

**Math 10250 Activity 32: Integration by Parts and Partial Fraction Decomposition  
(Section 5.3)**

**GOAL:** To find integrals using Integration by Parts and Partial Fraction decomposition.

► **Integration by parts**

**IDEA:** Recall that Integration by Substitution “reverses” chain rule. Today we learn another technique, called *integration by parts*, which “reverses” the product rule.

- Let  $u(x)$  and  $v(x)$  be two differentiable functions. Applying product rule, we have:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(u(x)v(x)) = u(x)v'(x) + u'(x)v(x)$$

- By definition of anti-derivative:

$$u(x)v(x) = \underline{\hspace{10em}} = \int u(x)v'(x) dx + \int u'(x)v(x) dx.$$

- Rearranging terms, we have:

$$\int u(x)v'(x) dx = u(x)v(x) - \int v(x)u'(x) dx$$

- Note  $\frac{du}{dx} = u'(x) \Rightarrow du = \underline{\hspace{2em}}$ . Also  $\frac{dv}{dx} = v'(x) \Rightarrow dv = \underline{\hspace{2em}}$ .

- Suppressing variable  $x$ , we get:

$$\boxed{\int u dv = \underline{\hspace{10em}}}. \rightarrow \text{Integration by Parts}$$

**Example 1** Use integration by parts to find the following integrals.

(a)  $\int xe^{3x} dx$

(b)  $\int x^3 \ln x dx$

## ► Partial Fraction Decomposition

**Example 2** Find  $\int \frac{2}{x^2 - 3x + 2} dx$  by first writing  $\frac{2}{x^2 - 3x + 2} = \frac{A}{x - 1} + \frac{B}{x - 2}$ .

**Example 3** Use any integration method to perform the following indefinite integrals:

(a)  $\int x\sqrt{2x + 9} dx$

(c)  $\int (\ln x)^2 dx$

(b)  $\int \frac{x}{x^2 - x - 6} dx$

(d)  $\int \frac{6}{2x^2 + 3x + 1} dx$

**Example 4** In a study of students learning foreign language, the number of new words  $w(t)$  ( as a function of time) an average student can learn a day is modeled by the equation  $\frac{dw}{dt} = 0.1(1 - t)e^{-0.1t}$ . If the student begins with 20 new words a day, how many new words a day can he learn after 10 days.