

METHOD OF SUBSTITUTION

2.1 Change of variable.

Let $I = \int f(x) dx$, and let $x = \phi(z)$.

Then, by definition, $\frac{dI}{dx} = f(x)$ and $\frac{dx}{dz} = \phi'(z)$.

Now, $\frac{dI}{dz} = \frac{dI}{dx} \frac{dx}{dz} = f(x)\phi'(z) = f\{\phi(z)\}\phi'(z)$.

\therefore by definition, $I = \int f\{\phi(z)\}\phi'(z) dz$.

Note 1. Thus, if in the integral $\int f(x) dx$ we put $x = \phi(z)$; we are to replace x by $\phi(z)$ in the expression $f(x)$ and also we are to replace dx by $\phi'(z) dz$ and then we have to proceed with the integration with z as the new variable. After evaluating the integral we are to replace z by the equivalent expression in x .

Note that though from $x = \phi(z)$ we can write $\frac{dx}{dz} = \phi'(z)$ in making our substitution in the given integral, we generally use it in the differential form $dx = \phi'(z) dz$. It really means that when x and z are connected by the relation $x = \phi(z)$, I being the function of x whose differential coefficient with respect to x is $f(x)$, it is, when expressed in terms of z , identical with the function whose differential coefficient with respect to z is $f\{\phi(z)\}\phi'(z)$ which later, by a proper choice of $\phi(z)$, may possibly be of a standard form, and therefore easy to find out.

Note 2. Sometimes it is found convenient to make the substitution in the form $\psi(x) = z$ where corresponding differential form will be $\psi'(x) dx = dz$; by means of these two relations, $f(x) dx$ is transformed into the form $F(z) dz$.

2.2 Illustrative Examples.

Ex. 1. Integrate $\int (a + bx)^n dx$.

Put $a + bx = z$, $\therefore bdx = dz$, $\therefore dx = (1/b) dz$.

$$\therefore I = \int z^n \frac{1}{b} dz = \frac{1}{b} \int z^n dz = \frac{1}{b} \frac{z^{n+1}}{n+1} = \frac{1}{(n+1)b} (a + bx)^{n+1}.$$

Ex. 2. Integrate $\int \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{(x^2 - a^2)}}$.

Put $x = a \sec \theta$. $\therefore dx = a \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta$.

$$\therefore I = \int \frac{a \sec \theta \tan \theta d\theta}{a \sec \theta \cdot a \tan \theta} = \frac{1}{a} \int d\theta = \frac{1}{a} \theta = \frac{1}{a} \sec^{-1} \frac{x}{a}.$$

Cor. $\int \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{(x^2 - 1)}} = \sec^{-1} x$.

Ex. 3. Integrate $\frac{\sin^{-1} x}{\sqrt{(1-x^2)}} dx$.

put $\sin^{-1} x = z$. $\therefore \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1-x^2)}} dx = dz$.

$$\therefore I = \int zdz = \frac{1}{2} z^2 = \frac{1}{2} (\sin^{-1} x)^2.$$

Ex. 4. Show that

$$(i) \int \tan x dx = \log |\sec x|. \quad (ii) \int \cot x dx = \log |\sin x|.$$

(i) Put $\cos x = z$; then $-\sin x dx = dz$.

$$\therefore I = \int \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} dx = - \int \frac{dz}{z} = -\log z.$$

$$= -\log \cos x = \log \frac{1}{\cos x} = \log |\sec x|$$

(ii) Similarly, by substituting $\sin x = z$, this result follows.

Otherwise:

$$(i) \int \tan x dx = \int \frac{\sec x \tan x}{\sec x} dx = \log |\sec x|.$$

$$(ii) \int \cot x dx = \int \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} dx = \log |\sin x|. \quad [\text{See Ex. 5 below}]$$

Ex. 5. Show that

$$\int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} dx = \log |f(x)|.$$

Put $f(x) = z$, $\therefore f'(x) dx = dz$.

$$\therefore I = \int \frac{dz}{z} = \log |z| = \log |f(x)|.$$

Hence,

If the integrand be a fraction such that its numerator is the differential coefficient of the denominator, then the integral is equal to $\log|\text{denominator}|$.

$$\text{Thus, } \int \frac{\cos x - \sin x}{\sin x + \cos x} dx = \log |(\sin x + \cos x)|.$$

$$\int \frac{2ax+b}{ax^2+bx+c} dx = \log |(ax^2+bx+c)|.$$

The principle is also illustrated in Ex. 4 above.

