

Local and global minima/maxima

- We say f has a LOCAL maximum at the point x_0 , if $f(x) \leq f(x_0)$ in some interval around x_0 . We say f has a GLOBAL maximum at x_0 , if $f(x) \leq f(x_0)$ for all x in the domain of f .

1 Single change of signs Suppose f is differentiable and f' changes sign exactly once. If f' changes from \oplus to \ominus at x_0 , then f has a global max at x_0 . If it changes from \ominus to \oplus , then f has a global min at x_0 .

Example 1. We show $f(x) = x^4 - 4x$ attains a min value.

In fact, we show $x^4 - 4x \geq -3$ for all x .

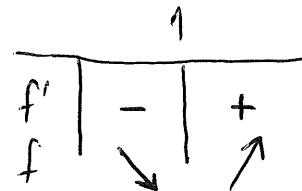
Consider $f'(x) = 4x^3 - 4 = 4(x-1)(x^2 + x + 1)$.

The sign of f' is the sign of $x-1$.

Thus $f'(x) > 0$ when $x > 1$

$f'(x) < 0$ when $x < 1$.

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a quadratic with
no real roots.
It is always positive.



∴ $f(1)$ is the min value attained

and $f(x) \geq f(1) \Rightarrow x^4 - 4x \geq -3$ for all x .

Example 2. We show $xe^{-x} \leq e^{-1}$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

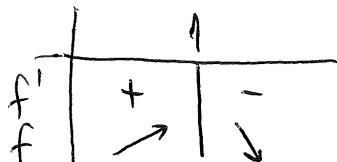
This gives $x \leq e^{x-1}$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

We need to compute the max value of $f(x) = \frac{x}{e^x} = xe^{-x}$.

In this case, $f'(x) = \frac{e^x - xe^x}{e^x e^x} = \frac{e^x(1-x)}{e^x e^x} = \frac{1-x}{e^x}$.

The denominator is positive, so $f'(x) > 0$ when $x < 1$

$f'(x) < 0$ when $x > 1$.



Thus $f(1)$ is the GLOBAL maximum
so $f(x) \leq f(1)$ for all x , as needed

2 Continuous functions on $[a, b]$

If f is continuous on a finite interval $[a, b]$,

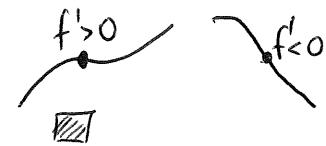
then f attains both a global min and a global max.

Moreover, these occur at ---

- the endpoints a, b or
- the points with $f'(x) = 0$ or
- the points where $f'(x)$ does not exist.

Proof. If we get a min/max at an interior point,

then f' can be neither \oplus nor \ominus at that point. □



Example 1. Consider $f(x) = \sin x + \cos x$ for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$.

We find the min/max values attained. Note that we don't have to worry about the sign of $f'(x)$. In this case,

$$f'(x) = \cos x - \sin x \text{ exists at all points}$$

and $f'(x) = 0$ when $\cos x = \sin x$, namely when $\tan x = 1$.

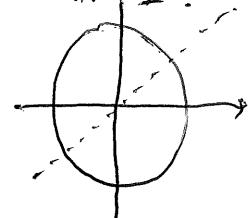
We get $x = \pi/4$ and $x = 5\pi/4$ as possible candidates. We check the values at

$$x=0 \text{ (endpoint)} \quad f(0) = \sin 0 + \cos 0 = 1$$

$$x=2\pi \text{ (endpoint)} \quad f(2\pi) = 1$$

$$x=\pi/4 \text{ (} f' = 0 \text{)} \quad f(\pi/4) = \sin \frac{\pi}{4} + \cos \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \sqrt{2}.$$

$$x=5\pi/4 \text{ (} f' = 0 \text{)} \quad f(5\pi/4) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = -\sqrt{2}.$$



The global min is $-\sqrt{2}$. The global max is $+\sqrt{2}$.

① For this problem, one can write

$$\sin x + \cos x = \sqrt{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos x \right)$$

$$= \sqrt{2} \left(\cos x \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + \sin x \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$$

$$= \sqrt{2} \cos \left(x - \frac{\pi}{4} \right).$$

Example 2. Consider $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^2 - 1$ on $[0, 2]$.

Then $f'(x) = 4x^3 - 4x = 4x(x^2 - 1) = 4x(x-1)(x+1)$. This is defined for all x and $f'(x) = 0$ when $x=0, 1, -1$.

