Fundamental Theorem of Calculus: If f is continuous on the interval [a, b] then

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) \, dx = F(x) \Big|_{a}^{b} = F(b) - F(a)$$

where F is an antiderivative of f.

Example 1. Evaluate $\int_0^3 x^2 dx$.

$$\int_{0}^{3} x^{2} dx = \frac{x^{3+1}}{3+1} \Big|_{0}^{3} = \frac{x^{3}}{3} \Big|_{0}^{3}$$

$$= \frac{(3)^{3}}{3} - \frac{0^{3}}{3} = \frac{27}{3} - 0 = \frac{27}{3} = 9$$

Example 2. Find the area under the curve $y = 1/x^2$ between the lines x = 1 and x = 3.

Avea =
$$\int_{-2}^{3} \frac{1}{x^{2}} dx$$

= $\int_{-2}^{3} x^{-2} dx$
= $\frac{x^{-2+1}}{-2+1} \Big|_{1}^{3} = \frac{x^{-1}}{-1} \Big|_{1}^{3}$
= $\left(\frac{3^{-1}}{-1}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{-1}\right) = \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) - \left(-1\right)$
= $-\frac{1}{3} + 1 = 1 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$

Example 3. Find the area of the region bounded by $y = 1 - x^2$ and the x-axis.