Ex. 6. Integrate $\int \frac{2 \sin x}{5+3 \cos x} dx$.

I can be written as $-\frac{2}{3} \int \frac{-3 \sin x}{5+3 \cos x} dx$.

Now, since the numerator of the integrand is the differential coefficient of the denominator,

$$\therefore I = -\frac{2}{3} \log |(5+3 \cos x)|.$$

Ex. 7. Integrate $\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{(x+a)} + \sqrt{(x+b)}}$.

Multiplying the numerator and denominator by $\sqrt{x+a} - \sqrt{x+b}$, we have

$$I = \int \frac{\sqrt{x+a} - \sqrt{x+b}}{a-b} dx = \frac{1}{a-b} \left[\int \sqrt{x+a} dx - \int \sqrt{x+b} dx \right].$$

Putting $x+a = z$, so that $dx = dz$,

$$\int \sqrt{x+a} dx = \int \sqrt{z} dz = \frac{2}{3} z^{3/2} = \frac{2}{3} (x+a)^{3/2}.$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \int \sqrt{x+b} dx = \frac{2}{3} (x+b)^{3/2}.$$

$$\therefore I = \frac{2}{3} \frac{1}{a-b} [(x+a)^{3/2} - (x+b)^{3/2}].$$

Ex. 8. Integrate $\int \frac{(a+bx)^2}{(a'+b'x)^3} dx$.

$$\text{Put } a'+b'x = z, \quad \text{or, } x = \frac{z-a'}{b'}, \quad \therefore dx = \frac{1}{b'} dz.$$

Now the given integral becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \frac{\left\{a + \frac{b}{b'}(z - a')\right\}^2}{z^3} \frac{dz}{b'} = \frac{1}{b'^3} \int \frac{(bz + ab' - a'b)^2}{z^3} dz, \\ &= \frac{1}{b'^3} \left[b^2 \int \frac{dz}{z} + 2b(ab' - a'b) \int \frac{dz}{z^2} + (ab' - a'b)^2 \int \frac{dz}{z^3} \right], \\ &= \frac{b^2}{b'^3} \log z - \frac{2b(ab' - a'b)}{b'^3} \frac{1}{z} - \frac{(ab' - a'b)}{2b'^3} \frac{1}{z^2}, \\ &= \frac{b^2}{b'^3} \log(a' + b'x) - \frac{2b(ab' - a'b)}{b'^3(a' + b'x)} - \frac{(ab' - a'b)^2}{2b'^3(a' + b'x)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Note. By the same process we can integrate $\int \frac{(a+bx)^m}{(a'+b'x)^n} dx$, where m is a positive integer, n being a rational number. [Cf. §9.13]

Ex. 9. Integrate $\int \frac{dx}{x^3(a+bx)^2}$.

$$\text{Put } a+bx = zx, \text{ or, } \frac{a}{x} + b = z. \text{ Then } -\frac{a}{x^2} dx = dz.$$

The given integral then

$$\begin{aligned} &= -\frac{1}{a} \int \frac{dz}{x^2 z^2} = -\frac{1}{a} \int \frac{dz}{z^2} \left(\frac{z-b}{a} \right)^3, \\ &= -\frac{1}{a^4} \int (z-3b + \frac{3b^2}{z} - \frac{b^3}{z^2}) dz, \\ &= -\frac{1}{a^4} \left[\frac{z^2}{2} - 3bz + 3b^2 \log z + \frac{b^3}{z} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{a^4} \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{a+bx}{x} \right)^2 - 3b \left(\frac{a+bx}{x} \right) + 3b^2 \log \frac{a+bx}{x} + b^3 \left(\frac{x}{a+bx} \right) \right].$$

Note. By the same substitution the integral $\int \frac{dx}{x^m(a+bx)^n}$ can be obtained where m and n are positive integers, or even when they are fractions such that $m+n$ is a positive integral greater than unity. For another method see §9.13.

