

Common substitutions in integration

Integral		Substitution /Integrand	$dx \rightarrow dt$	Examples
1	$\int R(x, \sqrt{b^2x^2 + a^2}) dx$	$x = \frac{a}{b} \tan t$ $\sqrt{b^2x^2 + a^2} = a \sec t$	$dx = \frac{a}{b} \sec^2 t dt$	$\int \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{9+4x^2}} = \frac{1}{3} \ln \left \frac{\sqrt{9+4x^2}-3}{x} \right + C$ $\int \frac{\sqrt{x^2-25}}{x^4} dx = \frac{(x^2-25)^{3/2}}{75x^3} + C$ $\int \frac{(16-9x^2)^{3/2}}{x^6} dx = -\frac{(16-9x^2)^{5/2}}{80x^5} + C$
2	$\int R(x, \sqrt{b^2x^2 - a^2}) dx$	$x = \frac{a}{b} \sec t$ $\sqrt{b^2x^2 - a^2} = a \tan t$	$dx = \frac{a}{b} \sec t \tan t dt$	
3	$\int R(x, \sqrt{a^2 - b^2x^2}) dx$	$x = \frac{a}{b} \sin t$ $\sqrt{a^2 - b^2x^2} = a \cos t$	$dx = \frac{a}{b} \cos t dt$	
4	$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{ax^2 + bx + c}}$ $\int \frac{dx}{ax^2 + bx + c}$	$ax^2 + bx + c = a\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \frac{\Delta}{4a}$ $= a[t^2 \pm \lambda^2], t = x + \frac{b}{2a}, \pm \lambda^2 = -\frac{\Delta}{4a^2}$	$dx = dt$ (change to 1-3 above)	$\int \frac{dx}{8x^2 + 8x + 9} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{56}} \tan^{-1} \frac{(2x+1)\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{7}} + C$ $\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{20+8x-x^2}} = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x-4}{6} \right) + C$ $\int \frac{(7x-9)dx}{x^2 - 2x + 35} = \frac{7}{2} \ln x^2 - 2x + 35 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{34}} \tan^{-1} \frac{x-1}{\sqrt{34}} + C$
5	$\int \frac{Ax+B}{\sqrt{ax^2 + bx + c}} dx$ $\int \frac{Ax+B}{ax^2 + bx + c} dx$	$Ax + B = \frac{A}{2a}(2ax + b) + \left(B - \frac{Ab}{2a}\right)$ $\int \frac{Ax+B}{ax^2 + bx + c} dx = \frac{A}{2a} \int \frac{2ax+b}{ax^2 + bx + c} dx + \left(B - \frac{Ab}{2a}\right) \int \frac{dx}{ax^2 + bx + c}$		
6	$\int R(x, \sqrt{ax^2 + bx + c}) dx$	Euler's Substitution $a > 0, \begin{cases} \sqrt{ax^2 + bx + c} = \pm \sqrt{ax} + t \\ x = \frac{t^2 - c}{\pm 2\sqrt{at} + b} \end{cases}$ $c > 0 \begin{cases} \sqrt{ax^2 + bx + c} = xt \pm \sqrt{c} \\ x = -\frac{\pm 2\sqrt{ct} - b}{t^2 - a} \end{cases}$	dx $= 2 \frac{\pm \sqrt{at^2 + bt \pm c\sqrt{a}}}{(\pm 2\sqrt{at} + b)^2} dt$ dx $= 2 \frac{\pm \sqrt{ct^2 - bt \pm a\sqrt{c}}}{(t^2 - a)^2} dt$	$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^2 + a}} = \ln x + \sqrt{x^2 + a} + C$ $\int \frac{dx}{x^2 \sqrt{x^2 + 2x - 1}} = 2 \tan^{-1} \left(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 2x - 1} \right) + \frac{x - 1 + \sqrt{x^2 + 2x - 1}}{x + [x + 1 + \sqrt{x^2 + 2x - 1}]} + C$ Let $t = x + \sqrt{x^2 + 2x - 1}$

