

Lecture slides on Calculus 1

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Integration

- Indefinite integration
- Definite integration
- Fundamental Theorem of Calculus
- Approximate Integration
- Improper Integrals

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Basic Integration Rules (Part 1)

Power Rule (for $\alpha \neq -1$)

$$\int x^\alpha dx = \frac{x^{\alpha+1}}{\alpha+1} + C$$

Constant Rule

$$\int a dx = ax + C$$

where a is a constant.

Exponential Functions

$$\int e^x dx = e^x + C \quad \text{and} \quad \int a^x dx = \frac{a^x}{\ln a} + C \quad (a > 0, a \neq 1)$$

Basic Integration Rules (Part 2)

Trigonometric Functions

$$\int \sin x \, dx = -\cos x + C \quad \int \cos x \, dx = \sin x + C$$

$$\int \sec^2 x \, dx = \tan x + C \quad \int \csc^2 x \, dx = -\cot x + C$$

Note: $\sec x = \frac{1}{\cos x}$ and $\csc x = \frac{1}{\sin x}$

Logarithmic Function

$$\int \frac{1}{x} \, dx = \ln|x| + C \quad (x \neq 0)$$

Integration Method: Substitution

This method is inspired by the Chain Rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\underbrace{u(v(x))}_{F(x)} \right) = \underbrace{u'(v(x)) v'(x)}_{f(x)}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \underbrace{u'(v(x)) v'(x)}_{f(x)} dx = \int u'(v) dv = \underbrace{u(v(x))}_{F(x)} + C.$$

Example.

$$\int x \cos(x^2) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \cos(x^2) d(x^2) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(x^2) + C.$$

Integration Method: By Parts

This method is inspired by the product rule:

$$(\underbrace{uv}_F)' = \underbrace{u'v + uv'}_f.$$

$$\Rightarrow \int (\underbrace{u'v + uv'}_f) dx = \underbrace{uv}_F + C \implies \int u dv = uv - \int v du.$$

Example:

$$\int xe^x dx$$

Choose parts:

$$\begin{cases} u = x & \Rightarrow du = dx, \\ dv = e^x dx & \Rightarrow v = e^x. \end{cases}$$

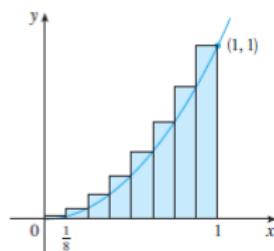
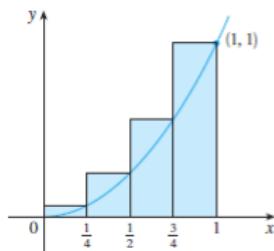
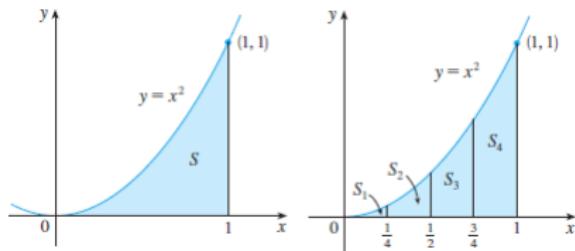
$$\Rightarrow \int xe^x dx = xe^x - \int e^x dx = xe^x - e^x + C = e^x(x - 1) + C.$$

Area Between Curves

To motivate the idea of a definite integral, consider the following area problem.

Problem. Find the area of the region S enclosed by the curve $y = x^2$, the x -axis, and the vertical lines $x = 0$ and $x = 1$.

A natural way to approximate this area is to divide the interval $[0, 1]$ into small strips and approximate each strip by a rectangle. The more subintervals we choose, the better the approximation becomes.



Example

Find the area of the region S enclosed by the curve $y = x^2$, the x-axis, and the vertical lines $x = 0$ and $x = 1$.

Step 1. Divide the interval $[0, 1]$ into N subintervals of equal width:

$$\Delta x = \frac{1 - 0}{N} = \frac{1}{N}$$

Then the endpoints are:

$$x_0 = 0, x_1 = \frac{1}{N}, x_2 = \frac{2}{N}, \dots, x_i = \frac{i}{N}, \dots, x_N = 1$$

Step 2. Use the right endpoints $x_i^* = x_i = \frac{i}{N}$, where $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$.

