Worksheet 10 - integration by substitution

Given functions f amd u, the chain rule says that $\frac{d}{dx}f(u(x)) = f'(u(x))u'(x)$. Given the indefinite integral $\int f'(u(x))u'(x) dx$, we can replace u'(x) dx with du to write

$$\int f'(u(x)) u'(x) dx = \int f'(u) du.$$

For a definite integral we must also change the limits of integration:

$$\int_{x=a}^{x=b} f'(u(x))u'(x) dx = \int_{u=u(a)}^{u=u(b)} f'(u)du$$

1. Guess u(x) and substitute to compute the integrals. Write your answer in terms of x.

(a)
$$\int x \cos(x^2) dx$$

(b)
$$\int \frac{x}{x^2 + 1} dx$$

(c)
$$\int \frac{\cos(3x)}{\sqrt{\sin(3x)}} \, dx$$

2. Sometimes finding a good u requires harder guesswork; choose a u that has u'(x) available, and then see if you can rewrite everything else in terms of u.

(a)
$$\int \frac{e^x}{1 + e^{2x}} dx$$

(b)
$$\int x\sqrt{2-x}\,dx$$

(c)
$$\int x^3 \sqrt{x^2 + 1} \, dx$$

- 3. Sometimes you need to split the integral into pieces. For instance, find $\int \frac{x+1}{x^2+1} dx$.
- 4. Be careful to use the correct limits of integration when computing definite integrals.

(a)
$$\int_0^3 x \cos(x^2) dx$$

(b)
$$\int_{0}^{1} x\sqrt{2-x} \, dx$$

(c)
$$\int_{2}^{3} \frac{x}{x^2 + 1} dx$$

(d)
$$\int_0^{\pi} (\sec(x/4))^2 dx$$

(e)
$$\int_0^{\frac{1}{38}} \frac{\arcsin(19x)}{\sqrt{1 - 361x^2}} \, dx$$