

# Lecture slides on Calculus 1

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## 1 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

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

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

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:

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

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

**Example:**

$$\int x e^x dx$$

Choose parts:

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

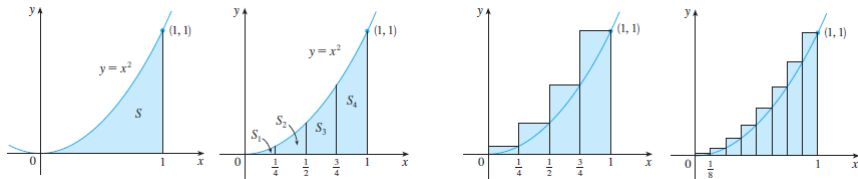
$$\Rightarrow \int x e^x dx = x e^x - \int e^x dx = x e^x - e^x + C = e^x(x - 1) + C.$$

# 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:

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

**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:

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

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**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

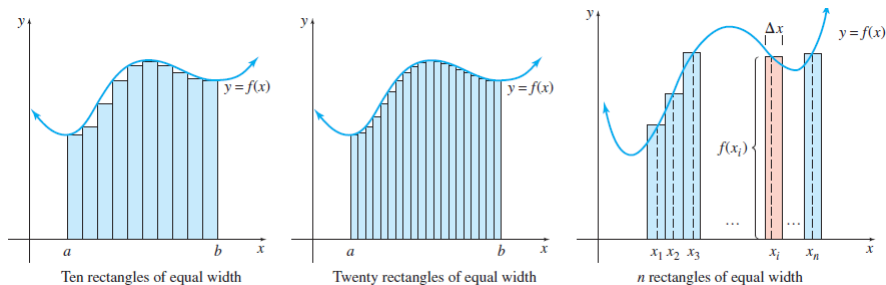
$$f(x_i) \approx f(x_{i-1}).$$

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:

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

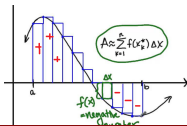
# Definite Integral as a Limit of Riemann Sums

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  $[a, b]$ .

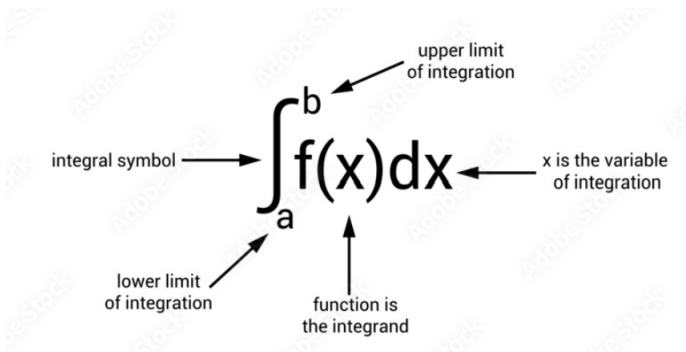
## Definition

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  $\alpha, \beta$  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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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  $b \in I$ ,

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

**Example:** Evaluate

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

**Solution:**

❶ Find an antiderivative:

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

❷ Apply the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus:

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

Hence, for  $x = 1$ :

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

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

**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:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}A(x) &= \frac{d}{dx}[G(t=x) - G(t=2)] \\ &= \left. \frac{dG}{dt} \right|_{t=x} \times \frac{dt}{dx} - 0 \\ &= e^{-x^2} \times 1 = e^{-x^2} \implies \boxed{A'(x) = e^{-x^2}} \end{aligned}$$

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# 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:

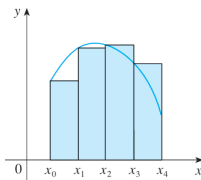
- Partitioning the interval of integration
- Approximating the function with simple polynomials on each subinterval
- Summing the areas of these approximations

This procedure is called **numerical integration**.

