
P1 Chapter 13: Integration

Indefinite Integrals

Integration notation

The following notation could be used to differentiate an expression:

The dx here means differentiating “with respect to x ”.

$$\frac{d}{dx}(5x^2) = 10x$$

There is similarly notation for integrating an expression:

$$\int 10x \ dx = 5x^2 + c$$

“Integrate...”

“...this expression”

“...with respect to x ”

(the dx is needed just as it was needed in the differentiation notation at the top of this slide)

This is known as **indefinite integration**, in contrast to definite integration, which we'll see later in the chapter.

It is called ‘indefinite’ because the exact expression is unknown (due to the $+c$).

Examples

Find $\int(x^{-\frac{3}{2}} + 2) dx$

$$= -2x^{-\frac{1}{2}} + 2x + c$$

Fro Note: The brackets are required if there's multiple terms.

Find $\int(6t^2 - 1) dt$

$$= 2t^3 - t + c$$

Note the dt instead of dx .

Find $\int(px^3 + q) dx$ where p and q are constants.

$$= \frac{1}{4}px^4 + qx + c$$

Textbook (Minor) Error: “any other letters must be treated as constants”. Similar to the error in the differentiation chapter, it should read “any other letters, which are either constants or variables independent of x , can be treated as numbers”. In $\int xy dx$, if y is a variable, we can only treat y as a constant if it is not dependent on x , i.e. there is not some equation relating y to x .

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$$y = 2x^5 + 6x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\int y \, dx = \frac{1}{3}x^6 + 12x^{\frac{1}{2}} + c$$

Exercise 13.2

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Homework Exercise

1 Find the following integrals:

a $\int x^3 \, dx$

b $\int x^7 \, dx$

c $\int 3x^{-4} \, dx$

d $\int 5x^2 \, dx$

2 Find the following integrals:

a $\int (x^4 + 2x^3) \, dx$

b $\int (2x^3 - x^2 + 5x) \, dx$

c $\int (5x^{\frac{3}{2}} - 3x^2) \, dx$

3 Find the following integrals:

a $\int (4x^{-2} + 3x^{-\frac{1}{2}}) \, dx$

b $\int (6x^{-2} - x^{\frac{1}{2}}) \, dx$

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

4 Find the following integrals:

a $\int (4x^3 - 3x^{-4} + r) \, dx$

b $\int (x + x^{-\frac{1}{2}} + x^{-\frac{3}{2}}) \, dx$

c $\int (px^4 + 2t + 3x^{-2}) \, dx$

Hint

In Q4 part c you are integrating with respect to x , so treat p and t as constants.

5 Find the following integrals:

a $\int (3t^2 - t^{-2}) \, dt$

b $\int (2t^2 - 3t^{-\frac{3}{2}} + 1) \, dt$

c $\int (pt^3 + q^2 + px^3) \, dt$

6 Find the following integrals:

a $\int \frac{(2x^3 + 3)}{x^2} \, dx$

b $\int (2x + 3)^2 \, dx$

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

Homework Exercise

7 Find $\int f(x)dx$ when $f(x)$ is given by the following:

a $\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2$

b $(\sqrt{x} + 2)^2$

c $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} + 2\sqrt{x}\right)$

8 Find the following integrals:

a $\int \left(x^{\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{4}{x^3}\right) dx$

b $\int \left(\frac{2+x}{x^3} + 3\right) dx$

c $\int (x^2 + 3)(x - 1) dx$

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

e $\int \left(3 + \frac{\sqrt{x} + 6x^3}{x}\right) dx$

f $\int \sqrt{x}(\sqrt{x} + 3)^2 dx$

9 Find the following integrals:

a $\int \left(\frac{A}{x^2} - 3\right) dx$

b $\int \left(\sqrt{Px} + \frac{2}{x^3}\right) dx$

c $\int \left(\frac{p}{x^2} + q\sqrt{x} + r\right) dx$

10 Given that $f(x) = \frac{6}{x^2} + 4\sqrt{x} - 3x + 2$, $x > 0$, find $\int f(x) dx$. **(5 marks)**

11 Find $\int \left(8x^3 + 6x - \frac{3}{\sqrt{x}}\right) dx$, giving each term in its simplest form. **(4 marks)**

12 a Show that $(2 + 5\sqrt{x})^2$ can be written as $4 + k\sqrt{x} + 25x$, where k is a constant to be found. **(2 marks)**

