

FINDING ANTIDERIVATIVES; THE METHOD OF SUBSTITUTION

- A. The expression $\int f(x)dx$ is called an *indefinite integral*, while the expression $\int_a^b f(x)dx$ is called a *definite integral*. We say that f is the *integrand* and x is the *variable of integration*.
- B. One of the most common techniques of integration is called *u-substitution* and can be thought of an “opposite” of the chain rule that we used when differentiating.
- C. Steps for using *u*-substitution when integrating:
1. Choose a function to be represented by u .
 2. Calculate du .
 3. Within the original integral, substitute u and du appropriately.
 4. This “new” integral should only have u 's. That is, NO x 's or dx 's!!
 5. Integrate the “new” (easier) integral.
 6. Substitute x back into the expression appropriately.

TEAM ACTIVITIES:

1. Let's practice *u*-substitution!

(a) $\int \sin(2 - 3x)dx$

(b) $\int (4x + 1)^{-2} dx$

(c) $\int (3x^2 - 1) e^{x^3 - x + 1} dx$

(d) $\int \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{4x^3 + 5}} dx$

(e) $\int \cos^3 x \sin x dx$

(f) $\int \frac{\cos x}{1 + \sin^2 x} dx$

(g) $\int (x + 2) (x^2 + 4x - 11)^8 dx$

2. Now let's practice *u*-substitution with definite integrals.

(a) $\int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi} e^{\cos x} \sin x dx$

(b) $\int_1^e \frac{\sin(\ln x)}{x} dx$

(c) $\int_1^2 (4x - x^2) (6x^2 - x^3)^{4/5} dx$

ASSIGNMENT:

1. Evaluate the following. You must show your work for full credit!

(a) $\int (3x - 1)^{7/3} dx$

(b) $\int \frac{-2x + 3}{(-x^2 + 3x - 7)^3} dx$

(c) $\int \frac{\ln x}{x} dx$

(d) $\int (\sec^2 x) e^{\tan x} dx$

(e) $\int \cos(6x) \sin^4(6x) dx$

2. Evaluate the following. You must show your work for full credit!

(a) $\int_e^{2e} \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{\ln x}}$

(b) $\int_{-5}^3 \frac{x}{1 - x^2} dx$

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