in which the integrand involves a Chain Rule. In other words,

$$\int \boxed{f'(g(x))} \cdot \boxed{g'(x)} dx = f(g(x)) + C$$

**Example 1:** Evaluate the following integral:

$$\int e^{x^3-1} \cdot 3x^2 dx = \int f(g(x)) \cdot g'(x) dx$$

$f(x) = e^x$   
 $g(x) = x^3 - 1$

$$= f(g(x)) + C = e^{x^3-1} + C$$

$$3x^2 = \frac{d}{dx}(x^3-1) = \frac{d}{dx}x^3 - \frac{d}{dx}1$$

$$= 3x^2 + 0 = 3x^2$$

$$8u^7 \cdot 8x$$

$$= 64x(4x^2+7)^7$$

$$\int 64x(4x^2+7)^7 dx$$

$$= (4x^2+7)^8 + C$$

**General Indefinite Integral Formulas**

1.  $\int (f(x))^n \cdot f'(x) dx = \frac{(f(x))^{n+1}}{n+1} + C, n \neq -1$
2.  $\int e^{f(x)} \cdot f'(x) dx = e^{f(x)} + C$   
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3.  $\int \frac{1}{f(x)} \cdot f'(x) dx = \ln|f(x)| + C$

When it is not easy to recognize that the integrand is the result (or nearly the result) of the Chain Rule, the process of **substitution**, sometimes called **u-substitution**, can be used.

**Substitution Method:**

1. Select  $u$  (look for a more involved function where in the previous section we had just an  $x$ ).

$$\textcircled{1} \int \underbrace{(\text{function})^n}_u \cdot \underbrace{\quad}_{du} dx \quad \textcircled{2} \int e^{\frac{\text{function}}{u}} \cdot \underbrace{\quad}_{du} dx \quad \textcircled{3} \int \frac{1}{\underbrace{\text{function}}_u} \cdot \underbrace{\quad}_{du} dx$$

2. Take the derivative of  $u$  using the  $\frac{du}{dx}$  notation.
3. Bring  $dx$  to the right hand side of the equation.
4. Bring any constant multiples to the left-hand side of the equation.
5. Substitute to replace everything involving  $x$  in the integral. You should now have a basic integral involving  $u$ 's.
6. Integrate (i.e., find the anti-derivative) your basic integral involving  $u$ 's.
7. In your result, replace all  $u$ 's with  $x$ 's. This is your answer!

$$u = \text{function} \quad \left( \frac{du}{dx} = \text{function}' \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow du = \text{function}' \cdot dx$$

**Example 2:** Let's use  $u$ -substitution for the integral from Example 1.

$$\int e^{x^3-1} \cdot 3x^2 dx$$

*Case 2*

$$u = x^3 - 1$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 3x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow du = 3x^2 dx$$

$$= \int e^u \cdot du$$

$$= e^u + C = \boxed{e^{x^3-1} + C}$$

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**Example 3:** Evaluate the following integrals:

a)  $\int (8x^2+3)^9 dx = \int \underbrace{7}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ 7(8x^2+3)^9}} \underbrace{u^9}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ u}} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{16}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \frac{1}{16} du}} du = \frac{7}{16} \int u^9 du$

diff  $u = 8x^2 + 3$   
 multiply dx both side  $\frac{du}{dx} = 2 \cdot 8 \cdot x + 0 = 16x$   
 $du = 16x dx$   
 $\frac{1}{16} du = x dx$  (divides by 16 for both side)  
 $= \frac{7}{16} \cdot \frac{1}{9+1} u^{10} + C$   
 $= \frac{7}{160} u^{10} + C$   
 $= \frac{7}{160} (8x^2+3)^{10} + C$

b)  $\int \frac{12x}{3x^2+5} dx = \int \frac{2}{u} du = \frac{2}{1} \int \frac{1}{u} du = 2(\ln|u|) + C$

diff  $u = \text{denominator} = 3x^2 + 5$   
 $\frac{du}{dx} = 6x$   
 $du = 6x dx$   
 $2 du = 2 \cdot 6x dx = 12x dx$   
 $= 2 \ln|u| + C$   
 $= 2 \ln|3x^2+5| + C$

c)  $\int \frac{2e^{5/x^4}}{3x^5} dx = \int e^{\frac{5}{x^4}} \cdot \frac{2}{3x^5} dx$   
 $u = \frac{5}{x^4} = 5 \cdot x^{-4}$   
 $\frac{du}{dx} = (-4) \cdot 5 \cdot x^{-4-1} = -20 \cdot x^{-5}$   
 $du = -20x^{-5} dx$   
 $-\frac{1}{20} du = x^{-5} dx$

$\int u^n du \quad n \neq -1$   
 $= \frac{1}{n+1} \cdot u^{n+1} + C$   
 $n = -\frac{1}{7}$   
 $= \frac{1}{-\frac{1}{7}+1} \cdot u^{-\frac{1}{7}+1} + C$   
 $= \frac{1}{\frac{6}{7}} \cdot u^{\frac{6}{7}} + C$   
 $= \frac{7}{6} u^{\frac{6}{7}} + C$   
 $= \frac{7}{6} (5/x^4)^{\frac{6}{7}} + C$

