

More substitutions

Problem: Find $\int t \sqrt{1+2t^2} dt$

Solⁿ: let $u = 1+2t^2$. Then $\frac{du}{dt} = 4t$, or
 $\frac{1}{4} du = t dt$. Now we get

$$\begin{aligned}\int \sqrt{1+2t^2} t dt &= \frac{1}{4} \int \sqrt{u} du = \frac{1}{4} \int u^{1/2} du \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{3} u^{3/2} + C = \frac{1}{6} (1+2t^2)^{3/2} + C\end{aligned}$$

Problem: Find $\int \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$.

Solⁿ: let $x = \tan(u)$. Then

$$\frac{dx}{du} = \frac{d}{du} \left(\frac{\sin(u)}{\cos(u)} \right) = \frac{\cos^2(u) - (-\sin(u)) \sin(u)}{\cos^2(u)} = \frac{1}{\cos^2(u)}$$

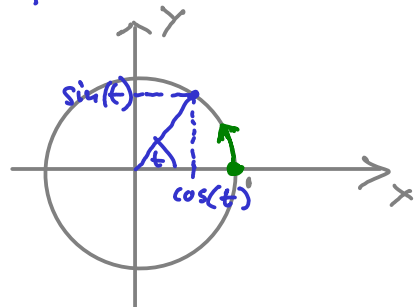
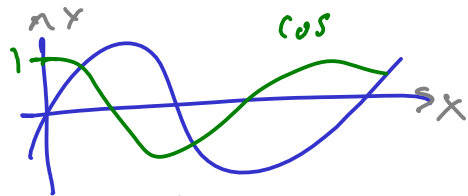
and so $dx = \frac{1}{\cos^2(u)} du$. Next

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx &= \int \frac{1}{1+\tan^2(u)} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos^2(u)} du \\ &= \int \frac{1}{1+\frac{\sin^2(u)}{\cos^2(u)}} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos^2(u)} du \\ &= \int \frac{1}{\cos^2(u) + \sin^2(u)} du = \int 1 du = u + C \\ &= \tan^{-1}(x) + C\end{aligned}$$

Problem: Find $\int \sqrt{1-x^2} dx$ using the substitution $x = \sin(u)$.

Solⁿ: $\frac{dx}{du} = \cos(u)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \sqrt{1-x^2} dx \\ &= \int \sqrt{1-\sin^2(u)} \cos(u) du \\ &= \int \sqrt{\cos^2(u)} \cos(u) du \\ &= \int \cos^2(u) du \end{aligned}$$



$$\sin^2(t) + \cos^2(t) = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} \left(u + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2u) \right) + C \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\sin^{-1}(x) + \frac{1}{2} \sin(2 \sin^{-1}(x)) \right) + C \end{aligned}$$

How did this happen?
We used the tables.

Let's see if we can do this ourselves.

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \cos^2(u) du \\ &= \int \frac{1}{2} (\cos(2u) + 1) du \\ &= \int \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos(2u) du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} u + \frac{1}{4} \sin(2u) \end{aligned}$$

Use the addition theorem for cosine.

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(2u) &= \cos^2(u) - \sin^2(u) \\ &= 2\cos^2(u) - (\cos^2(u) + \sin^2(u)) \\ &= 2\cos^2(u) - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } \cos^2(u) = \frac{1}{2} (\cos(2u) + 1)$$

another substitution $v = 2u$