

Subject for this video:

Introduction to Integration by Substitution

Reading:

- **General:** Section 5.2 Integration by Substitution
- **More Specifically:** Page 335 - 343, but no exact match of Examples

Homework: H74: Basic Substitution Integrals: No Multiplicative Constant after Substitution
(5.2#11,15,17,19,67)

Remember that the *Chain Rule for Derivatives* is used for taking the *derivative* of *nested functions*:

$$\text{Chain Rule for Derivatives: } \frac{d}{dx} \text{outer}(\text{inner}(x)) = \text{outer}'(\text{inner}(x)) \cdot \text{inner}'(x)$$

The goal now is to find the *general antiderivative* of a function $f(x)$ that involves a *nested function*. That is, we wish to find the *indefinite integral*

$$\int f(x) dx$$

where the integrand $f(x)$ involves a nested function.

This is not always possible. But sometimes it is, using a method called the *Substitution Method*.

The Substitution Method for finding the *indefinite integral*

$$F(x) = \int f(x) dx$$

where the integrand $f(x)$ involves a *nested function*.

Step 1 Identify the inner function and call it u . Write the equation $inner(x) = u$ to introduce the single letter u to represent the inner function. Circle the equation.

Step 2 Build the equation $dx = \frac{1}{u'} du$. To do this, first find u' , then use it to build equation

$dx = \frac{1}{u'} du$. Circle the equation.

Step 3 Substitute, Cancel, Simplify. In steps (1) and (2) you have two circled equations.

Substitute these into the integrand of your indefinite integral. Cancel as much as possible and simplify by using the *Constant Multiple Rule*. The result should be a new basic integral involving just the variable u .

Step 4 Integrate. Find the new indefinite integral by using the indefinite integral rules. The result should be a function involving just the variable u (with constant of integration $+C$).

Step 5 Substitute Back. Substitute $u = inner(x)$ into your function from Step (4) The result will be a new function of just the variable x . (Be sure to include the constant of integration $+C$ in your result.) This is the $F(x)$ that we seek.

Note that the result of **Step 3** should be a new indefinite integral with an integrand that is a function involving the variable u . There are three important things to check at the end of **Step 3**:

- There should be no x in the new indefinite integral. It should involve only u .
- The new indefinite integral should *not* involve a *nested function*, and it should be a *basic integral* that can be integrated using our indefinite integral rules.
- If the above two items are not satisfied, then either you made a mistake, or the original integral might be one for which the Substitution Method cannot be used.

[Example 1] Find the indefinite integrals

(A) $\int 6x^5(x^6 + 1)^4 dx$ integrand $f(x) = 6x^5(x^6 + 1)^4$

Step 1 Identify the inner function and call it u.

$$x^6 + 1 = u$$

Step 2 Build the equation $dx = \frac{1}{u'} du$

First get u' $u = x^6 + 1$

so $u' = \frac{du}{dx} = 6x^5$

Now Build equation

$$dx = \frac{1}{6x^5} du$$

Step 3 Substitute, cancel, Simplify

$$\int 6x^5 (x^6 + 1)^4 dx = \int 6x^5 (u)^4 \left(\frac{1}{6x^5} du \right) = \int u^4 du$$

\uparrow substitute \uparrow cancel

(no simplifying needs to be done)

Step 4 Integrate

$$\int u^4 du = \frac{u^{4+1}}{4+1} + C = \frac{u^5}{5} + C$$

Step 5 Substitute back $\frac{u^5}{5} + C = \frac{(x^6 + 1)^5}{5} + C = F(x)$ the general antiderivative

Conclusion $\int 6x^5(x^6 + 1)^4 dx = \frac{(x^6 + 1)^5}{5} + C$

$$(B) \int \sqrt{1+x^4} (4x^3) dx$$

The integrand is typeset in a misleading way. (The book uses this weird typesetting)
Start by rewriting the integrand in a more helpful way.