EXAMPLES II(A)

Integrate the following :-

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| 1. (i) $\int e^{\tan^{-1}x} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx.$ | (ii) $\int e^{a \sin^{-1}x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx.$ |
| (iii) $\int \frac{\cos(\log x)}{x} dx.$ | (iv) $\int \frac{\cos^2 x}{\sin^4 x} dx.$ |
| (v) $\int \frac{\cos 4x - \cos 2x}{\sin 4x - \sin 2x} dx.$ | (vi) $\int \frac{dx}{\operatorname{cosec} 2x - \cot 2x}.$ |
| 2. (i) $\int x \sqrt{x^2 + 1} dx.$ | (ii) $\int x^2 \sqrt{a^3 + x^3} dx.$ |
| 3. (i) $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \cos \sqrt{x} dx.$ | (ii) $\int \frac{dx}{1 + \cos x}.$ |
| 4. (i) $\int \frac{\sqrt{(\tan x)}}{\sin x \cos x} dx.$ | (ii) $\int \frac{\sqrt{\sin x}}{\cos^5 x} dx.$ |
| 5. (i) $\int \frac{1 + \cos x}{\sqrt[3]{(x + \sin x)}} dx.$ | (ii) $\int \frac{1 + \cos x}{x + \sin x} dx.$ |
| 6. (i) $\int \frac{\tan(\log x)}{x} dx.$ | (ii) $\int \frac{dx}{x \log x}.$ |
| 7. (i) $\int \frac{\cos x dx}{\sqrt{1 + \sin x}}.$ | (ii) $\int \frac{\cos x dx}{(a + b \sin x)^2}.$ |

8. (i) $\int \frac{dx}{x^2 \sqrt{1-x^2}}$.
 [Put $x = \sin \theta$.]

(ii) $\int \frac{dx}{x^2 \sqrt{1+x^2}}$.

(iii) $\int \frac{dx}{(1-x^2)\sqrt{1-x^2}}$.

(iv) $\int \frac{dx}{(1+x^2)\sqrt{1+x^2}}$.

9. (i) $\int \frac{e^x - 1}{e^x + 1} dx$.

(ii) $\int \frac{dx}{e^x + 1}$.

[Multiply the numerator and denominator of (i) by $e^{-x/2}$, and that of (ii) by e^{-x} .]

10. (i) $\int \frac{\tan x}{\log \cos x} dx$.

(ii) $\int \frac{\cot x}{\log \sin x} dx$.

(iii) $\int \frac{\sec x \cosec x}{\log \tan x} dx$.

(iv) $\int \frac{\sec x dx}{\log(\sec x + \tan x)}$.

11. (i) $\int \frac{\sin 2x dx}{a \sin^2 x + b \cos^2 x}$.

(ii) $\int \frac{\tan x dx}{a + b \tan^2 x}$.

(iii) $\int \frac{\sin 2x dx}{(a^2 \cos^2 x + b^2 \sin^2 x)^2}$.

(iv) $\int \frac{\tan x \sec^2 x}{(a^2 + b^2 \tan^2 x)^2} dx$.

12. (i) $\int x \sin x^2 dx$.

(ii) $\int \frac{dx}{\sin x \cos x}$.

13. (i) $\int \frac{3x-1}{\sqrt{(3x^2-2x+7)}} dx$.

(ii) $\int \frac{x dx}{\sqrt{x^2-a^2}}$.

14. (i) $\int \frac{dx}{(1+x^2)\sqrt{(\tan^{-1} x + 3)}}$.

(ii) $\int \frac{\sec^4 x dx}{\sqrt{(\tan x)}}$.

15. (i) $\int \frac{e^{2x}}{e^x + 1} dx$.

(ii) $\int \frac{dx}{(e^x - 1)^2}$.

(iii) $\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{(e^x - 1)}}$.