$-\frac{1}{7} + 1 = -\frac{1}{7} + \frac{7}{7} = \frac{6}{7}$   
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$\int e^u \cdot \frac{1}{f} dx = \int e^u \cdot \frac{1}{f} \cdot \frac{du}{f' dx}$   
 $= \frac{1}{f'} \int e^u du = \frac{1}{f'} (e^u + C)$   
 $= \frac{1}{-20} (e^u + C)$   
 $= -\frac{1}{20} e^{\frac{5}{x^4}} + C$

d)  $\int \frac{8t^3}{\sqrt{2-5t^4}} dt$

diff  $u = 2 - 5t^4$   
 $\frac{du}{dt} = -5 \cdot 4 t^3 = -20t^3$   
 $du = -20 \cdot t^3 dt$   
 $-\frac{1}{20} du = t^3 dt$   
 $\int \frac{8t^3}{\sqrt{2-5t^4}} dt = 8 \int \frac{t^3}{\sqrt{2-5t^4}} dt = 8 \int \frac{-\frac{1}{20} du}{\sqrt{u}}$   
 $= -\frac{8}{20} \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} du = -\frac{2}{5} \int u^{-\frac{1}{2}} du$   
 $= -\frac{2}{5} \left( \frac{1}{-\frac{1}{2}+1} \cdot u^{-\frac{1}{2}+1} + C \right)$   
 $= -\frac{2}{5} \left( \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot u^{\frac{1}{2}} + C \right) = -\frac{2}{5} \left( \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot u^{\frac{1}{2}} + C \right)$   
 $= -\frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot u^{\frac{1}{2}} + C = -\frac{4}{5} \cdot u^{\frac{1}{2}} + C$   
 $= -\frac{4}{5} \cdot (2-5t^4)^{\frac{1}{2}} + C$

e)  $\int \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx$

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

①  $\int f^n \sim dx$     ②  $\int e^f \sim dx$

f)  $\int \frac{2e^{8x}}{e^{8x}-7} dx = \int \frac{(\frac{1}{4}) \cdot \frac{1}{4} du}{u} du$     ③  $\int \frac{1}{f} dx$

$u = e^{8x} - 7$      $\frac{1}{4} \int \frac{1}{u} du = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \ln|u| + C$

$\frac{d(e^{8x})}{dx} = e^{8x} \cdot (8x)' = 8e^{8x}$

$\frac{du}{dx} = 8e^{8x}$

$\frac{1}{4} du = 2e^{8x} dx$     divides both side by 4

$= \frac{1}{4} \ln|e^{8x}-7| + C$

g)  $\int (3x^4+6)(10x+x^5+7)^6 dx = \int 3(x^4+2)(10x+x^5+7)^6 dx = \int 3 \frac{u^6}{5} du$

$u = 10x + x^5 + 7$      $\int f^n \sim dx$  formula

$\frac{du}{dx} = 10 + 5x^4 \sim (3x^4+6) = 3(x^4+2)$

$= 5(x^4+2)$

$\frac{1}{5} du = (x^4+2) dx$

$= \frac{3}{5} \int u^6 du$

$= \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{6+1} u^{6+1} + C$

$= \frac{3}{35} u^7 + C$

h)  $\int (25 + 4e^{5x-7}) dx = \int 25 dx + \int 4e^{5x-7} dx = 25x + C + 4 \int e^{5x-7} dx = 25x + \frac{4}{5} e^{5x-7} + C = \frac{3}{35} (10x+x^5+7)^7 + C$

$\int e^{5x-7} dx = \int e^u \cdot \frac{1}{5} du = \frac{1}{5} \int e^u du = \frac{1}{5} \cdot e^u + C = \frac{1}{5} \cdot e^{5x-7} + C$

$u = 5x-7$      $\frac{du}{dx} = 5$      $du = 5 dx \Rightarrow \frac{1}{5} du = dx$

Example 4: Find  $f(x)$  if  $f(2) = 0$  and  $f'(x) = \frac{x^4}{x^5+1}$ .

$\int f'(x) dx = \int \frac{x^4}{x^5+1} dx = \int \frac{1}{u} \cdot \frac{1}{5} du = \frac{1}{5} \int \frac{1}{u} du$

$u = x^5 + 1$      $\frac{du}{dx} = 5x^4$      $du = 5x^4 dx$      $\frac{1}{5} du = x^4 dx$

$Y(x) = \frac{1}{5} \ln|u| + C = \frac{1}{5} \ln(x^5+1) + C$

If  $Y(x) = f(x)$      $\Rightarrow Y(2) = f(2) = 0$

$\frac{1}{5} \ln(2^5+1) + C = 0$      $C = -\frac{1}{5} \ln 33$

$f(x) = \frac{1}{5} \ln(x^5+1) - \frac{1}{5} \ln 33$