

Integration by Substitution Method

Kind of an Integral “Chain Rule” or reverse “Chain Rule”

Sometimes also referred to as “Change of Variables”

BIG IDEA: Look for some expression in the integrand whose derivative, or very close to the derivative also appears in the integrand. That embedded function is usually chosen to be $u(x)$.

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

Choose $u(x)$

$$\text{Then } u'(x) = \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\text{So, } u'(x)dx = du$$

NEW INTEGRAL

$$\int f(x)dx = \int g(u)du$$

Then find the antiderivative of the simpler integral and lastly substitute $u(x)$ back into the answer.