The function value at each point:

$$f(x_i^*) = \left(\frac{i}{N}\right)^2$$

So the area is approximated by:

$$\text{Area} \approx \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i) \Delta x = \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{i}{N}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{N} = \frac{1}{N^3} \sum_{i=1}^N i^2$$

Recall:

$$\sum_{i=1}^N i^2 = \frac{N(N+1)(2N+1)}{6}$$

Now compute the full expression:

$$\text{Area} \approx \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i^*) \Delta x = \frac{1}{N^3} \cdot \frac{N(N+1)(2N+1)}{6} = \frac{(N+1)(2N+1)}{6N^2}.$$

Approximation for different values of N :

- $N = 2 : I_2 = \frac{3 \cdot 5}{6 \cdot 4} = \frac{15}{24} = 0.625$
- $N = 4 : I_4 = \frac{5 \cdot 9}{6 \cdot 16} = \frac{45}{96} = 0.46875$
- $N = 6 : I_6 = \frac{7 \cdot 13}{6 \cdot 36} = \frac{91}{216} \approx 0.42130$
- $N = 8 : I_8 = \frac{9 \cdot 17}{6 \cdot 64} = \frac{153}{384} = 0.39844$

Step 3. Take the limit as $N \rightarrow \infty$:

$$\text{Area} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(N+1)(2N+1)}{6N^2} = \frac{1}{3}.$$

Therefore:

$$\text{Area} = \boxed{\frac{1}{3}}.$$

Observation: As $N \rightarrow \infty$, the partition becomes finer:

$$\Delta x \rightarrow 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_i - x_{i-1} \rightarrow 0$$

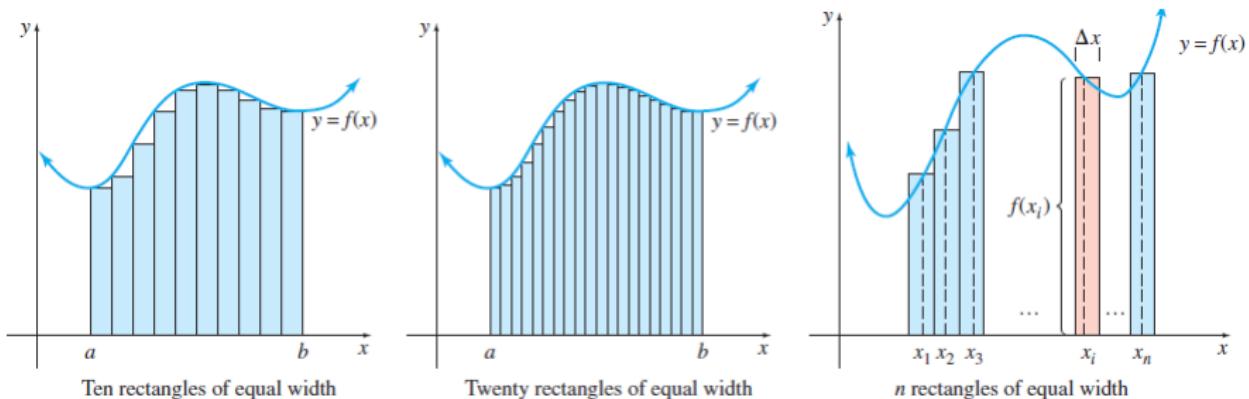
so the function values satisfy

$$f(x_i) \approx f(x_{i-1}).$$

This illustrates how Riemann sums approximate the area under the curve.

Area Between Curves

Generally, consider the region S bounded by $y = f(x) \geq 0$, the x -axis, and the vertical lines $x = a$ and $x = b$, where f is continuous on $[a, b]$.



As the number of partitions increases, the rectangular approximations better capture the shape of the region.

Area Between Curves and Riemann Sums

Let $[a, b]$ be divided into N subintervals of width

$$\Delta x = \frac{b - a}{N}.$$

Choose any sample point x_i^* in each subinterval. The area of the i -th approximating rectangle is $f(x_i^*) \Delta x$.

The Riemann sum is

$$S_N = \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i^*) \Delta x.$$

As $N \rightarrow \infty$, the sum approaches the exact area:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i^*) \Delta x$$

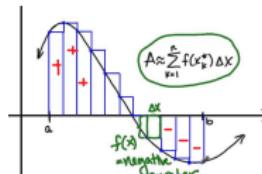
Definite Integral as a Limit of Riemann Sums

We now extend the definition of the definite integral to functions that may take negative values.

- If $f(x) \geq 0$, the integral $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ represents the usual geometric area under the curve.
- If f takes both positive and negative values, $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ gives the **signed area**: regions above the x -axis contribute positively, regions below contribute negatively.

Hence, the definite integral represents the **net area** between the graph of f and the x -axis over $[a, b]$:

$$\text{Net Area} = (\text{area above the } x\text{-axis}) - (\text{area below the } x\text{-axis})$$



Integrability of Continuous Functions

Theorem

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. If f is continuous on the closed interval $[a, b]$, then f is integrable on $[a, b]$.

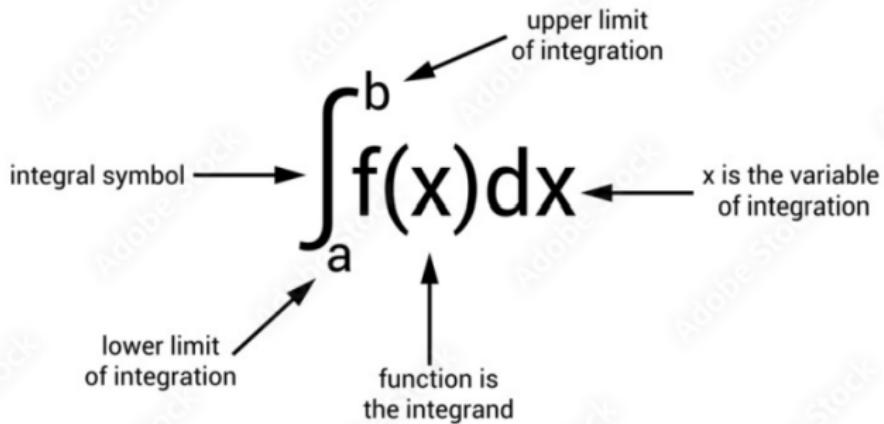
Definition

The **definite integral** of an integrable function f over $[a, b]$ is defined as the limit of its Riemann sums:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^N f(c_i) \Delta x,$$

where $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{N}$ and c_i is any sample point in the i -th subinterval.

Integral Notation



Properties of the Definite Integral

Let f and g be integrable on an interval containing a and b , and α, β be constants.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \int_a^a f(x) dx = 0$$

Example: $\int_1^1 \sin x dx = 0$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \int_a^b f(x) dx = - \int_b^a f(x) dx$$

Example: $\int_1^0 x^2 dx = - \int_0^1 x^2 dx = -1/3$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \int_a^b [\alpha f(x) + \beta g(x)] dx = \alpha \int_a^b f(x) dx + \beta \int_a^b g(x) dx$$

Example: $\int_0^1 (x^2 + 3) dx = \int_0^1 x^2 dx + 3 \int_0^1 1 dx = 1/3 + 3 = 10/3$

Properties of the Definite Integral

④ $\int_a^b f(x) dx + \int_b^c f(x) dx = \int_a^c f(x) dx$

Example: $\int_0^{1/2} x^2 dx + \int_{1/2}^1 x^2 dx = \int_0^1 x^2 dx = 1/3$

⑤ If $f(x) \leq g(x)$ on $[a, b]$, then $\int_a^b f(x) dx \leq \int_a^b g(x) dx$

Example: $f(x) = x^2, g(x) = 1$ on $[0, 1]$:

$$\int_0^1 x^2 dx = 1/3 \leq \int_0^1 1 dx = 1$$

⑥ $\left| \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \leq \int_a^b |f(x)| dx$

Example:

$$\left| \int_0^\pi \sin x dx \right| = 2 \leq \int_0^\pi |\sin x| dx = \int_0^\pi 1 dx = \pi.$$

Properties of the Definite Integral

- ⑦ If f is *odd*, meaning $f(-x) = -f(x)$ for all $x \in [-a, a]$, then

$$\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = 0$$

Example: $f(x) = x^3 \Rightarrow \int_{-2}^2 x^3 dx = 0$

- ⑧ If f is *even*, meaning $f(-x) = f(x)$ for all $x \in [-a, a]$, then

$$\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = 2 \int_0^a f(x) dx$$

Example: $f(x) = x^2 \Rightarrow \int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx = 2 \int_0^1 x^2 dx = \frac{2}{3}$

Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

Computing a Riemann sum directly can often be challenging. However, the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus provides a far more efficient method.

Theorem (Fundamental Theorem of Calculus (Newton–Leibniz))

Let f be continuous on an interval I and let $a \in I$.

- ① Define

$$F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt, \quad x \in I.$$

Then F is differentiable on I and

$$F'(x) = f(x).$$

- ② (Newton–Leibniz formula) If G is any antiderivative of f on I , then for any $b \in I$,

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = G(b) - G(a) = G(x)|_a^b.$$

Example: Evaluate

$$I = \int_0^x t^2 dt.$$

Solution:

- ① Find an antiderivative:

$$F(t) = \frac{t^3}{3}.$$

- ② Apply the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus:

$$I = F(x) - F(0) = \frac{x^3}{3}.$$

Hence, for $x = 1$:

$$\int_0^1 t^2 dt = \frac{1^3}{3} = \frac{1}{3}.$$

$$\int_0^1 x^2 dx = F(1) - F(0) = \frac{1}{3}.$$

Example: Find the derivative of

$$A(x) = \int_2^x e^{-t^2} dt.$$

Solution:

- ① Express the integral using an antiderivative $G(t)$:

$$A(x) = \int_2^x e^{-t^2} dt = G(t = x) - G(t = 2), \quad \frac{dG}{dt} = e^{-t^2}.$$

- ② Differentiate using the chain rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx} A(x) = \frac{d}{dx} [G(t = x) - G(t = 2)]$$

$$= \frac{dG}{dt} \Big|_{t=x} \times \frac{dt}{dx} - 0$$

$$= e^{-x^2} \times 1 = e^{-x^2} \implies \boxed{A'(x) = e^{-x^2}}$$

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$$= 0 - \frac{dG}{dt} \Big|_{t=x^3} \times \frac{dt}{dx}$$

$$= -e^{-(x^3)^2} \times 3x^2 = -3x^2 e^{-x^6} \implies A'(x) = -3x^2 e^{-x^6}$$

Approximate Integration

Some functions, e.g., $\sin(x^2)$, $1/\ln(x)$, $\sqrt{1+x^4}$, do not have elementary antiderivatives.

When an antiderivative is not available, we can approximate the integral by:

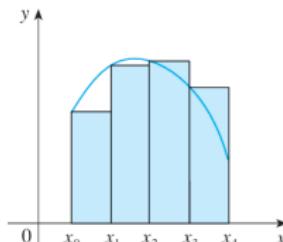
- Partitioning the interval of integration
- Approximating the function with simple polynomials on each subinterval
- Summing the areas of these approximations

This procedure is called **numerical integration**.

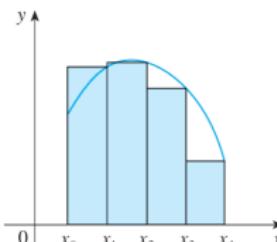
Midpoint Rule

To approximate $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ with n subintervals of equal length $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$, denote $x_i = a + i\Delta x$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$.

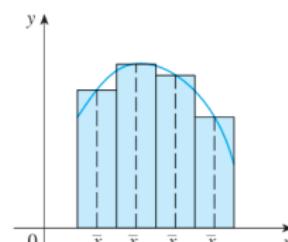
$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx M_n = \Delta x \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*), \quad x_i^* = \frac{x_{i-1} + x_i}{2}$$



Left endpoint approximation



Right endpoint approximation



Midpoint approximation

Example: Midpoint Rule

Approximate $\int_1^2 \frac{dx}{x}$ using $n = 5$ subintervals.

① Partition and endpoints:

$$a = 1, \quad b = 2, \quad n = 5 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta x = \frac{2 - 1}{5} = 0.2$$

$$x_0 = 1, \quad x_1 = 1.2, \quad x_2 = 1.4, \quad x_3 = 1.6, \quad x_4 = 1.8, \quad x_5 = 2$$

② Midpoints:

$$x_1^* = 1.1, \quad x_2^* = 1.3, \quad x_3^* = 1.5, \quad x_4^* = 1.7, \quad x_5^* = 1.9$$

③ Midpoint Riemann sum:

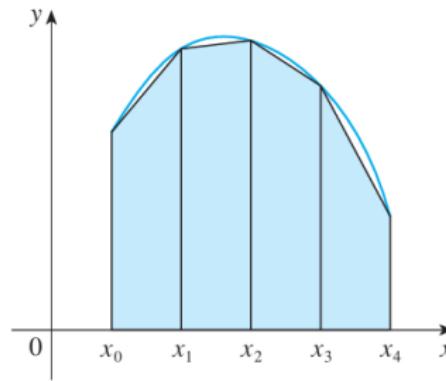
$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^2 \frac{dx}{x} &\approx \Delta x [f(1.1) + f(1.3) + f(1.5) + f(1.7) + f(1.9)] \\ &= 0.2 \left(\frac{1}{1.1} + \frac{1}{1.3} + \frac{1}{1.5} + \frac{1}{1.7} + \frac{1}{1.9} \right) \approx 0.69191 \end{aligned}$$

Trapezoidal Rule

The Trapezoidal Rule for n subintervals:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx T_n = \frac{\Delta x}{2} \left[f(x_0) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f(x_i) + f(x_n) \right]$$

where $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$, $x_i = a + i\Delta x$.



Example: Trapezoidal Rule

Approximate $\int_1^2 x^2 dx$ using $n = 4$ subintervals.

① Partition and endpoints:

$$a = 1, \quad b = 2, \quad n = 4 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta x = \frac{2 - 1}{4} = 0.25$$

$$x_0 = 1, \quad x_1 = 1.25, \quad x_2 = 1.5, \quad x_3 = 1.75, \quad x_4 = 2$$

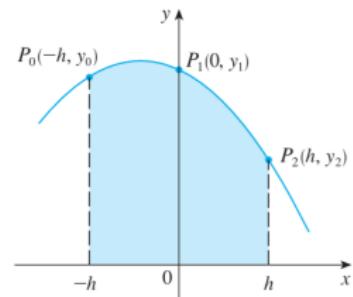
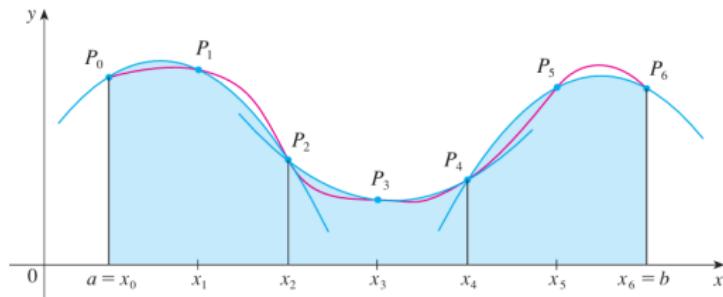
② Function values:

$$f(x) = x^2, \quad f(1) = 1, \quad f(1.25) = \frac{25}{16}, \quad f(1.5) = \frac{9}{4}, \quad f(1.75) = \frac{49}{16}, \quad f(2) = 4$$

③ Trapezoidal sum:

$$\begin{aligned} T_4 &= \frac{\Delta x}{2} [f(x_0) + 2(f(x_1) + f(x_2) + f(x_3)) + f(x_4)] \\ &= \frac{0.25}{2} \left[1 + 2 \left(\frac{25}{16} + \frac{9}{4} + \frac{49}{16} \right) + 4 \right] = \frac{75}{32} = 2.34375 \end{aligned}$$