16. $\int \frac{e^x(1+x)}{\cos^2(xe^x)} dx.$ [Put $xe^x = z.$]

17. (i) $\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{(x+1)} - \sqrt{(x+1)}}.$ (ii) $\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{(2x+5)} + \sqrt{(2x-3)}}$

(iii) $\int \frac{dx}{\{(x-3)+(x-4)\}\sqrt{\{(x-3)(x-4)\}}}$

18. (i) $\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x+x}}.$ [Put $\sqrt{x} = z$] (ii) $\int \frac{x dx}{(2x+1)^3}.$

19. (i) $\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x-1}}.$ (ii) $\int \frac{x}{\sqrt{x+1}} dx.$

20. (i) $\int (3x+2)\sqrt{2x+1} dx.$ (ii) $\int x^3 \sqrt{(x+a)} dx.$

21. (i) $\int \frac{1+x}{1-x} dx.$ (ii) $\int \frac{x^6}{x-1} dx.$

22. (i) $\int \frac{2x+3}{3x+4} dx.$ (ii) $\int \frac{x}{a+bx} dx.$

23. (i) $\int \frac{2x+1}{\sqrt{(3x+2)}} dx.$ (ii) $\int \frac{x}{\sqrt[3]{(a+bx)}} dx.$

24. $\int \sqrt{\frac{a+x}{a-x}} dx.$ [Put $x=a \cos 2\theta$] 25. $\int \frac{2x^3+3x^2+4x+5}{2x+1} dx.$

26. (i) $\int \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{(a^3-x^3)}} dx.$ (ii) $\int \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{(a^6-x^6)}} dx.$

[Put $x^3 = a^3 \sin^2 \theta$ in (i) and $a^3 \sin \theta$ in (ii).]

(iii) $\int \frac{dx}{x^3 \sqrt{(x^2-1)}}.$ (iv) $\int \frac{x^3 dx}{\sqrt{(1-x^2)}}.$

27. $\int \sqrt{\frac{x}{a-x}} dx.$ [Put $x=a \sin^2 \theta$]

28. (i) $\int \frac{dx}{(a^2 - x^2)^{3/2}}$.

(ii) $\int \frac{dx}{(1-x)\sqrt{(1-x^2)}}$.

29. (i) $\int (1 - \frac{1}{x}) e^{\frac{x+1}{x}} dx$.

(ii) $\int \frac{x^2 + 1}{(x^2 - 1)^2} dx$.

30. $\int \frac{a \cos x - b \sin x}{a \sin x + b \cos x + c} dx$.

31. (i) $\int \frac{dx}{x(a + b \log x)}$.

(ii) $\int \frac{(\log \sec x)^2}{\cot x} dx$.

32. $\int \frac{x^2 + 1}{\sqrt[3]{(x^3 + 3x + 6)}} dx$.

33. (i) $\int \cos x \cos(\sin x) dx$.

(ii) $\int \sin x \cot^3 x dx$.

(iii) $\int \tan x \tan 2x \tan 3x dx$.

34. $\int \cos \left(2 \cot^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{1+x}} \right) dx$.

[Put $v = \cos \theta$.]

35. (i) $\int \frac{\cos x}{\cos(x + \alpha)} dx$.

(ii) $\int \frac{\cot \alpha - \cot x}{\cot \alpha + \cot x} dx$.

36. (i) $\int \frac{dx}{x^2(a - bx)^2}$.

(ii) $\int \frac{x^7 dx}{(1 - x^4)^2}$.

37. (i) $\int \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{1 + x^{\frac{3}{2}}} dx$. [Put $x = z^4$.] (ii) $\int \frac{\sqrt{1 + x^2}}{x^4} dx$.

38. (i) $\int \frac{dx}{x \sqrt{x^4 - 1}}$.

(ii) $\int \frac{2x dx}{(1 - x^2) \sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$.

[Put $x^2 = \sec \theta$.]

39. $\int \{f(x)\phi'(x) + \phi(x)f'(x)\} dx$

40. Integrate $\frac{1}{2}f'(x)$ with respect to x^4 where

$$f(x) = \tan^{-1} x + \log \sqrt{1+x} - \log \sqrt{1-x}.$$