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Lecture: Section 5.5: The Substitution Rule

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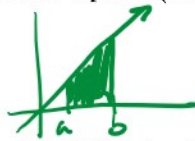
$$\int_a^b x dx = x(b-a)$$

Today's Goal: Learn an integration technique called "u-substitution"

Logistics: We start this on a Tuesday (12/1), after an activity, and finish on Wednesday.

Warm-Up 1.1 (True or False:) If $f(x)$ is continuous on $[a, b]$, then:

$$\int_a^b x dx :$$



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

False.

$$\int_a^b 2f(x) dx = 2 \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

works for constants
but not variables.

$$\int_a^b c f(x) dx = c \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

1.1 Chain Rule

With all of our antiderivative practice, we still have difficulty un-doing chain rule, especially more complicated versions. For Example:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin(x^2 - 2x) = \cos(x^2 - 2x) \cdot (2x - 2)$$

Which means we can actually integrate:

$$\int (2x - 2) \cos(x^2 - 2x) dx = \sin(x^2 - 2x) + C$$

But if we had been given $\int (2x - 2) \cos(x^2 - 2x) dx$ without the previous exercise, it certainly would have been hard to recognize. We develop a technique that will make this easier, called **u-substitution**.

Technique to anti-diff. chain rule

1.2 Indefinite Integrals With Substitution

Theorem 1.2 (The Substitution Rule) If $u = g(x)$ is differentiable, then:

$$\int \underbrace{g'(x)}_{u'} \underbrace{f(g(x))}_{f(u)} dx = \int f(u) du$$

$$u = g(x)$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = g'(x)$$

$$du = g'(x) dx$$

The procedure is best summed up in a few steps, alongside an example:

Example 1.3

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

1. In your integral, identify a factor that looks like a composition of two functions. Which is the inner function? Which is the outer function?

inner: $\tan(x) = g(x)$

outer: $e^x = f(x)$

2. Do you see the derivative of the inner function elsewhere in the function? We are looking for an expression of the form $f(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$.

$g'(x) = \text{deriv. of inner function} = \sec^2(x)$

3. Let $u = g(x)$.

Let $u = \tan(x)$

4. Find $\frac{du}{dx}$:

$\frac{du}{dx} = \sec^2(x)$

Take deriv

solve for du.

5. Find an expression for dx in terms of du :

$du = \sec^2(x) dx$

$dx = \frac{du}{\sec^2(x)}$

6. Replace everything in the integral that has to do with x with expressions involving u . In particular, $u = g(x)$ and $du = g'(x) dx$.

$\int e^{\tan(x)} \sec^2(x) dx = \int e^u du$

NO MORE X'S!!!

$\int e^u \sec^2(x) \cdot \frac{du}{\sec^2(x)} = \int e^u du$

7. Evaluate the integral with respect to u

$\int e^u du = e^u + C$

8. Un-do the replacement, and replace u with $g(x)$.

$\int e^{\tan(x)} \sec^2(x) dx = e^{\tan(x)} + C$

plug back in

Check:

$\frac{d}{dx} (e^{\tan(x)} + C) =$

$e^{\tan(x)} \cdot \sec^2(x) + 0 = e^{\tan(x)} \sec^2(x) \checkmark$

Example 1.4

$$\int (x^4 - 1)^{10} x^3 dx$$

1. In your integral, identify a factor that looks like a composition of two functions. Which is the inner function? Which is the outer function?

inner: $x^4 - 1 = g(x)$
 outer: $x^{10} = f(x)$ $f(g(x)) = (x^4 - 1)^{10}$

2. Do you see the derivative of the inner function elsewhere in the function? We are looking for an expression of the form $f(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$.

deriv. of inner function: $\frac{d}{dx}(x^4 - 1) = 4x^3$

3. Let $u = g(x)$.

$$u = x^4 - 1$$

4. Find $\frac{du}{dx}$:

$$\frac{du}{dx} = 4x^3$$

5. Find an expression for dx in terms of du (or du in terms of x)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} du &= 4x^3 dx \\ \frac{1}{4} du &= x^3 dx \end{aligned} \right\} dx = \frac{du}{4x^3}$$

6. Replace everything in the integral that has to do with x with expressions involving u . In particular, $u = g(x)$ and $du = g'(x)dx$.

$$\int (x^4 - 1)^{10} x^3 dx = \int (u)^{10} \cdot \frac{1}{4} du = \frac{1}{4} \int u^{10} du$$

7. Evaluate the integral with respect to u .

$$\frac{1}{4} \int u^{10} du = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{u^{11}}{11} + C \right) = \frac{1}{44} u^{11} + \frac{1}{44} C$$

Still any constant

8. Un-do the replacement, and replace u with $g(x)$

$$\frac{1}{44} u^{11} + C \rightsquigarrow \boxed{\frac{1}{44} (x^4 - 1)^{11} + C}$$

$\frac{1}{44} \left(\frac{(x^4 - 1)^{11}}{11} + C \right)$

Example 1.5

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u &= x^2 \\ du &= 2x dx \\ \frac{1}{2} du &= x dx \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\int x \cos(x^2) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int x \cos(x^2) dx &= \int \cos(u) \cdot \frac{1}{2} du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \cos(u) du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\sin(u) + C) \\ &= \boxed{\frac{1}{2} (\sin(x^2) + C)} \end{aligned}$$

1.3 Definite Integrals With Substitution

With definite integrals, we can use the same process but we need to be careful about the bounds: remember that they define x -values, not u -values, so you want to return to x before using the evaluation theorem:

Example 1.6

never gets us anywhere
 $u = x$
 $du = dx$

$$\int_1^2 \frac{\ln(x)}{x} dx = \int_{x=1}^{x=2} \frac{\ln(x)}{x} dx$$

Example 1.7

$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{e^x}{e^x - 5} dx$$

1.4 Symmetry

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

(a) If f is even (so $f(-x) = f(x)$), then

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

(b) If f is odd (so $f(-x) = -f(x)$), then

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

1.4.1 Common Even Functions

(Don't forget trig functions!)

1.4.2 Common Odd Functions

1.4.3 Examples

Example 1.8

$$\int_{-3}^3 \frac{\sin(x)}{x^4 + 2x^2 + 3} dx$$