

Section 4.5: The Substitution Rule

Theorem (u-Substitution): Suppose $u = g(x)$ is a differentiable function, and f is continuous on the range of g . Then

$$\int f(g(x)) g'(x) dx = \int f(u) du.$$

Theorem (Substitution for Definite Integrals): Suppose g' is continuous on $[a, b]$ and f is continuous on the range of $u = g(x)$. Then

$$\int_a^b f(g(x)) g'(x) dx = \int_{g(a)}^{g(b)} f(u) du$$

Evaluate each Definite Integral

$$(c) \int_{-1}^3 y \sqrt{y+1} dy$$

$$= \int_0^4 (u-1) \sqrt{u} du$$

$$= \int_0^4 (u^{3/2} - u^{1/2}) du$$

$$= \left. \frac{u^{5/2}}{5/2} - \frac{u^{3/2}}{3/2} \right|_0^4$$

$$\text{Let } u = y+1$$

$$du = dy$$

$$y = u-1$$

$$\text{when } y = -1,$$

$$u = -1+1 = 0$$

$$\text{when } y = 3$$

$$u = 3+1 = 4$$

$$= \left. \frac{2}{5} u^{5/2} - \frac{2}{3} u^{3/2} \right|_0^4$$

$$= \frac{2}{5} (4)^{5/2} - \frac{2}{3} (4)^{3/2} - \left(\frac{2}{5} (0)^{5/2} - \frac{2}{3} (0)^{3/2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{5} (32) - \frac{2}{3} (8)$$

$$= 16 \left(\frac{4}{5} - \frac{1}{3} \right) = 16 \left(\frac{12-5}{15} \right) = \frac{16 \cdot 7}{15} = \frac{112}{15}$$

$$(d) \int_0^{\pi/4} \sec^2 t \tan t \, dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 u \, du$$

$$= \left. \frac{u^2}{2} \right|_0^1 = \frac{1^2}{2} - \frac{0^2}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Let } u = \tan t$$

$$du = \sec^2 t \, dt$$

$$\text{If } t=0, u = \tan(0) = 0$$

$$t = \frac{\pi}{4}, u = \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 1$$

$$\int_0^{\pi/4} \sec^2 t \tan t \, dt = \int_0^{\pi/4} \sec t \sec t \tan t \, dt$$

Let $u = \sec t$

$$du = \sec t \tan t \, dt$$

$$= \int_1^{\sqrt{2}} u \, du$$

$$= \left. \frac{u^2}{2} \right|_1^{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \frac{(\sqrt{2})^2}{2} - \frac{1^2}{2} = \frac{2}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{If } t=0, u = \sec(0) = 1$$

$$t = \frac{\pi}{4}, u = \sec\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \sqrt{2}$$

Symmetry and Integrals from $-a$ to a

Recall: A function f is even if $f(-x) = f(x)$.

A function f is odd if $f(-x) = -f(x)$.

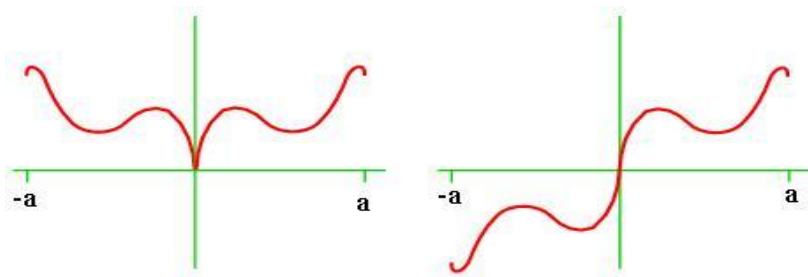


Figure: Symmetric Functions: Left is even, right is odd.

Theorem:

If f is an even, integrable function, then

$$\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = 2 \int_0^a f(x) dx.$$

If f is an odd, integrable function, then

$$\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = 0.$$

Symmetry and Integrals from $-a$ to a

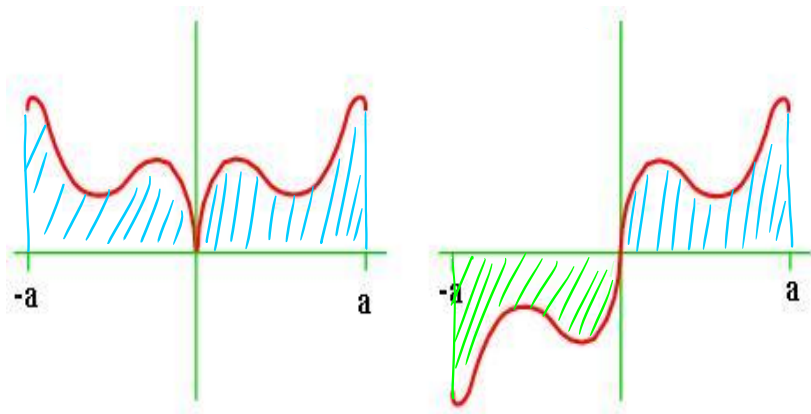


Figure: $\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = 2 \int_0^a f(x) dx$ if f is even. $\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = 0$ if f is odd.

Evaluate

$$\int_{-2.3}^{2.3} x^7 \cos(4x) dx$$

$$f(x) = x^7 \cos(4x), \quad f(-x) = (-x)^7 \cos(-4x)$$

f is odd

$$= (-1)^7 x^7 \cos(4x)$$

$$= -x^7 \cos(4x) = -f(x)$$

cos(x) is even

$$\int_{-2.3}^{2.3} x^7 \cos(4x) dx = 0$$

Evaluate

$$f(x) = x^2 + 1, \quad f(-x) = (-x)^2 + 1 \\ = x^2 + 1 = f(x)$$

$$\int_{-3}^3 (x^2 + 1) dx$$

f is even

Using Symmetry

$$\int_{-3}^3 (x^2 + 1) dx = 2 \int_0^3 (x^2 + 1) dx \\ = 2 \left(\frac{x^3}{3} + x \right) \Big|_0^3 = 2 \left(\frac{3^3}{3} + 3 \right) - 2 \left(\frac{0^3}{3} + 0 \right) \\ = 2(9 + 3) = 2 \cdot 12 = 24$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-3}^3 (x^2+1) dx &= \left. \frac{x^3}{3} + x \right|_{-3}^3 \\ &= \frac{3^3}{3} + 3 - \left(\frac{(-3)^3}{3} + (-3) \right) \\ &= 9 + 3 - (-9 - 3) \\ &= 12 - (-12) = 24\end{aligned}$$

Your Turn!

Evaluate $\int_0^1 x^2(x^3+3)^4 dx = \frac{781}{15}$

let $u = x^3 + 3$ so $\frac{1}{3} du = x^2 dx$

and the integral becomes

$$\frac{1}{3} \int_3^4 u^4 du = \frac{1}{3} \left. \frac{u^5}{5} \right|_3^4 = \frac{781}{15}$$

Your Turn!

Evaluate $\int \frac{\sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{x^2} dx = \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + C$

let $u = \frac{1}{x}$ so $du = -\frac{1}{x^2} dx$ to get

$$\int -\sin(u) du = \cos(u) + C = \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + C$$