

## INTEGRATION BY SUBSTITUTION

## REVIEW

- **Chain rule:** Suppose  $u$  is differentiable at  $x$  and  $f$  is differentiable at  $u(x)$ . Then the derivative of the composite function  $f(u(x))$  is given by

$$\frac{d}{dx} [f(u(x))] = f'(u(x))u'(x)$$

- $\frac{d}{dx} \tan x = \sec^2 x$     $\frac{d}{dx} \cot x = -\csc^2 x$     $\frac{d}{dx} \sec x = \sec x \tan x$     $\frac{d}{dx} \csc x = -\csc x \cot x$
- $\frac{d}{dx} \arcsin x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$     $\frac{d}{dx} \arctan x = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$

## MAIN CONCEPTS

- **Integrating a function composed with a linear function:** Let  $h(x) = f(ax + b)$  and let  $F$  denote the (algebraic) antiderivative of  $f$ , then the (general) antiderivative of  $h$  is given by:

$$H(x) = \frac{1}{a}F(ax + b) + C.$$

- **Integration by Substitution:** Suppose  $g$  is a differentiable function with continuous derivative,  $g'$  and  $f$  is a continuous function. Then,

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

with the substitution  $u = g(x)$ .

## ACTIVITIES

### ACTIVITY 5.3.2

Evaluate each of the following indefinite integrals. Check each antiderivative that you find by differentiating.

(a)  $\int \sin(8 - 3x) dx$

**Solution:**  $\frac{1}{3} \cos(8 - 3x) + C$

(b)  $\int \sec^2(4x) dx$

**Solution:**  $\frac{1}{4} \tan(4x) + C$

(c)  $\int \frac{1}{11x-9} dx$

**Solution:**  $\frac{1}{11} \ln |11x - 9| + C$

(d)  $\int \csc(2x + 1) \cot(2x + 1) dx$

**Solution:**  $-\frac{1}{2} \csc(2x + 1) + C$

(e)  $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-16x^2}} dx$

**Solution:**  $\frac{1}{4} \arcsin 4x + C$

(f)  $\int 5^{-x} dx$

**Solution:**  $-\frac{1}{\ln 5} 5^{-x} + C$

### ACTIVITY 5.3.3

Evaluate each of the following indefinite integrals by using these steps:

- Find two functions within the integrand that form (up to a possible missing constant) a function-derivative pair;
- Make a substitution and convert the integral to one involving  $u$  and  $du$ ;
- Evaluate the new integral in  $u$ ;
- Convert the resulting function of  $u$  back to a function of  $x$  by using your earlier substitution;
- Check your work by differentiating the function of  $x$ . You should come up with the integrand originally given.

(a)  $\int \frac{x^2}{5x^3+1} dx$

**Solution:** Let  $u = 5x^3 + 1$ , then  $du = 15x^2 dx$ . Using this, we have,

$$\int \frac{x^2}{5x^3+1} dx = \frac{1}{15} \int \frac{15x^2}{5x^3+1} dx = \frac{1}{15} \int \frac{1}{u} du = \frac{1}{15} \ln |u| + C = \frac{1}{15} \ln |5x^3 + 1| + C.$$

(b)  $\int e^x \sin(e^x) dx$

**Solution:** Let  $u = e^x$ , consequently  $du = e^x dx$ . Then,

$$\int e^x \sin e^x dx = \int \sin u du = -\cos u + C = -\cos(e^x) + C.$$

(c)  $\int \frac{\cos(\sqrt{x})}{\sqrt{x}} dx$

**Solution:** Let  $u = \sqrt{x}$ , then  $du = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} dx$ .

$$\int \frac{\cos(\sqrt{x})}{\sqrt{x}} dx = 2 \int \frac{\cos \sqrt{x}}{2\sqrt{x}} dx = 2 \int \cos u du = 2 \sin u + C = 2 \sin \sqrt{x} + C.$$

#### ACTIVITY 5.3.4

Evaluate each of the following definite integrals exactly through an appropriate  $u$ -substitution.

(a)  $\int_1^2 \frac{x}{1+4x^2} dx$

**Solution:**  $\frac{1}{8}(\ln(17) - \ln(5))$ . Use  $u = 1 + 4x^2$

(b)  $\int_0^1 e^{-x}(2e^{-x} + 3)^9 dx$

**Solution:**  $-\frac{1}{20}(2\frac{1}{e} + 3)^{10} + \frac{1}{20}5^{10}$ . Use  $u = 2e^{-x} + 3$ .

(c)  $\int_{2/\pi}^{4/\pi} \frac{\cos(\frac{1}{x})}{x^2} dx$

**Solution:**  $1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ . Use  $u = 1/x$ .