

Section 5.6: The Substitution Rule

Theorem: (The Method of Substitution) Suppose $u = g(x)$ is a differentiable function, and f is continuous on the range of g . Then

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

This is often referred to as **u -substitution**.

This is the Chain Rule in reverse!

Theorem: (Definite Integrals) Suppose g' is continuous on $[a, b]$ and f is continuous on the range of $u = g(x)$. Then

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

Evaluate each Definite Integral

$$(b) \int_0^{\pi/4} \cos\left(2t - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) dt$$

$$= \int_{-\pi/4}^{\pi/4} \cos(u) \cdot \frac{1}{2} du$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sin(u) \Big|_{-\pi/4}^{\pi/4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{Let } u = 2t - \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$du = 2 dt$$

$$\frac{1}{2} du = dt$$

$$\text{when } t = 0,$$

$$u = 2 \cdot 0 - \frac{\pi}{4} = -\frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$t = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$u = 2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Options for Evaluating Definite Integrals with Substitution

Evaluate the definite integral in two ways.

- (1) Use substitution for the entire definite integral including the limits.
- (2) Find an anti-derivative using substitution, revert back to the original variable, and use the original limits.

$$\int_0^2 \frac{x}{x^2 + 3} dx$$

$$= \int_3^7 \frac{1}{2} \frac{du}{u}$$

$$(1) \quad \text{Let } u = x^2 + 3$$

$$du = 2x dx \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} du = x dx$$

$$\text{when } x=0, \quad u = 0^2 + 3 = 3$$

$$x=2, \quad u = 2^2 + 3 = 7$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln|u| \Big|_3^7 = \frac{1}{2} \ln|7| - \frac{1}{2} \ln|3|$$

$$(2) \int_0^2 \frac{x}{x^2+3} dx$$

Find $\int \frac{x}{x^2+3} dx$

let $u = x^2 + 3$

$$du = 2x dx$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{du}{u}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln |u| + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln |x^2 + 3| + C$$

$$\int_0^2 \frac{x}{x^2 + 3} dx = \frac{1}{2} \ln |x^2 + 3| \Big|_0^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln |2^2 + 3| - \frac{1}{2} \ln |0^2 + 3|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln |7| - \frac{1}{2} \ln |3|$$

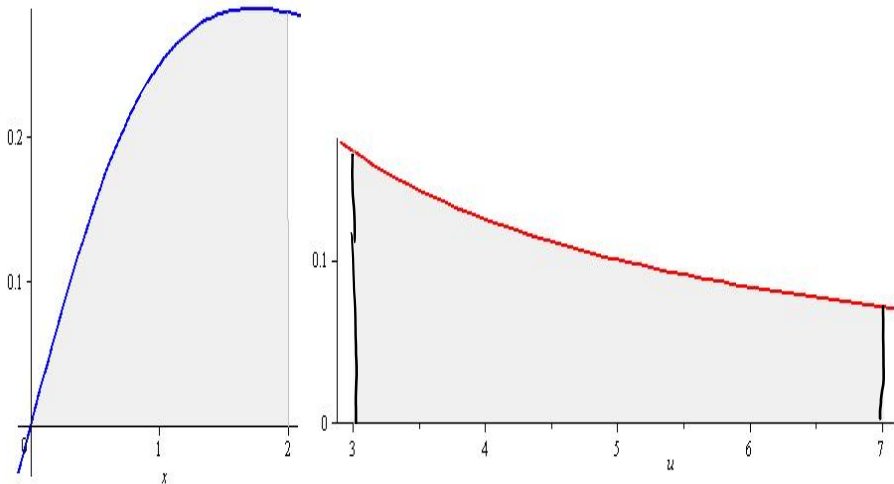


Figure: Equivalent Areas $\int_0^2 \frac{x}{x^2+3} dx = \int_3^7 \frac{1}{2} \frac{du}{u}$. The curve on the left is $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2+3}$. The curve on the right is $g(u) = \frac{1}{2u}$.

The Substitution $u = ax$ for constant a

Evaluate $\int \cos(ax) dx$ where a is a nonzero constant.

$$\text{let } u = ax \quad du = a dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{a} du = dx$$

$$\int \cos(ax) dx = \int \frac{1}{a} \cos(u) du$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} \sin(u) + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} \sin(ax) + C$$

The Substitution $u = ax$ for constant a

Evaluate $\int e^{ax} dx$ where a is a nonzero constant.

$$\text{Let } u = ax \quad du = a dx \\ \frac{1}{a} du = dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int e^{ax} dx &= \int \frac{1}{a} e^u du \\ &= \frac{1}{a} e^u + C \\ &= \frac{1}{a} e^{ax} + C \end{aligned}$$

The Substitution $u = ax + b$ for constant a

Evaluate $\int \frac{1}{ax+b} dx$ where a is a nonzero constant and b is any constant.

$$\text{Let } u = ax + b \quad du = a dx$$

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

$$\int \frac{dx}{ax+b} = \int \frac{1}{a} \frac{du}{u}$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} \ln|u| + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} \ln|ax+b| + C$$

The Substitution $u = ax$ for constant a

We can generalize as follows.

$$\int f(ax) dx = \frac{1}{a} \int f(u) du$$

Some examples of this are

$$\int \cos(ax) dx = \frac{1}{a} \sin(ax) + C, \quad \int e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a} e^{ax} + C$$

$$\int \sin(ax) dx = -\frac{1}{a} \cos(ax) + C, \quad \int \frac{1}{ax+b} dx = \frac{1}{a} \ln |ax+b| + C$$

$$\int \sec^2(ax) dx = \frac{1}{a} \tan(ax) + C, \quad \int \tan(ax) dx = \frac{1}{a} \ln |\sec(ax)| + C$$

Symmetry and Integrals from $-a$ to a

Recall: A function f is even if $f(-x) = f(x)$.

