

Consider

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sqrt{x^2+1} \quad (\text{a composite fct})$$

so if $u = x^2+1$ then

$$\frac{d}{dx} u^{1/2} = \frac{d}{du} u^{1/2} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \quad \text{chain rule}$$

Does there exist a type of "chain rule" for integrals?

Consider

$$\int 2x(x^2+1) dx \quad \text{let's expand}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int (2x^3 + 2x) dx &= \frac{2x^4}{4} + \frac{2x^2}{2} + c \\ &= \frac{x^4}{2} + x^2 + c \end{aligned}$$

However if $\int 2x(x^2+1)^5 dx$ expanding \int would be labor intensive

Note $= \frac{x^4}{2} + x^2 + c$

as $u = x^2 + 1$ so
observed $\frac{1}{2}$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (x^4 + 2x^2 + 1) + c - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (x^2 + 1)^2 + c$$

if $\int x dx = \frac{x^2}{2} + c$

$\int u du = \frac{u^2}{2} + c$

Compare

maybe if we let $u = x^2 + 1$ we could get the answer easier. This method is called the "u-substitution" method

Again $\int 2x(x^2 + 1) dx$

$u = x^2 + 1$ \uparrow to change this in terms of u only we will need a du

This is where differentials come in

$$\text{if } u = x^2 + 1$$

$$du = 2x dx$$

$$\int 2x(x^2 + 1) dx = \int \underbrace{(x^2 + 1)}_u \underbrace{2x dx}_du$$

$$= \int u du = \frac{u^2}{2} + C = \frac{1}{2} (x^2 + 1)^2 + C$$

The book says if

$$\int f(g(x)) \cdot g'(x) dx = \int f(u) du + C$$

$$\text{if } u = g(x)$$

we pretty much will do by example.

$$\int e^{-x} dx = \int -e^u du = -e^u + C \quad \rightarrow \text{back sub}$$

$$= -e^{-x} + C$$

let $u = -x$ \uparrow

$$du = -dx$$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{ex}}}$$

$$\int \sin^2 x \cos x \, dx$$

↑
hard part

$$\text{let } u = \sin x \quad du = \cos x \, dx$$

$$\text{then } \int u^2 \, du = \frac{1}{3} u^3 + c = \frac{1}{3} \sin^3 x + c$$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{ex}}}$$

$$\int \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^3+1}} \, dx$$

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

$$\int \frac{\frac{1}{3} du}{\sqrt{u}} = \frac{1}{3} \int u^{-1/2} \, du = \frac{1}{3} \frac{u^{1/2}}{1/2} + c$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{x^3+1} + c$$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{ex}}}$$

$$\int \sqrt{2x+1} \, dx = \int u^{1/2} \frac{du}{2} = \frac{u^{3/2}}{2 \cdot 3/2} + c$$

$$\text{let } u = 2x+1$$

$$du = 2 \, dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} (2x+1)^{3/2} + c$$

ex $\int x(x+1)^4 dx$ (don't expand)

let $u = x+1$, so $du = dx$

$$\int x u^4 du$$

↑ what about this - back to sub.

$$x = u - 1$$

so $\int (u-1)u^4 du$ ← is this any easier - yes!

$$\int u^5 - u^4 du = \frac{u^6}{6} - \frac{u^5}{5} + c$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}(x+1)^6 - \frac{1}{5}(x+1)^5 + c$$

The question of how to deal with

definite integrals is considered

next before: