

Integration

Integration as Area

To find the area under the curve $y = f(x)$ in range $a \leq x \leq b$.

1. **Partition** $[a, b]$ into N subintervals with endpoints x_0, x_1, \dots, x_N , the width of the partitions does not have to be equal.
2. Choose N points $\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_N$ in each of the partitions. The rectangle of each subpartition has area $A_i = (x_i - x_{i-1})f(\xi_i)$.
3. The total area is the **Riemann sum**

$$S_N = \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - x_{i-1})f(\xi_i)$$

4. Take the **Riemann integral** where $N \rightarrow \infty$ such that all $x_i - x_{i-1} \rightarrow 0$.

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} S_N$$

The integral in this form is also called a **definite integral**.

Properties of an Integral

From the geometric interpretation.

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \int_a^c f(x)dx + \int_c^b f(x)dx$$

But in the definition we assume $a \leq x \leq b$, to make the above property true for all c , we can define

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = - \int_b^a f(x)dx$$

Integration and differentiation are **linear operations**, this means

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b k f(x)dx &= k \int_a^b f(x)dx \\ \int_a^b f(x) + g(x)dx &= \int_a^b f(x)dx + \int_a^b g(x)dx \end{aligned}$$

In $\infty + (-\infty)$ scenarios, $\int f + g dx$ may be finite, but $\int f dx + \int g dx$ are both undefined.

Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

$$F(x) = \int_a^x f(u)du \iff \frac{dF}{dx} = f(x)$$

Or

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x f(u)du = f(x)$$

Proof

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dF}{dx} &= \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(x + \delta x) - F(x)}{\delta x} \\ &= \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\int_a^{x+\delta x} f(u)du + \int_a^x f(u)du}{\delta x} \\ &= \lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\int_x^{x+\delta x} f(u)du}{\delta x} \\ &= f(x)\end{aligned}$$

Definitions

In $F(x) = \int f(x)dx$

- $f(x)$ is the **integrand**.
- $F(x)$ is the **primitive**.

Definite and Indefinite Integrals

The primitive is also called the **indefinite integral** of $f(x)$.

- If $F(x)$ is the indefinite integral, then so is $F(x) + C$.
- The definite integral equals the difference between the primitives evaluated at the endpoints.

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = F(b) - F(a)$$

Note that the constant disappears.

Improper Integrals

Definition

An **improper integral** is one which the integrand is *singular* (not well behaved) within the range of integration.

$$\int_a^\infty f(x)dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left(\int_a^b f(x)dx \right)$$

Discontinuous Integrals

Definition

A **discontinuous integrand** contains a finite number of discontinuities over the range of integration.

If $f(x)$ is discontinuous at $x = x_0$

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \int_a^{x_0} f(x)dx + \int_{x_0}^b f(x)dx$$

Note that the primitive of a discontinuous function is continuous.

Methods of Integration

Common Results

Since the indefinite integral is the reverse of differentiation.

$$\begin{aligned}\int x^n dx &= \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C & \int \cos(ax) dx &= \frac{1}{a} \sin(ax) + C \\ \int \frac{1}{x} dx &= \ln|x| + C & \int \sin(ax) dx &= -\frac{1}{a} \cos(ax) + C \\ \int e^{ax} dx &= \frac{1}{a} e^{ax} + C & \int \sec^2(ax) dx &= \frac{1}{a} \tan(ax) + C\end{aligned}$$

Using results from inverse hyperbolic functions.

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} dx = \operatorname{arccosh}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C \quad \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}} dx = \operatorname{arsinh}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C$$

From the chain rule

$$\begin{aligned}\int (f(x))^n f'(x) dx &= \frac{1}{n+1} f^{n+1}(x) + C \\ \int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} dx &= \ln|f(x)| + C\end{aligned}$$

Powers of Trig Functions

Use the result $\sin^2(x) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2x)$ and $\cos^2(x) = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 2x)$

Since we don't know how to integrate higher power trig functions.

- If the power is even, e.g. $\cos^4 x = \frac{1}{4}(1 + \cos 2x)^2$, expand and repeat until the expression can be integrated.
- If the power is odd, e.g. $\sin^3 x = \sin x(1 - \cos^2 x)$, expand and use the reverse chain rule.

Similar rules can be used for stuff related to $\sec^2 x = 1 + \tan^2 x$ and the $\csc^2 x$ equivalent.

Partial Fractions

$$f(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$$

Where $p(x)$ and $q(x)$ are polynomials, then $f(x) = P(x) + Q(x)$

The fundamental theorem of algebra says that we can write $q(x)$ as . But we don't actually want to deal with complex numbers, so we have

$$q(x) = (x - a_1)^{j_1} (x - a_2)^{j_2} \dots (r_{m-1}(x))^{j_{m-1}} (r_m(x))^{j_m}$$

Where $r_{i(x)}$ are the terms with no real roots. So

$$Q(x) = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{r=1}^{j_i} \frac{A_{ir}}{(x - a_i)^r}$$

Once you write down these partial fractions, it is easy to integrate the terms.