

Does $\int x \, dx$ seem similar to $\int u \, du$? Explain how you would find the antiderivative of each.

Does $\int e^x dx$ seem similar to $\int e^u du$? Explain how you would find the antiderivative of each.

Does $\int \cos(x) dx$ seem similar to $\int \cos(u) du$? Explain how you would find the antiderivative of each.

How do you think substitution allows us to find antiderivatives of those that “didn’t work” from our activity yesterday?

Find $\int \frac{1}{2} (1 - x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (-2x) dx$ using substitution. Work with your partner to find the solution. What is u ? What is du ? What is the general solution?