

Definite Integrals

You must be very careful when calculating definite integrals using substitution as the limits of integration change.

Ex 1. $\int_0^1 15x^2(x^3 + 1)^4 dx$

Let $u = x^3 + 1$

$$du = 3x^2 dx$$

$$\frac{1}{3}du = x^2 dx$$

$$\int_0^1 15x^2(x^3 + 1)^4 dx = \int_0^1 5u^4 du$$

New limits.

$$u = x^3 + 1$$

$$\text{when } x = 0, \text{ then } u = 0^3 + 1 = 1$$

$$\text{when } x = 1, \text{ then } u = 1^3 + 1 = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_1^2 5u^4 du && \text{(note new limits)} \\ &= [u^5]_1^2 \\ &= (2)^5 - (1)^5 \\ &= \underline{\underline{31}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Ex 2. } \int_0^{\pi/6} 10 \sin^4 x \cos x dx$$

$$u = \sin x$$

$$du = \cos x dx$$

$$\int_0^{\pi/6} 10 \sin^4 x \cos x dx = \int_0^{\pi/6} 10u^4 du$$

New limits.

$$u = \sin x$$

when $x = 0$, then $u = \sin 0 = 0$

when $x = \frac{\pi}{6}$, then $u = \sin \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$

$$= \int_0^{1/2} 10u^4 du \quad (\text{note new limits})$$

$$= [2u^5]_0^{1/2}$$

$$= (2 \times (\frac{1}{2})^5) - (2 \times (0)^5)$$

$$= \frac{1}{16}$$

Ex3 Use the substitution $u = \cos x$ to show that

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \tan x \, dx = \ln 2$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \tan x \, dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \, dx$$

$$u = \cos x$$

$$du = -\sin x \, dx$$

$$-du = \sin x \, dx$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \, dx = - \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{1}{u} \, du$$

New limits.

$$u = \cos x$$

when $x = 0$, then $u = \cos 0 = 1$

when $x = \frac{\pi}{3}$, then $u = \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{2}$

$$= - \int_1^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{u} du \quad (\text{note new limits})$$

$$= - [\ln u]_1^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= - \left[\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \ln(1) \right]$$

$$= - \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$= - \ln(2^{-1})$$

$$= \underline{\ln 2}$$

Ex 4 Use the substitution $u = \sin x$ to evaluate $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^3 x dx$

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^3 x dx$$

$$u = \sin x$$

$$du = \cos x dx$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^3 x \, dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^2 x \, du$$

We must also replace the remaining term $\cos^2 x$ in the integrand.

$$\cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x = 1 - u^2$$

New limits. when $x = 0$, then $u = \sin 0 = 0$

when $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$, then $u = \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 1$

$$= \int_0^1 (1 - u^2) \, du$$

$$= \left[u - \frac{1}{3}u^3 \right]_0^1$$

$$= \left(1 - \frac{1}{3} \right) - (0)$$

$$= \frac{2}{3}$$

Ex 5 Use the substitution $x = 2 \sin \theta$ to show that

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x+1}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} dx = 2 - \sqrt{3} + \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x+1}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} dx$$

$$x = 2 \sin \theta$$

$$dx = 2 \cos \theta d\theta$$

New Limits

When $x = 0$: $2 \sin \theta = 0$

$$\sin \theta = 0$$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1}(0)$$

$$\theta = 0$$

When $x = 1$: $2 \sin \theta = 1$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^1 \frac{x+1}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} dx &= \frac{2\sin\theta+1}{\sqrt{4-4\sin^2\theta}} \\
 &= \frac{2\sin\theta+1}{\sqrt{4(1-\sin^2\theta)}} \\
 &= \frac{2\sin\theta+1}{\sqrt{4\cos^2\theta}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^1 \frac{x+1}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} dx &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \frac{(2\sin\theta+1)}{2\cos\theta} \cdot 2\cos\theta \, d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} (2\sin\theta+1) \, d\theta \\
 &= [-2\cos\theta + \theta]_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left[-2 \cos \frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{6} \right] - [-2 \cos 0 + 0]$$

$$= -2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) + \frac{\pi}{6} + 2(1)$$

$$= -\sqrt{3} + \frac{\pi}{6} + 2$$

$$= \underline{\underline{2 - \sqrt{3} + \frac{\pi}{6}}}$$