

Lecture 8 (2/4/2019)

* Integral by substitution:

• Indefinite integral:

$$\int g(u(x)) u'(x) dx = \int g(u) du$$

• Definite integral:

$$\int_a^b g(u(x)) u'(x) dx = \int_{u(a)}^{u(b)} g(u) du$$

In practice, the substitution rule for indefinite integral and definite integral work the same way, except that one must update the limits of integral after changing dx to du .

Ex:
$$\int_{-1}^2 \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} dx$$

• Change of variable: $u = 1+x^2$

• $du = u' dx = 2x dx$

• $f(x) dx = \frac{x}{\sqrt{u}} dx = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} du$

• Integrate both sides:

$$\int_{-1}^2 f(x) dx = \int_{\substack{2 \\ 5}}^{\substack{5 \\ 2}} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} du = \frac{1}{2} 2\sqrt{u} \Big|_2^5 = \sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2}$$

x	-1	2
u	2	5

Ex:
$$\int_0^{\pi/4} \tan x dx = \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} dx$$

• Change of variables: $u = \cos x$

• $du = -\sin x dx$

• $f(x) dx = \frac{\sin x}{u} dx = -\frac{du}{u}$

• Integrate:

$$\int_0^{\pi/4} f(x) dx = \int_1^{\sqrt{2}/2} -\frac{du}{u} = -\ln|u| \Big|_1^{\sqrt{2}/2} = \ln\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$$

x	0	$\pi/4$
u	1	$\sqrt{2}/2$

* Integration of trigonometric functions:

Ex: How to compute $\int \sin^2 x \, dx$?

Half-angle formula : $\sin^2 x = \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2}$

$$\int \sin^2 x \, dx = \int \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2} \, dx$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{2} \, dx - \int \frac{\cos 2x}{2} \, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{\sin 2x}{4} + C$$

↑ the constant is added
at the last step (when
all integral signs are
removed).

Ex: $\int \sin^3 x \, dx = ?$

One can rewrite the integral as $\int \sin^2 x \underbrace{\sin x \, dx}_{\text{a hint to choose subs. } u = \cos x}$

- $u = \cos x$

- $du = -\sin x \, dx$

- $f(x) \, dx = \sin^2 x (-du) = -\sin^2 x \, du = -(1 - \cos^2 x) \, du$
 $= -(1 - u^2) \, du$
 $= (u^2 - 1) \, du$

- Integrate: $\int f(x) \, dx = \int (u^2 - 1) \, du = \frac{u^3}{3} - u + C$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \cos^3 x - \cos x + C$$

In general,

$$\int \sin^m x \cos^n x dx$$

If one of m or n is odd, use change of variable
 $u = \cos x$ or $u = \sin x$.

If both m and n are even, use the half-angle formula to reduce the power.

Ex: $\int \sin^2 x \cos x dx$ $u = \sin x$

$$\int \sin^2 x \cos^2 x dx \text{ reduce power: } \sin^2 x = \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2}$$
$$\cos^2 x = \frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2}$$

One gets $\int \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2} \frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2} dx$

$$= \int \frac{1 - \cos^2 2x}{4} dx$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{4} dx - \frac{1}{4} \int \cos^2 2x dx \quad (*)$$

Reduce power one more time:

$$\cos^2 2x = \frac{1 + \cos 4x}{2}$$

$$\int \cos^2 2x = \int \frac{1 + \cos 4x}{2} dx = \frac{x + \frac{\sin 4x}{4}}{2} + C$$

Plug back to (*):

$$\int \sin^2 x \cos^2 x dx = \frac{1}{4} x - \frac{1}{4} \frac{x + \frac{\sin 4x}{4}}{2} + C$$

Ex: $\int \sin 2x \cos x dx$

Recall trig-identities:

$$\sin a \cos b = \frac{1}{2} \sin(a+b) - \frac{1}{2} \sin(a-b)$$

$$\cos a \cos b = \frac{1}{2} \cos(a-b) + \frac{1}{2} \cos(a+b)$$

$$\sin a \sin b = \frac{1}{2} \cos(a-b) - \frac{1}{2} \cos(a+b)$$

Then $\sin 2x \cos x = \frac{1}{2} \sin 3x - \frac{1}{2} \sin x$.

Thus,
$$\begin{aligned} \int \sin 2x \cos x \, dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int \sin 3x \, dx - \frac{1}{2} \int \sin x \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{\cos 3x}{3} \right) - \frac{1}{2} (-\cos x) + C \\ &= -\frac{\cos 3x}{6} + \frac{\cos x}{2} + C \end{aligned}$$