Simpson's Rule



The area under the parabola $P_2(x) = Ax^2 + Bx + C$ from $-h$ to h is

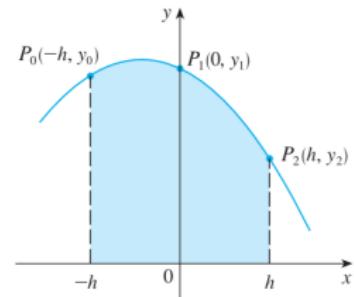
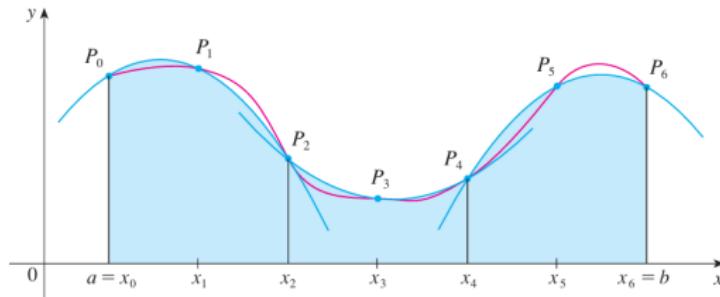
$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{-h}^h P_2(x) dx &= \int_{-h}^h (Ax^2 + Bx + C) dx \\
 &= 2 \int_0^h (Ax^2 + C) dx = 2 \left[\frac{Ax^3}{3} + Cx \right]_0^h \\
 &= \frac{h}{3}(y_0 + 4y_1 + y_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Simpson's Rule

For an even number n of subintervals:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx S_n = \frac{\Delta x}{3} \left[f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + \cdots + 4f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n) \right]$$

where $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$, $x_i = a + i\Delta x$.



Example: Simpson's Rule

Approximate $\int_0^2 5x^2 dx$ using $n = 4$ subintervals.

① Partition and endpoints:

$$a = 0, \quad b = 2, \quad n = 4 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta x = \frac{2 - 0}{4} = 0.5$$

$$x_0 = 0, \quad x_1 = 0.5, \quad x_2 = 1, \quad x_3 = 1.5, \quad x_4 = 2$$

② Function values:

$$f(x) = 5x^2, \quad f(0) = 0, \quad f(0.5) = \frac{5}{4}, \quad f(1) = 5, \quad f(1.5) = \frac{45}{4}, \quad f(2) = 20$$

③ Simpson's Rule:

$$\begin{aligned} S_4 &= \frac{\Delta x}{3} [f(x_0) + 4f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + 4f(x_3) + f(x_4)] \\ &= \frac{0.5}{3} \left[0 + 4\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) + 2(5) + 4\left(\frac{45}{4}\right) + 20 \right] = \frac{40}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Computing Definite Integrals

In summary, there are three main approaches to compute a definite integral:

- **By Definition:**

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*) \Delta x,$$

where

$$x_0 = a, \quad x_n = b, \quad \Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}, \quad x_i = a + i\Delta x, \quad x_i^* \in [x_{i-1}, x_i].$$

- **By Theorem:**

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a) \quad (\text{Newton-Leibniz formula})$$

- **By Approximation:** When neither the definition nor an antiderivative is convenient, numerical methods can be applied:

- Rectangular Approximation Method (RAM)
- Trapezoidal Rule, or Simpson's Rule, etc.

Exercises: Approximate Integration

Approximate

$$\int_1^2 \sqrt{1+x^3} dx$$

using the following methods with $n = 4, 8, 16$:

① Midpoint Rule

② Trapezoidal Rule

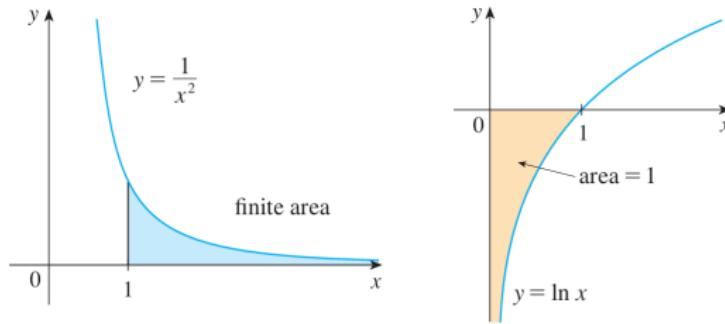
③ Simpson's Rule

Improper Integrals

So far, definite integrals have required two conditions: a finite domain $[a, b]$ and a bounded integrand.

