

some not-so-basic substitution problems

1. Use $u = x + 2 \implies du = dx$ and $u - 2 = x$.

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{x}{\sqrt{x+2}} dx &= \int \frac{u-2}{\sqrt{u}} du = \int (u-2)u^{-1/2} du \\ &= \int u^{1/2} - 2u^{-1/2} du = \frac{2}{3}u^{3/2} - 4u^{1/2} + C \\ &= \frac{2}{3}(x+2)^{3/2} - 4(x+2)^{1/2} + C\end{aligned}$$

2. Use $u = x^2 - 1 \implies du = 2x dx$.

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2-1}} dx &= \int \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2-1}} \cdot 2x dx \\ &= \int \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} du = \int \frac{1}{2} u^{-1/2} du = u^{1/2} + C \\ &= \sqrt{x^2-1} + C\end{aligned}$$

3. Use $u = x^2 - 1 \implies du = 2x dx$ and $u + 1 = x^2$.

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{x^3}{\sqrt{x^2-1}} dx &= \int \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^2-1}} \cdot 2x dx \\ &= \int \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{u+1}{\sqrt{u}} du = \int \frac{1}{2} (u+1)u^{-1/2} du \\ &= \int \frac{1}{2} u^{1/2} + \frac{1}{2} u^{-1/2} du = \frac{1}{3} u^{3/2} + u^{1/2} + C \\ &= \frac{1}{3} (x^2-1)^{3/2} + (x^2-1)^{1/2} + C\end{aligned}$$

4.

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{2x+1}{x^2+1} dx &= \int \frac{2x}{x^2+1} dx + \int \frac{1}{x^2+1} dx \\ &= \ln(x^2+1) + \tan^{-1} x + C\end{aligned}$$

5. Use $u = \sin x \implies du = \cos x dx$.

$$\int \sin^3 x \cos x dx = \int u^3 du = \frac{1}{4}u^4 + C = \frac{1}{4}\sin^4 x + C$$

6. use $u = \tan x \implies du = \sec^2 x dx$.

$$\int \tan x \sec^2 x dx = \int u du = \frac{1}{2}u^2 + C = \frac{1}{2}\tan^2 x + C$$

7. Use $u = x^3 \implies du = 3x^2 dx$.

$$\int \frac{3x^2}{x^6+1} dx = \int \frac{1}{u^2+1} du = \tan^{-1} u + C = \tan^{-1}(x^3) + C$$

8. Use $u = x^2 \implies du = 2x dx$.

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{2}{x\sqrt{x^4-1}} dx &= \int \frac{1}{x^2\sqrt{(x^2)^2-1}}(2x) dx \\ &= \int \frac{1}{u\sqrt{u^2-1}} du = \sec^{-1} u + C \\ &= \sec^{-1}(x^2) + C\end{aligned}$$