

INTEGRALS

INTEGRALS BY SUBSTITUTION

Evaluation of Definite Integral by change of variable

When the variable (x) in a definite integral is changed with (t) then, substitution affects at three places

- (1) Integrand is changed
- (2) $d(x)$ is changed with $d f(t)$
- (3) Upper and lower limits are changed

Ex.1 Evaluate $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x}{(1+x)(1+x^2)} dx$

Sol. Substitute $x = \tan \theta$, $dx = \sec^2 \theta d\theta$ (limits of integration are changed to 0 and $\pi/2$)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore I &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x}{(1+x)(1+x^2)} dx \\
 &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\tan \theta}{(1+\tan \theta)\sec^2 \theta} \sec^2 \theta d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\tan \theta}{1+\tan \theta} d\theta \\
 \Rightarrow I &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sin \theta}{\sin \theta + \cos \theta} d\theta \\
 \Rightarrow I &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right)} d\theta
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\cos \theta}{\cos \theta + \sin \theta} d\theta$$

Adding (1) and (2), we get

$$2I = \int_0^{\pi/2} d\theta = \pi / 2$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Some more properties of Definite Integral

Property 9 If $f(x) \geq 0 \forall x \in [a, b]$, then $\int_a^b f(x) dx \geq 0$

Property 10 If $f(x)$ is an odd function of x , then $\int_0^x f(t) dt$ is an even function of x .

Ex.8 Show that if $f(t)$ is an odd function then $F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$ is an even function.

Sol. We have, $F(x) = \int_a^0 f(t) dt + \int_0^x f(t) dt$

$$\Rightarrow F(-x) = \int_a^0 f(t) dt + \int_0^{-x} f(t) dt$$

Substituting $t = -u$ in the 2nd integral

$$F(-x) = \int_a^0 f(t) dt + \int_0^x f(-u)(-du)$$

$$= \int_a^0 f(t) dt + \int_0^x f(u)(du) \quad (\because f(-u) = -f(u))$$

$$= \int_a^x f(t) dt + F(x)$$

Therefore $F(x)$ is an even function