

Integration by Substitution

Example 1.

$$\int -t^3 \sqrt{3t^4 + 4} dt \quad \text{Let } u = 3t^4 + 4, \quad du = \underline{\underline{12t^3 dt}}$$
$$t^3 dt = \frac{du}{12}$$

$$\int -t^3 \sqrt{3t^4 + 4} dt = -\frac{1}{12} \int \sqrt{u} du = -\frac{1}{12} \int u^{\frac{1}{2}} du$$
$$= -\frac{1}{12} \cdot \frac{u^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\frac{3}{2}} + C = -\frac{(3t^4 + 4)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{18} + C$$

Example 2.

$$\int \frac{-5(\ln y)^4}{y} dy \quad \text{Let } u = \ln y, \quad du = \frac{1}{y} dy$$

$$\int \frac{-5(\ln y)^4}{y} dy = \int -5(u)^4 \cdot du$$

$$= -5 \int u^4 du = -5 \frac{u^5}{5} + C = -u^5 + C$$

$$= -[\ln y]^5 + C$$

Example 3.

$$\int 6xe^{-4x^2} dx \quad \text{Let } u = 4x^2, \quad du = 8x dx.$$

$$\text{"} \quad x dx = \frac{du}{8}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int 6e^{-u} \frac{du}{8} &= \frac{3}{2} \int e^{-u} du = -\frac{3}{2} e^{-u} + C \\ &= -\frac{3}{2} e^{-4x^2} + C \end{aligned}$$

Example 4.

$$\int_2^3 10xe^{(x^2+2)} dx \quad \text{Let } u = x^2 + 2. \quad \text{Then } du = 2x dx.$$

$$x dx = \frac{du}{2}$$

When $x = 2$, $u = 6$. When $x = 3$, $u = 11$

$$\int_2^3 10xe^{(x^2+2)} dx = \int_6^{11} 10 \cdot e^u \cdot \frac{du}{2}$$

$$= 5 \int_6^{11} e^u du = 5e^u \Big|_6^{11} = 5(e^{11} - e^6)$$