When one or both conditions fail, the integral is called an **improper integral**:

- ① **Type I:** the interval of integration is infinite.
- ② **Type II:** the integrand becomes unbounded at a point in the interval.



Example: Find the area under $y = \frac{1}{x^2}$ from $x = 1$ to $x = \infty$.

Solution:

- ① Consider the area from $x = 1$ to a finite $t > 1$:

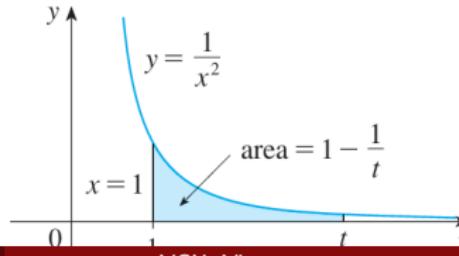
$$A(t) = \int_1^t \frac{dx}{x^2} = \left[-\frac{1}{x} \right]_1^t = 1 - \frac{1}{t}.$$

- ② Define the total area as the limit as $t \rightarrow \infty$:

$$A = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} A(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{t} \right) = 1.$$

Hence, the area is

$$\int_1^\infty \frac{dx}{x^2} = 1.$$



Definition

An **improper integral of Type I** occurs when the interval of integration is infinite. For a continuous function f :

- On $[a, \infty)$:

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

- On $(-\infty, b]$:

$$\int_{-\infty}^b f(x) dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

- On $(-\infty, \infty)$ (split at $c \in \mathbb{R}$):

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^c f(x) dx + \int_c^{\infty} f(x) dx$$

An improper integral is **convergent** if the corresponding limit exists as a finite number, and **divergent** otherwise.

Example: Improper Integral of Type I

Evaluate

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-x/2} dx.$$

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- ① Express as a limit:

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-x/2} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t e^{-x/2} dx.$$

- ② Compute the integral over a finite interval $[0, t]$:

$$I(t) = \int_0^t e^{-x/2} dx = \left[-2e^{-x/2} \right]_0^t = 2(1 - e^{-t/2}).$$

- ③ Take the limit as $t \rightarrow \infty$:

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-x/2} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} I(t) = 2.$$

Hence, the improper integral is convergent and equals 2.

Example: Improper Integral of Type I

Evaluate

$$\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx.$$

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- ① Express as a limit:

$$\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx.$$

- ② Compute the integral over a finite interval $[1, t]$:

$$I(t) = \int_1^t x^{-1/2} dx = [2\sqrt{x}]_1^t = 2\sqrt{t} - 2.$$

- ③ Take the limit as $t \rightarrow \infty$:

$$\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (2\sqrt{t} - 2) = \infty.$$

Hence, the improper integral **diverges**.

Example: Evaluate

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{2x - 1}{e^{3x}} dx$$

- ① Express as a limit:

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{2x - 1}{e^{3x}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t \frac{2x - 1}{e^{3x}} dx$$

- ② Compute the integral over $[0, t]$:

$$\int \frac{2x - 1}{e^{3x}} dx = \int (2x - 1)e^{-3x} dx = \left[-\frac{2x}{3}e^{-3x} - \frac{1}{9}e^{-3x} \right] + C$$

so

$$I(t) = \left[-\frac{2x}{3}e^{-3x} - \frac{1}{9}e^{-3x} \right]_0^t = -\frac{2t}{3}e^{-3t} - \frac{1}{9}e^{-3t} + \frac{1}{9}.$$

③ Take the limit as $t \rightarrow \infty$ using L'Hospital's Rule:

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{2t}{3} e^{-3t} \right) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-2t/3}{e^{3t}} \quad \left(= \frac{\infty}{\infty} \right) \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-2/3}{3e^{3t}} \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Hence, the improper integral converges:

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{2x-1}{e^{3x}} dx = 0 + 0 - \frac{1}{9} = -\frac{1}{9}.$$

Hence, the improper integral is convergent and equals $-\frac{1}{9}$.