$$\text{Integrand} = f(x) = \sqrt{1+x^4} (4x^3) = (1+x^4)^{1/2} \cdot 4x^3$$

$$\int (1+x^4)^{1/2} 4x^3 dx$$

Step 1 Identify the inner function and call it u .

$$1+x^4 = u$$

Step 2 Build the equation $dx = \frac{1}{u'} du$

get u'

$$u = 1+x^4$$

$$u' = \frac{du}{dx} = 4x^3$$

build equation $dx = \frac{1}{4x^3} du$

Step 3 Substitute, Cancel, Simplify

$$\int (1+x^4)^{1/2} \cdot 4x^3 dx = \int (u)^{1/2} \cdot \cancel{4x^3} \cdot \frac{1}{\cancel{4x^3}} du = \int u^{1/2} du$$

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Substitute

↑
cancel

no further
Simplifying
needed

Step 4 Integrate

$$\int u^{1/2} du = \frac{u^{\frac{1}{2}+1}}{\frac{1}{2}+1} + C = \frac{u^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\frac{3}{2}} + C = \frac{2u^{3/2}}{3} + C$$

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power rule

Step 5 Substitute back

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

$$(C) \int \frac{(\ln(x))^{13}}{x} dx = \int (\ln(x))^{13} \cdot \frac{1}{x} dx$$

Step 1 Identify the inner function and call it u

$$\ln(x) = u$$

Step 2 Build the equation $dx = \frac{1}{u'} du$

Find u' : $u = \ln(x)$

$$u' = \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{d \ln(x)}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}$$

Build the equation $dx = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x}} du$

$$dx = x du$$

Step 3 Substitute, Cancel, Simplify

$$\int (\ln(x))^{13} \cdot \frac{1}{x} dx = \int (u)^{13} \cdot \frac{1}{x} x du = \int u^{13} du$$

Substitute \uparrow \uparrow cancel \uparrow

no further simplification needed

Step 4 Integrate

$$\int u^{13} du = \frac{u^{13+1}}{13+1} + C = \frac{u^{14}}{14} + C$$

Step 5 Substitute back

$$\int \frac{(\ln(x))^{13}}{x} dx = \frac{(\ln(x))^{14}}{14} + C$$

$$(D) \int \frac{1}{5x-7} (5) dx = \int \frac{1}{(5x-7)} \cdot 5 dx$$

Step 1 Identify the inner function and call it u

$$5x-7 = u$$

Step 2 Build the equation $dx = \frac{1}{u'} du$

First find u'

$$u = 5x-7$$

$$u' = \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{d(5x-7)}{dx} = 5$$

Build the equation

$$dx = \frac{1}{5} du$$

Step 3 Substitute, Cancel, Simplify

$$\int \frac{1}{(5x-7)} \cdot 5 dx = \int \frac{1}{u} \cdot 5 \cdot \frac{1}{5} du = \int \frac{1}{u} du$$

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Substitute
↑
Cancel

no further simplification needed

Step 4 Integrate

$$\int \frac{1}{u} du = \ln(|u|) + C$$

Step 5 Substitute Back

$$\int \frac{1}{5x-7} \cdot 5 dx = \ln(|5x-7|) + C$$

$$(E) \int e^{(x^3)} (3x^2) dx = \int e^{(x^3)} \cdot 3x^2 dx$$

Step 1 Identify the Inner Function and call it u

$$x^3 = u$$

Step 2 Build the equation $dx = \frac{1}{u'} du$

First find $u' = \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} x^3 = 3x^2$

Use u' to build the equation

$$dx = \frac{1}{3x^2} du$$

Step 3 Substitute, Cancel, Simplify

$$\int e^{(x^3)} \cdot 3x^2 dx = \int e^{(u)} \cdot 3x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{3x^2} du = \int e^{(u)} du$$

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Substitute
cancel

no further
simplifying
needed.

Step 4 Integrate

$$\int e^{(u)} du = e^{(u)} + C$$

Step 5 Substitute Back

$$\int e^{(x^3)} \cdot 3x^2 dx = e^{(x^3)} + C$$