



A Modular Presentation System for the Calculus Sequence

5.5 The Substitution Rule

Yaw Chang

Michael Freeze

Mathematics and Statistics UNC-Wilmington



The Substitution Rule

The Substitution Rule

If $u = g(x)$ is a differentiable function whose range is an interval I and f is continuous on I , then

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



Applying the Substitution Rule

EXAMPLE: Find $\int e^{7x} dx$

EXAMPLE: Find $\int \tan x dx$



Generalized Power Rule

Generalized Power Rule for Integration

For $n \neq -1$,

$$\int [g(x)]^n g'(x) dx = \frac{[g(x)]^{n+1}}{n+1} + C$$



Applying the Power Rule for Integration

EXAMPLE: Find $\int 3x^2 \sqrt{x^3 + 2} \, dx$

EXAMPLE: Find $\int x(x^2 + 1)^4 \, dx$

Definite Substitution

The Substitution Rule for Definite Integrals

If g' is continuous on $[a, b]$ and f is continuous on the range of $u = g(x)$, then

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



Evaluating Definite Integrals

EXAMPLE: Find $\int_0^{\pi/6} \sin(2x) \cos^3(2x) dx$

EXAMPLE: Find $\int_2^5 x \sqrt{x^2 - 4} dx$



Completing the Square

EXAMPLE: Find $\int \frac{7}{x^2 - 6x + 25} dx$



Long Division

EXAMPLE: Find $\int \frac{x^2 - x}{x + 1} dx$

Integrals of Symmetric Functions

Integrals of Symmetric Functions

Suppose f is continuous on $[-a, a]$.

(a) If f is even, then

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

(b) If f is odd, then

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