A function f is odd if $f(-x) = -f(x)$.

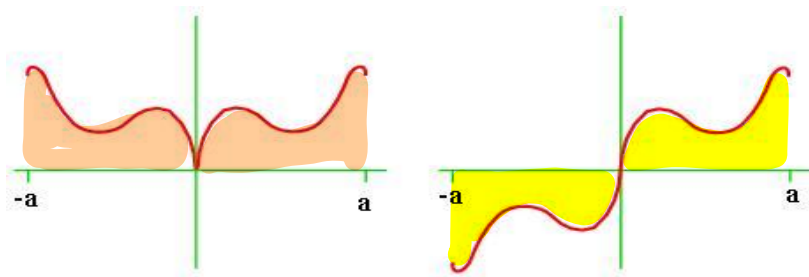


Figure: Symmetric Functions: Left is even, right is odd.

Theorem:

If f is an even, integrable function, then

$$\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = 2 \int_0^a f(x) dx.$$

If f is an odd, integrable function, then

$$\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = 0.$$

Evaluate

$$\int_{-2.3}^{2.3} x^7 \cos(4x) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x^7 \cos(4x) \quad , \quad f(-x) = (-x)^7 \cos(-4x) \\ &= -x^7 \cos(4x) = -f(x) \end{aligned}$$

f is odd

$$\int_{-2.3}^{2.3} x^7 \cos(4x) dx = 0 \quad \text{by symmetry.}$$

Evaluate the Integral. Use Symmetry to Simplify the Process.

$$\int_{-2}^2 (x^4 + x^3 + x^2) dx = \int_{-2}^2 \underbrace{(x^4 + x^2)}_{\text{even}} dx + \int_{-2}^2 \underbrace{x^3}_{\text{odd}} dx$$

$$= 2 \int_0^2 (x^4 + x^2) dx + 0$$

$$= 2 \left(\frac{x^5}{5} + \frac{x^3}{3} \right) \bigg|_0^2$$

$$= 2 \left(\frac{2^5}{5} + \frac{2^3}{3} \right) - 2(0)$$

$$= 2 \cdot 2^3 \left(\frac{4}{5} + \frac{1}{3} \right) = 16 \left(\frac{12+5}{15} \right) = \frac{16 \cdot 17}{15}$$

$$= \frac{272}{15}$$

Section 6.1: Area Between Curves

Consider a pair of continuous curves $y = f(x)$ and $y = g(x)$ for $a \leq x \leq b$.

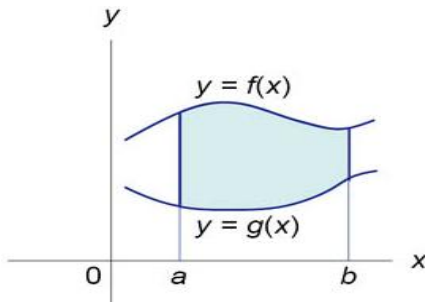


Figure: The curves enclose a region. We can ask what its area is.

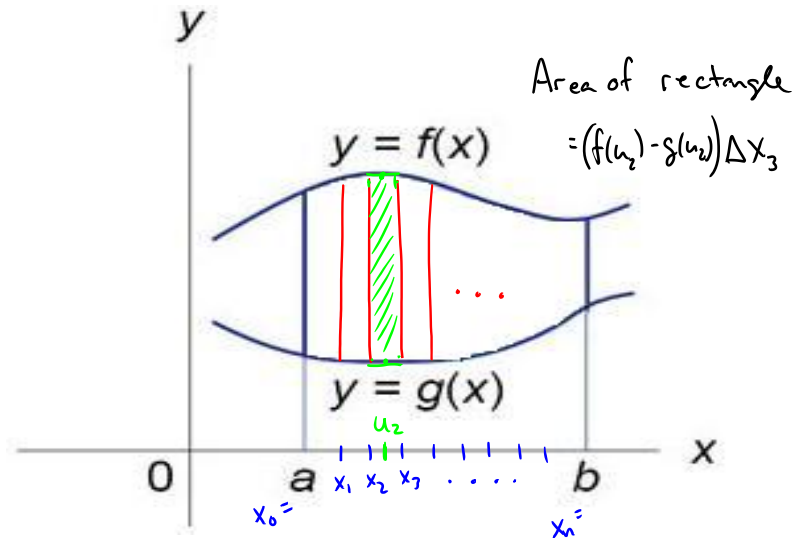


Figure: We can "build" the area from approximating rectangles.

Total area

$$A \approx (f(u_1) - g(u_1)) \Delta x_1 + (f(u_2) - g(u_2)) \Delta x_2 \\ + \dots + (f(u_n) - g(u_n)) \Delta x_n$$

$$\approx \sum_{i=1}^n (f(u_i) - g(u_i)) \Delta x_i$$

Riemann Sum

Area Between Curves:

Suppose f and g are continuous on $[a, b]$ and $f(x) \geq g(x)$. The area A bounded between the curves $y = f(x)$, $y = g(x)$ and the lines $x = a$ and $x = b$ is

$$A = \int_a^b (f(x) - g(x)) dx.$$

$$= \int_a^b f(x) dx - \int_a^b g(x) dx$$