We exclude $x=-1$ and check the others. We need to check endpoint ... $f(0) = -1$

endpoint ... $f(2) = 16 - 8 - 1 = 7$

$$f(1) = 1 - 2 - 1 = -2$$

This gives $f(1) = -2$ as the minimum value

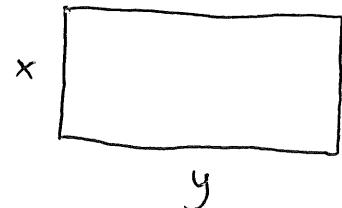
and $f(2) = 7$ as the maximum value.

We have proved that $-2 \leq x^4 - 2x^2 - 1 \leq 7$ for all $0 \leq x \leq 2$.

Optimisation problems

- ① Out of all rectangles with perimeter 40, which one has the largest area?

Let $x = \text{width}$, $y = \text{length}$.



We know $2x + 2y = 40$ and need to maximise Area = xy .

- ② Eliminating y gives $x+y=20 \Rightarrow y = 20-x$
and we need to maximise $f(x) = xy = x(20-x) = 20x-x^2$.

- ③ Restrictions on x ... $x \geq 0$ and $y \geq 0$
 $x \geq 0$ and $20-x \geq 0 \dots \text{so } 0 \leq x \leq 20$.

We thus need to max $f(x) = 20x - x^2$ over $[0, 20]$.

Since $f'(x) = 20 - 2x = 2(10-x)$, we get $f'(x)=0$ when $x=10$,
 f' exists at all points. Possible min/max values:

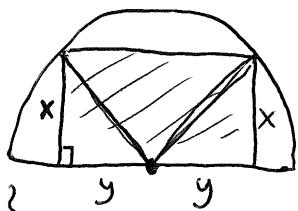
$$x=10 \dots f(10) = 10(20-10) = 100$$

$$x=0 \dots f(0) = 0$$

$$x=20 \dots f(20) = 0 \quad \text{as well.}$$

Thus, the largest possible area is 100 (attained when $x=y=10$).

- ② Consider a rectangle inscribed in a semicircle of radius $r=4$ with one of its sides along the diameter. How large can the area of the rectangle be?



Let x be the height, let y be half of the other side.

By Pythagoras', $x^2 + y^2 = r^2 \Rightarrow y^2 = r^2 - x^2 \Rightarrow y = \sqrt{r^2 - x^2}$.

We need to maximise $A(x) = 2xy = 2x\sqrt{r^2 - x^2}$.

This is the same as maximising $B(x) = 4x^2(r^2 - x^2)$,
namely $B(x) = 4x^2r^2 - 4x^4$ for a given constant r .

② Restrictions on x : we need $x \geq 0$ and also $x \leq r$.

This gives an interval $[0, r]$ that is finite.

We have $B'(x) = 4 \cdot 2x \cdot r^2 - 4 \cdot 4x^3 = 8x(r^2 - 2x^2)$ and this is zero when $x=0$ and $x^2 = \frac{r^2}{2}$, namely $x = \frac{r}{\sqrt{2}}$.

③ Possible candidates for a maximum:

$$x=0 \quad \dots \quad B(0)=0$$

$$x = \frac{r}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \dots \quad B\left(\frac{r}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = 4 \cdot \frac{r^2}{2} \cdot r^2 - 4 \cdot \frac{r^4}{4} = r^4$$

$$(\text{endpoint}) \quad x=r \quad \dots \quad B(r) = 4r^4 - 4r^4 = 0.$$

Thus, the largest possible area is $B\left(\frac{r}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = r^4 \Rightarrow A\left(\frac{r}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = r^2$.

③ We find the point on the line $y=x+1$ which is closest to the point $(4, 1)$.

We need to minimise the distance

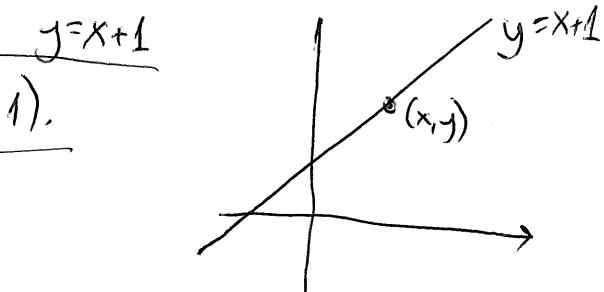
$$d = \sqrt{(x-4)^2 + (y-1)^2} \quad \text{between } (x, y) \text{ and } (4, 1).$$

This is $d = \sqrt{(x-4)^2 + x^2}$ with $x \in \mathbb{R}$ arbitrary.

$$\text{We have } d'(x) = \frac{2(x-4) + 2x}{2\sqrt{(x-4)^2 + x^2}} = \frac{2(x-2)}{\sqrt{(x-4)^2 + x^2}}$$

so $d'(x) > 0$ when $x > 2$

$d'(x) < 0$ when $x < 2$.