Exercises

Evaluate the following improper integrals:

- ① $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{2 \arctan(2x)}{1 + 4x^2} dx$ *(use substitution method)*
- ② $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{x^3} dx$ *(use integration by parts)*
- ③ $\int_0^{\infty} xe^{-x} dx$ *(use integration by parts)*

Improper Integrals of Type I: p -Integrals

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^p}.$$

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^p} = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b x^{-p} dx.$$

- If $p \neq 1$:

$$\int_1^b x^{-p} dx = \frac{b^{1-p} - 1}{1-p}.$$

Taking the limit as $b \rightarrow \infty$:

$$\int_1^{\infty} x^{-p} dx = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{p-1}, & p > 1 \quad (\text{convergent}) \\ \infty, & p \leq 1 \quad (\text{divergent}) \end{cases}$$

- If $p = 1$,

$$\int_1^b \frac{dx}{x} = \ln b \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \text{divergent.}$$

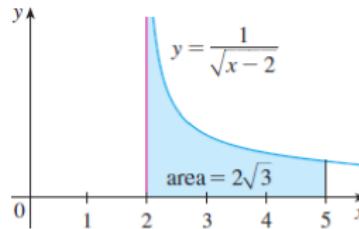
Improper Integrals of Type II: Vertical Asymptotes

If f is unbounded at a point in $[a, b]$, define:

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \lim_{c \rightarrow a^+} \int_c^b f(x)dx \quad \text{or} \quad \lim_{c \rightarrow b^-} \int_a^c f(x)dx.$$

Example:

$$\int_2^5 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x-2}} = \lim_{a \rightarrow 2^+} \int_a^5 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x-2}} = 2\sqrt{3}.$$



Example: Determine convergence of

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx.$$

Solution:

- ① Rewrite using a limit:

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \int_t^1 x^{-1/2} dx.$$

- ② Evaluate the integral:

$$\int x^{-1/2} dx = 2x^{1/2}.$$

Hence,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} [2\sqrt{x}]_t^1 = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} (2 - 2\sqrt{t}) = 2.$$

Conclusion:

$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx$ is convergent.

Exercises

Evaluate the following improper integrals:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \int_0^3 \frac{dx}{x-1}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x}}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{(x-1)^{2/3}}$$

Comparison Test for Improper Integrals

Theorem (Type I)

Let $f(x) \geq g(x) \geq 0$ for $x \geq a$. Then:

- ① If $\int_a^{\infty} f(x)dx$ converges, then $\int_a^{\infty} g(x)dx$ also converges.
- ② If $\int_a^{\infty} g(x)dx$ diverges, then $\int_a^{\infty} f(x)dx$ also diverges.

This test also applies to Type II improper integrals.

Example

Determine convergence of $\int_0^\infty e^{-x^2} dx$.

Solution:

- ① Split the integral:

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-x^2} dx = \int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx + \int_1^\infty e^{-x^2} dx$$

- ② Estimate each part:

- $\int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx \leq \int_0^1 1 dx = 1$ (convergent)

- $\int_1^\infty e^{-x^2} dx \leq \int_1^\infty e^{-x} dx = e^{-1}$ (convergent)

Conclusion: $\int_0^\infty e^{-x^2} dx$ is convergent.

Exercises

Determine whether each integral is convergent or divergent:

- ① $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2 x}{x^2 + 1} dx$ (use comparison test)
- ② $\int_0^{\infty} xe^{-x^2} dx$ (use substitution method)
- ③ $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{x + 1}{x^2 + 2x} dx$ (use comparison test)
- ④ $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{x} dx$ (use substitution method)
- ⑤ $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{4x^2 + 4x + 5}$

– *The End of Topic –*

Thank You!