

Math 101 – SOLUTIONS TO WORKSHEET 6
SUBSTITUTION

Theorem (Substitution). $\int f'(g(x))g'(x) dx = f(g(x)) + C$. Equivalently, $\int f(g(x))g'(x) dx = \int f(u) du$ where $u = g(x)$.

(1) Evaluate the integrals

(a) $\int \sin x \cos x dx =$
(hint: use $u = \sin x$)

Solution: Letting $u = \sin x$, $du = \sin x dx$ so $\int \sin x \cos x dx = \int u du = \frac{1}{2}u^2 + C =$
 $\boxed{\frac{1}{2} \sin^2 x + C}.$

Problem. It's easy to check that $(-\frac{1}{4} \cos(2x))' = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \sin x \cos x = \sin x \cos x$. How is that possible?

(b) (Final, 2014) $\int \cos^3 x \sin^4 x dx =$

Solution: Letting $u = \sin x$, $du = \sin x dx$ so

$$\begin{aligned} \int \cos^3 x \sin^4 x dx &= \int \cos^2 x \sin^4 x \cos x dx \\ &= \int (1 - u^2)u^4 du \\ &= \frac{u^5}{5} - \frac{u^7}{7} + C \\ &= \boxed{\frac{1}{5} \sin^5 x - \frac{1}{7} \sin^7 x + C}. \end{aligned}$$

(c) (Final, 2013) $\int_1^3 (2x - 1)e^{x^2 - x} dx =$

Solution: Letting $u = x^2 - x$, $du = (2x - 1) dx$ we get $\int_{x=1}^{x=3} (2x - 1)e^{x^2 - x} dx = \int_{u=0}^{u=6} e^u du = [e^u]_{u=0}^{u=6} = e^6 - 1$.

Solution: (Alternative) Using $u = x^2 - x$, $du = (2x - 1) dx$ we get $\int (2x - 1)e^{x^2 - x} dx = \int e^u du = e^u + C = e^{x^2 - x} + C$ so

$$\int_{x=1}^{x=3} (2x - 1)e^{x^2 - x} dx = [e^{x^2 - x}]_{x=1}^{x=3} = \boxed{e^6 - 1}.$$

Solution: (Alternative) Using $u = x^2 - x$, $du = (2x - 1) dx$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{x=1}^{x=3} (2x - 1)e^{x^2 - x} dx &= \int_{x=1}^{x=3} e^u du = [e^u]_{x=1}^{x=3} \\ &= [e^{x^2 - x}]_{x=1}^{x=3} = e^6 - 1 \\ &= [e^u]_{u=0}^{u=6} = e^6 - 1. \end{aligned}$$

(d) (Final, 2012) $\int_0^3 (x+1)\sqrt{9-x^2} dx =$

Solution: Write this as $\int_0^3 \sqrt{9-x^2} x dx + \int_0^3 \sqrt{9-x^2} dx$. The second term is the area of a quarter-circle of radius 3, so is $\frac{9}{4}\pi$. For the first term we use $u = 9 - x^2$, $du = -2x dx$ to see that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{x=0}^{x=3} \sqrt{9-x^2} x dx &= \int_{u=9}^{u=0} \sqrt{u} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) du = \frac{1}{2} \int_{u=0}^{u=9} u^{1/2} du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{2}{3} \left[u^{3/2} \right]_{u=0}^{u=9} = \frac{1}{3} 9^{3/2} = 9. \end{aligned}$$

In conclusion, $\int_0^3 (x+1)\sqrt{9-x^2} dx = \boxed{9 + \frac{9}{4}\pi}$.