

Indefinite Integration with “ u ” Substitution Procedure for Trigonometric Functions

Case 1: Trigonometric Functions raised to a power

- 1.) Let “ u ” be the trigonometric ratio raised to a power
- 2.) Determine $\frac{du}{dx}$
- 3.) Match $\frac{du}{dx}$ to the original function
- 4.) Substitute
- 5.) Find the antiderivative in terms of “ u ”
- 6.) Re-substitute for “ x ”

Reminder:

$$\int \cos x \, dx = \sin x + c$$

$$\int \sin x \, dx = -\cos x + c$$

$$\int \sec^2 x \, dx = \tan x + c$$

$$\int \csc x \cot x \, dx = -\csc x + c$$

$$\int \sec x \tan x \, dx = \sec x + c$$

$$\int \csc^2 x \, dx = -\cot x + c$$

Example 1: $\int \sin^6 x \cos x \, dx$

Example 2: $\int 2 \cos^8 x \sin x \, dx$

Example 3: $\int \cot^4 x \csc^2 x \, dx$

Case 2: Trigonometric Functions of a quantity

- 1.) Let “ u ” be the quantity inside the trigonometric ratio
- 2.) Determine $\frac{du}{dx}$
- 3.) Match $\frac{du}{dx}$ to the original function
- 4.) Substitute
- 5.) Find the antiderivative in terms of “ u ”
- 6.) Re-substitute for “ x ”

Example 1: $\int 2x \cos(x^2 + 3) dx$

Example 2: $\int (x + 1) \sin(2x^2 + 4x - 3) dx$

Example 3: $\int \sin^4(3x) \cos(3x) dx$

Case 3: Inverse Trigonometric Functions

Reminder:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1}(f(x))) = \frac{f'(x)}{\sqrt{1-[f(x)]^2}} \quad \int \frac{f'(x)}{\sqrt{1-[f(x)]^2}} dx = \sin^{-1}(f(x)) + c$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1}(f(x))) = \frac{f'(x)}{1+[f(x)]^2} \quad \int \frac{f'(x)}{1+[f(x)]^2} dx = \tan^{-1}(f(x)) + c$$

- 1.) Let "u" be the quantity inside the inverse trigonometric ratio
- 2.) Determine $\frac{du}{dx}$
- 3.) Match $\frac{du}{dx}$ to the original function
- 4.) Substitute
- 5.) Find the antiderivative in terms of "u"
- 6.) Re-substitute for "x"

Example 1: $\int \frac{4}{1+(4x)^2} dx$

Example 2: $\int \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-\frac{x^2}{4}}} dx$

Example 3: $\int \frac{1}{9+x^2} dx$

Example 4: $\int \frac{8}{\sqrt{4-16x^2}} dx$