7	$\int R(x, \sqrt{ax^2 + bx + c}) dx$ $ax^2 + bx + c = a(x - \alpha)(x - \beta), \Delta > 0$	$\sqrt{ax^2 + bx + c} = t(x - \alpha)$ $x = \frac{at^2 - \alpha\beta}{t^2 - \alpha}$	$dx = \frac{2at(\beta - \alpha)}{(t^2 - \alpha)} dt$	$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^2 - 3x + 2}} = \ln 2x - 3 + 2\sqrt{x^2 - 3x + 2} + C$
8	$\int R(x, \sqrt{(x-a)(b-x)}) dx$	$x = a \cos^2 \theta + b \sin^2 \theta$ $\sqrt{(x-a)(b-x)} = (b-a) \sin \theta \cos \theta$	$dx = 2(b-a) \sin \theta \cos \theta$	$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{(x-a)(b-x)}} = 2 \sin^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{x-a}{b-a}} + C, \text{ where } b > a$ $\int_a^b \frac{x dx}{\sqrt{(x-a)(b-x)}} = (a+b) \frac{\pi}{4}$
9	$\int R\left(x, \sqrt[n]{\frac{ax+b}{cx+e}}\right) dx$	$t = \sqrt[n]{\frac{ax+b}{cx+e}}$ $x = \frac{et^n - b}{a - ct^n}$	$dx = \frac{n(ae - bc)t^{n-1}}{(a - ct^n)^2} dt$	$\int \sqrt{\frac{4+x}{4-x}} dx = 8 \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{4+x}{4-x}} - \sqrt{16-x^2} + C$ $\int \frac{dx}{(2x+3)\sqrt{4x+5}} = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\frac{4x+5}{2x+3}}\right) + C$ $\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt[3]{(x+1)^2(x-1)^4}} = -\frac{3}{2} \sqrt[3]{\frac{x+1}{x-1}} + C$
10	$\int R\left(x, \left(\frac{ax+b}{cx+e}\right)^{m/n}, \dots, \left(\frac{ax+b}{cx+e}\right)^{r/s}\right) dx$	$t^L = \frac{ax+b}{cx+e}, \text{ where}$ $L = \text{LCM}(n, \dots, s)$ $x = \frac{et^L - b}{a - ct^L}$	$dx = \frac{L(ae - bc)t^{L-1}}{(a - ct^L)^2} dt$	
11	$\int R(\cos x, \sin x) dx$	$t = \tan \frac{x}{2}$ $\sin x = \frac{2t}{1+t^2}, \cos x = \frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2}$	$dx = \frac{2dt}{1+t^2}$	$\int \frac{dx}{2 + \sin x} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left(2 \tan \frac{x}{2} + 1 \right) \right] + C$ $\int \frac{dx}{\cot x + \csc x} = \ln \left 1 + \tan^2 \frac{x}{2} \right + C$
12	$\int R(\cos^2 x, \sin^2 x) dx$	$t = \tan x$ $\sin^2 x = \frac{t^2}{1+t^2}, \cos^2 x = \frac{1}{1+t^2}$	$dx = \frac{dt}{1+t^2}$	$\int \frac{dx}{2 \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \tan^{-1} (\sqrt{2} \tan x) + C$
13	$\int \frac{dx}{L\sqrt{Q}}, \int \frac{dx}{Q\sqrt{L}}, \int \frac{dx}{L_1\sqrt{L_2}}, \int \frac{dx}{Q_1\sqrt{Q_2}}$ $L \equiv ax + b, \quad Q \equiv px^2 + qx + r$	(1) $L = t^{-1}$ (2) $L = t^2$ (3) $L_1 = t^{-1}$ or $L_2 = t^2$ (4) $\sqrt{Q_1/Q_2} = t$	omitted	$\int \frac{dx}{(x+1)\sqrt{3+x-x^2}}$ $= \ln 1+x - \ln 3x+5+2\sqrt{3+x-x^2} + C$