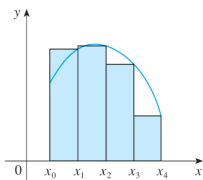
# Midpoint Rule

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

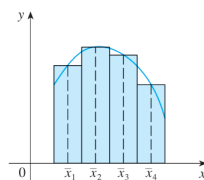
$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx M_n = \Delta x \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*), \quad x_i^* = \frac{x_{i-1} + x_i}{2}$$



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:

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

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

### 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:

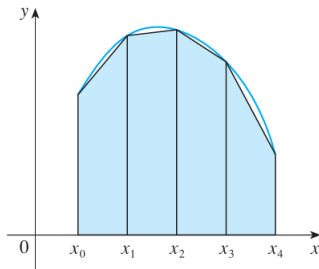
$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^2 \frac{dx}{x} &\approx \Delta x [f(1.1) + f(1.3) + f(1.5) + f(1.7) + f(1.9)] \\ &= 0.2 \left( \frac{1}{1.1} + \frac{1}{1.3} + \frac{1}{1.5} + \frac{1}{1.7} + \frac{1}{1.9} \right) \approx 0.69191 \end{aligned}$$

# 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:

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

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

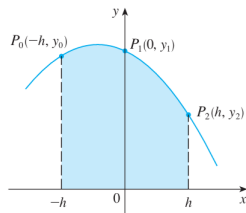
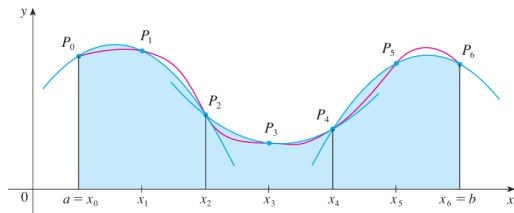
### 2 Function values:

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

### 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

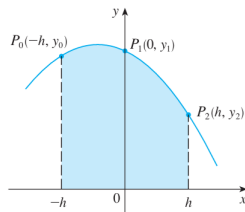
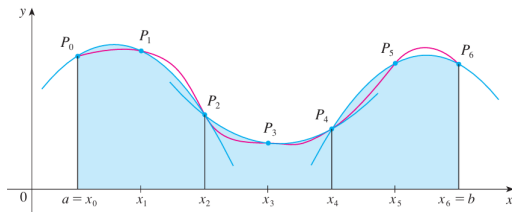
$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{-h}^h P_2(x) dx &= \int_{-h}^h (Ax^2 + Bx + C) dx \\
 &= 2 \int_0^h (Ax^2 + C) dx = 2 \left[ \frac{Ax^3}{3} + Cx \right]_0^h \\
 &= \frac{h}{3} (y_0 + 4y_1 + y_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

# 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:

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

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

### 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  $n = 4, 8, 16$ :

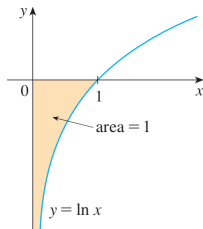
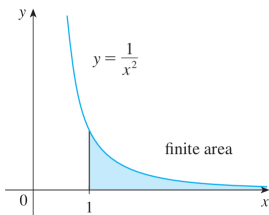
- 1 Midpoint Rule
- 2 Trapezoidal Rule
- 3 Simpson's Rule

# 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  $t > 1$ :

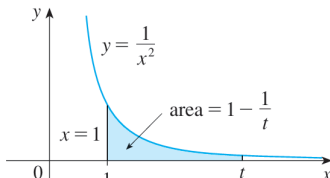
$$A(t) = \int_1^t \frac{dx}{x^2} = \left[ -\frac{1}{x} \right]_1^t = 1 - \frac{1}{t}.$$

- 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

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

❶ Express as a limit:

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

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

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

❸ 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

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

❶ Express as a limit:

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

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

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

❸ 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

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

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**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  $\int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x} dx$  *(use integration by parts)*

## Improper Integrals of Type I: $p$ -Integrals

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

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

- 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  $p = 1$ ,

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

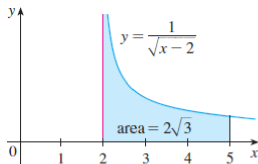
# Improper Integrals of Type II: Vertical Asymptotes

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:**

❶ Rewrite using a limit:

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

❷ 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:**

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

# Exercises

Evaluate the following improper integrals:

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

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

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

# 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  $\int_0^{\infty} x e^{-x^2} dx$  (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!**