

Thus, this theorem enables us to compute the area under a curve!

e.g. Find the area <sup>under</sup>  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$  over  $[0, 1]$

Soln: Need to find  $\int_0^1 f(x) dx$

$$\int f(x) dx = \int (x^2 + 1) dx = \int x^2 dx + \int dx = \frac{x^3}{3} + x + C.$$

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx = \left( \frac{x^3}{3} + x + C \right) \Big|_0^1 = \left( \frac{1}{3} + 1 \right) - (0 + 0) \quad \text{(Note that } C \text{ cancels out anyway, so we can remove it.)}$$
$$= \frac{4}{3}.$$

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e.g. Calculate  $\int_0^2 e^{3x} dx$ .

Soln.  $\int e^{3x} dx = \frac{e^{3x}}{3} + C$  (using substitution)

Thus,  $\int_0^2 e^{3x} dx = \left. \frac{e^{3x}}{3} \right|_0^2$

$$= \frac{1}{3}(e^6 - 1). \quad \square$$

~~Note that C cancels out anyway.~~