

INTEGRATION

SOME RULES OF INTEGRATION

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Inverse Process of Differentiation

Overview

- The previous section of the syllabus dealt with the process of **differentiation** which involved finding the rate of change of a function with respect to a given variable, for example

$$\frac{d}{dx} x^3 = 3x^2 \qquad y = \ln x \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}$$

- We now consider the **inverse process** of differentiation, that of finding a function whose derivative is known, and this is called the process of **integration**.

Inverse Process of Differentiation

Notation

The symbol \int is used to denote the operation of integration, i.e.

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \text{the integral of } f \text{ from } x = a \text{ to } x = b$$

where a and b are called the **limits of integration** (a is the **lower** limit and b is the **upper** limit).

The key to calculating integrals is to recognize that

Integration reverses the action of Differentiation

Inverse Process of Differentiation

Integration reverses the action of Differentiation

The statement that

differentiating x^3 gives $3x^2$

can be **inverted** to one which states that

integrating $3x^2$ gives x^3 .

Integration reverses the action of Differentiation

$f(x)$	$\int f(x) dx$
$x^n \ (n \neq -1)$	$\frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}$
e^x	e^x
$\frac{1}{x}$	$\log x$
$\cos x$	$\sin x$
$\sin x$	$-\cos x$

Note that **differentiating** the entry in the **right-hand column** (integral) gives the corresponding entry in the **left-hand column**.

Integration reverses the action of Differentiation

Examples

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) = \cos x \quad \Rightarrow \quad \int \cos x dx = \sin x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(e^x) = e^x \quad \Rightarrow \quad \int e^x dx = e^x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{x^5}{5}\right) = \frac{1}{5} \cdot 5x^4 = x^4 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \int x^4 dx = \frac{x^5}{5}$$

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The Constant of Integration

Illustration

Since

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}x^2 &= 2x \\ \frac{d}{dx}(x^2 + 5) &= 2x \\ \frac{d}{dx}(x^2 - 100) &= 2x\end{aligned}$$

it is quite common to write

$$\int 2x \, dx = x^2 + C,$$

where C is a constant called the **constant of integration**.

The Constant of Integration

$$\int 2x \, dx = x^2 + C,$$

Rationale

- If we differentiate $x^2 + C$, we obtain $2x$.
- This is because the **derivative** of **any constant** C is always 0 .
- In this way, for example, the statement

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin x + C) = \cos x$$

is equivalent to

$$\int \cos x \, dx = \sin x + C.$$

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Definite & Indefinite Integrals

When we are **not specific**, or **definite**, about where to start and stop integrating, we call the integral the **indefinite integral**:

$$\int f(x) dx, \text{ which is a function of } x$$

When we **define** the **lower** and **upper** limits of integration (***a*** and ***b***), we call the integral the **definite integral**:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \text{ which is a number}$$

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Definite & Indefinite Integrals

Evaluating Definite Integrals

Given $F(x) = \int f(x) dx$, we can evaluate the **definite** integral

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(x) \Big|_{x=a}^b := F(b) - F(a).$$

Note that the area between the curve $y = f(x)$ and the x -axis between the vertical lines $x = a$ and $x = b$ is given by $\int_a^b f(x) dx$

Examples: Evaluating Definite Integrals

Calculate $\int_1^2 x dx$

We can find

$$\int_1^2 x dx$$

by first noting that

$$\int x dx = \frac{x^2}{2} \quad \left(\text{since } \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x^2}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2x = x \right)$$

So

$$\int_1^2 x dx = \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_{x=1}^2 = \frac{2^2}{2} - \frac{1^2}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

Examples: Evaluating Definite Integrals

Calculate $\int_2^4 e^x dx$

The integral

$$\int_2^4 e^x dx$$

is found by observing that

$$\int e^x dx = e^x$$

and so

$$\int_2^4 e^x dx = e^x \Big|_{x=2}^4 = e^4 - e^2$$

Examples: Evaluating Definite Integrals

Calculate $\int_1^2 \frac{1}{x} dx$

We find

$$\int_1^2 \frac{1}{x} dx$$

by referring to the **formulae and tables**:

$$\int_1^2 \frac{1}{x} dx = \log x \Big|_{x=1}^2 = \log 2 - \log 1$$

Examples: Evaluating Definite Integrals

Calculate $\int_1^2 \frac{1}{x^2} dx$

We must first write

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

and use the general formula for $n \neq -1$:

