

§5-5 The Substitution Rules

* Two systematic methods to do integration :

1. The substitution rule (積分) \Leftrightarrow The Chain rule (微分).
2. Integration by parts (積分) \Leftrightarrow The Product rule (微分).

Example 1 : $\int 2x\sqrt{1+x^2} dx = ?$

*** Key** : Just like doing differentiation by chain rule, we first need to identify u .

Solution :

Let $u = 1 + x^2$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{du}{dx} = 2x \\ du = 2xdx \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \int 2x\sqrt{1+x^2} dx = \int \sqrt{u} du = \frac{2}{3}u^{\frac{3}{2}} + C = \frac{2}{3}(1+x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}.$$

Example 2 : $\int \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-4x^2}} dx = ?$

Solution :

Let $u = 1 - 4x^2$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{du}{dx} = -8x \\ -\frac{1}{8} du = xdx \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{8} \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} du = -\frac{1}{8} \int u^{-\frac{1}{2}} du = -\frac{1}{4} u^{\frac{1}{2}} + C = -\frac{1}{4}(1-4x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} + C.$$

*** Summary** :

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

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ u & & du \end{array}$$

Example 3 : $\int x^3 \cos(x^4 + 2) dx = ?$

Solution :

Let $u = x^4 + 2$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{du}{dx} = 4x^3 \\ \frac{1}{4} du = x^3 dx \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} \int \cos u du = \frac{1}{4} \sin u + C = \frac{1}{4} \sin(x^4 + 2) + C.$$

Example 4 : $\int \frac{x}{\sqrt{x-1}} dx = ?$

Solution :

Let $u = x - 1 \Rightarrow x = u + 1$

$$du = dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{(u+1)}{\sqrt{u}} dx = \int \left(u^{\frac{1}{2}} + u^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) du = \frac{2}{3} (x-1)^{\frac{3}{2}} + 2(x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}} + C.$$

Example 5 : $\int \tan x dx = \int \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} dx = ?$

Solution :

Let $u = \cos x$

$$du = -\sin x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow -\int \frac{du}{u} = -\ln |u| + C = -\ln |\cos x| + C = -\ln |\sec x| + C.$$

Example 6 : $\int_1^e \frac{\ln x}{x} dx = ?$

Solution :

Let $u = \ln x$

$$du = \frac{1}{x} dx \Rightarrow \int_0^1 u du = \frac{u^2}{2} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Example 7 : $\int_0^4 \sqrt{2x+1} dx = ?$

Solution :

Let $u = 2x+1$

$$du = 2dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \int_1^9 u^{\frac{1}{2}} du = \frac{1}{3} u^{\frac{3}{2}} \Big|_1^9 = 9 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{26}{3}.$$

Example 8 : $\int \sec^3 x \times \tan x dx = ?$

Solution :

Let $u = \sec x$

$$du = \sec x \times \tan x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \sec^2 x \times (\sec x \times \tan x) dx = \int u^2 du = \frac{u^3}{3} + C = \frac{\sec^3 x}{3} + C.$$

Example 9 : $\int \frac{x}{\sqrt[4]{x+2}} dx = ?$

Solution :

Let $u = x + 2$

$$du = dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{u-2}{u^{\frac{1}{4}}} du = \int u^{\frac{3}{4}} - 2u^{-\frac{1}{4}} du = \frac{4}{7}(x+2)^{\frac{7}{4}} - \frac{8}{3}(x+2)^{\frac{3}{4}} + C$$

Example 10 : $\int_0^4 f(x) dx = 10$, find $\int_0^2 f(2x) dx = ?$

Solution :

Let $u = 2x$

$$du = 2dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^2 f(2x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^4 f(u) du = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^4 f(x) dx = 5.$$

Example 11 : Prove that $\int_0^\pi xf(\sin x) dx = \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^\pi f(\sin x) dx$

(Hint : $u = \pi - x$.)

Solution :

Let $u = \pi - x$

$$du = -dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^\pi xf(\sin x) dx = -\int_\pi^0 (\pi - u)f(\sin(\pi - u))du$$

$$= \int_0^\pi (\pi - u)f(\sin u)du$$

$$= \pi \int_0^\pi f(\sin u)du - \int_0^\pi uf(\sin u)du$$

$$= \pi \int_0^\pi f(\sin u)du - \int_0^\pi xf(\sin x)dx$$

That is, $\int_0^\pi xf(\sin x)dx = \pi \int_0^\pi f(\sin x)dx - \int_0^\pi xf(\sin x)dx$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^\pi xf(\sin x)dx = \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^\pi f(\sin x)dx.$$

Example 12 : Use example 11 to evaluate $\int_0^\pi \frac{x \sin x}{1 + \cos^2 x} dx = ?$

$$\left(\int_0^\pi xf(\sin x)dx = \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^\pi f(\sin x)dx \right)$$

Solution :

$$\text{Let } f(y) = \frac{y}{2 - y^2} \Rightarrow f(\sin x) = \frac{\sin x}{2 - \sin^2 x} = \frac{\sin x}{1 + \cos^2 x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^\pi \frac{x \sin x}{1 + \cos^2 x} dx \stackrel{\text{ex. 11}}{=} \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^\pi \frac{\sin x}{1 + \cos^2 x} dx$$

Let $u = \cos x$

$$du = -\sin x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2} \int_1^{-1} \frac{1}{1+u^2} du = \frac{\pi}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{1+u^2} du$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} \tan^{-1} u \Big|_{-1}^1 = \frac{\pi}{2} \left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \left(-\frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right) = \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right)^2.$$

***Symmetry** :

$$f(x) = f(-x) \Leftrightarrow f : \text{even function (偶函數)} \Leftrightarrow \text{對稱 } y \text{ 軸} \Rightarrow \int_{-a}^a f(x)dx = 2 \int_0^a f(x)dx.$$

$$f(x) = -f(-x) \Leftrightarrow f : \text{odd function (奇函數)} \Leftrightarrow \text{對稱原點} \Rightarrow \int_{-a}^a f(x)dx = 0.$$