b Hence find $\int (2 + 5\sqrt{x})^2 dx$. **(3 marks)**

Homework Exercise

13 Given that $y = 3x^5 - \frac{4}{\sqrt{x}}$, $x > 0$, find $\int y \, dx$ in its simplest form. **(3 marks)**

14 $\int \left(\frac{p}{2x^2} + pq \right) dx = \frac{2}{x} + 10x + c$ **(5 marks)**

Find the value of p and the value of q .

Problem-solving

Integrate the expression on the left-hand side, treating p and q as constants, then compare the result with the right-hand side.

15 $f(x) = (2 - x)^{10}$

Given that x is small, and so terms in x^3 and higher powers of x can be ignored:

- a find an approximation for $f(x)$ in the form $A + Bx + Cx^2$ **(3 marks)**

- b find an approximation for $\int f(x) \, dx$. **(3 marks)**

Hint Find the first three terms of the binomial expansion of $(2 - x)^{10}$. [← Section 8.3](#)

Homework Answers

1 a $\frac{x^4}{4} + c$

c $-x^{-3} + c$

2 a $\frac{1}{5}x^5 + \frac{1}{2}x^4 + c$

c $2x^{\frac{5}{2}} - x^3 + c$

3 a $-4x^{-1} + 6x^{\frac{1}{2}} + c$

c $-4x^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{x^3}{3} - 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} + c$

4 a $x^4 + x^{-3} + rx + c$

c $\frac{px^5}{5} + 2tx - 3x^{-1} + c$

5 a $t^3 + t^{-1} + c$

c $\frac{p}{4}t^4 + q^2t + px^3t + c$

6 a $2x - \frac{3}{x} + c$

c $\frac{4}{5}x^{\frac{5}{2}} + 2x^{\frac{3}{2}} + c$

7 a $\frac{1}{3}x^3 + 2x - \frac{1}{x} + c$

c $2x^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{4}{3}x^{\frac{3}{2}} + c$

b $\frac{x^8}{8} + c$

d $\frac{5x^3}{3} + c$

b $\frac{x^4}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{5x^2}{2} + c$

b $-6x^{-1} - \frac{2}{5}x^{\frac{5}{2}} + c$

b $\frac{1}{2}x^2 + 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} - 2x^{-\frac{1}{2}} + c$

b $\frac{2}{3}t^3 + 6t^{-\frac{1}{2}} + t + c$

b $\frac{4}{3}x^3 + 6x^2 + 9x + c$

b $\frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{8}{3}x^{\frac{3}{2}} + 4x + c$

8 a $\frac{3}{5}x^{\frac{5}{3}} - \frac{2}{x^2} + c$

c $\frac{1}{x}x^4 - \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{3}{2}x^2 - 3x + c$

e $3x + 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} + 2x^3 + c$

9 a $-\frac{A}{x} - 3x + c$

c $-\frac{p}{x} + \frac{2qx^{\frac{3}{2}}}{3} + rx + c$

10 $-\frac{6}{x} + \frac{8x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{3} - \frac{3x^2}{2} + 2x + c$

11 $2x^4 + 3x^2 - 6x^{\frac{1}{2}} + c$

12 a $(2 + 5\sqrt{x})^2 = 4 + 10\sqrt{x} + 10\sqrt{x} + 25x = 4 + 20\sqrt{x} + 25x$

b $4x + \frac{40x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{3} + \frac{25x^2}{2} + c$

13 $\frac{x^6}{2} - 8x^{\frac{1}{2}} + c$

14 $p = -4, q = -2.5$

15 a $1024 - 5120x + 11520x^2$

b $1024x - 2560x^2 + 3840x^3 + c$