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

so that, in this instance, with $n = -2$, must have

$$\int x^{-2} dx = \frac{x^{-2+1}}{-2+1} = \frac{x^{-1}}{-1} = -\frac{1}{x}$$

Examples: Evaluating Definite Integrals

Calculate $\int_1^2 \frac{1}{x^2} dx$ (Cont'd)

Since

$$\int x^{-2} dx = \frac{x^{-2+1}}{-2+1} = \frac{x^{-1}}{-1} = -\frac{1}{x}$$

we therefore obtain

$$\int_1^2 \frac{1}{x^2} dx = -\frac{1}{x} \Big|_{x=1}^2 = -\frac{1}{2} - \left(-\frac{1}{1}\right) = -\frac{1}{2} + 1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

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Two Basic Rules of Integration

(P1) The integral of the sum is the sum of the integrals:

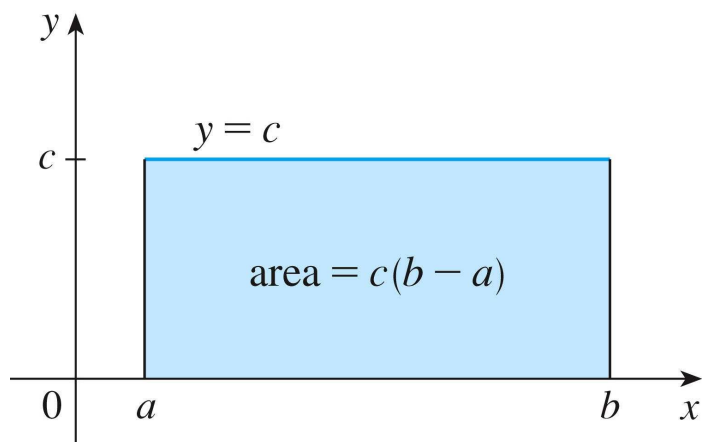
$$\int [f(x) + g(x)] dx = \int f(x) dx + \int g(x) dx$$

(P2) A constant can be factored outside the integral:

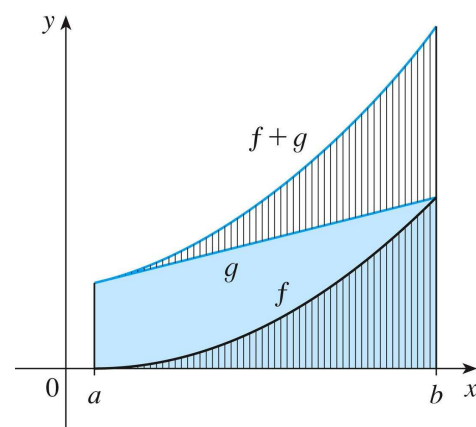
$$\int c f(x) dx = c \int f(x) dx, \quad \text{where } c \text{ is any constant}$$

It is then straightforward to calculate the integrals of a wide class of functions.

$$\int_a^b c dx = c(b - a), \quad c \text{ a constant}$$



$$\int_a^b [f(x) + g(x)] dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx + \int_a^b g(x) dx$$



Examples: Evaluating Definite Integrals

Calculate $\int \left(3x^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{2}{x} + 4 \sin x \right) dx$

Using the two rules:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int \left(3x^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{2}{x} + 4 \sin x \right) dx &= \int 3x^{\frac{1}{2}} dx + \int \left(-\frac{2}{x} \right) dx + \int 4 \sin x dx \\
 &= 3 \int x^{\frac{1}{2}} dx - 2 \int \frac{1}{x} dx + 4 \int \sin x dx \\
 &= 3 \left(\frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}+1}}{\frac{1}{2}+1} \right) - 2 \log x + 4(-\cos x) \\
 &= 2x^{\frac{3}{2}} - 2 \log x - 4 \cos x
 \end{aligned}$$