$d'(x)$	-	+
$d(x)$	↓	↑

This makes $d(2)$ a global minimum (attained when $x=2$, $y=3$).

The shortest distance is then $\sqrt{(2-4)^2 + (3-1)^2} = \sqrt{4+4} = 2\sqrt{2}$.

④ (Economics) A company produces phones with daily cost

$C(x) = 200 + 40x$ with $x = \text{number of phones}$. The price of each phone is $P(x) = 100 - 2x$ with $0 \leq x \leq 50$. How many phones

should be produced to maximise profits?

In this case Profits $\Pi(x) = \text{Revenues} - \text{Cost}$

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi(x) &= x(100-2x) - (200+40x) \\ &= 100x - 2x^2 - 200 - 40x \\ &= -2x^2 + 60x - 200.\end{aligned}$$

We need to maximise $\Pi(x)$ when $0 \leq x \leq 50$. We have

$$\Pi'(x) = -4x + 60 = -4(x-15)$$

so the possible candidates are:

(endpoint) $x=0 \quad \dots \quad \Pi(0) = -200$

(endpoint) $x=50 \quad \dots \quad \Pi(50) = 50 \cdot 0 - 200 - 40 \cdot 50 = -2200$

$x=15 \quad \dots \quad \Pi(15) = 15 \cdot 70 - (200+40 \cdot 15) = 250.$

Profits become max when $x=15$.

Related rates

Consider two or more variables that change over time. If those are related, then their rates of change are also related. The differentiation is usually with respect to t .

Example 1. Consider a circular pond whose radius is increasing at 2m/sec . How fast is its area increasing when radius = 4m ?

Let $r=r(t)$ be the radius, $A=A(t)$ = the area. Then

$$A = \pi r^2 \quad \text{or} \quad A(t) = \pi \cdot r(t)^2.$$

We are given $\frac{dr}{dt} = 2\text{m/sec}$ and seek $\frac{dA}{dt}$. Since

$A(t) = \pi r(t)^2$, we have $\frac{dA}{dt} = \pi \cdot 2r(t)r'(t)$ and so

$$\frac{dA}{dt} = \pi \cdot 2 \cdot 4 \cdot 2 = 16\pi \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}.$$

Example 2. A ladder is resting against a wall and it is 10 ft long. If the base of the ladder starts sliding at 1ft/sec along the floor, how fast is the top sliding down the wall when the ladder is 6 ft away from the wall?

We have the relation $x^2 + y^2 = 10^2$,

where $x=x(t)$ and $y=y(t)$. Differentiating gives

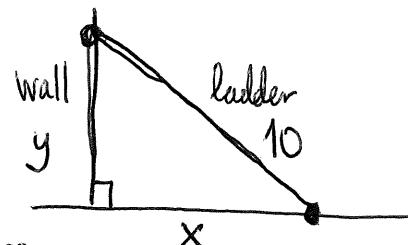
$$2x \frac{dx}{dt} + 2y \frac{dy}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow x \frac{dx}{dt} + y \frac{dy}{dt} = 0.$$

We know $\frac{dx}{dt} = 1$ and $x = 6$, so

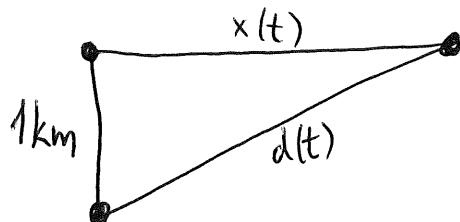
$$6 \cdot 1 + y \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$$

$$\text{so } \frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{6}{y} = -\frac{6}{\sqrt{10^2 - 6^2}}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{6}{\sqrt{64}} = -\frac{3}{4}.$$



Example 3. A plane is flying horizontally at 1km altitude and 800 Km/h speed. It passes above a gas station. How fast is the distance from the station changing when it is 2km ~~further~~ down?



$$\text{We have } d(t)^2 = x(t)^2 + 1$$

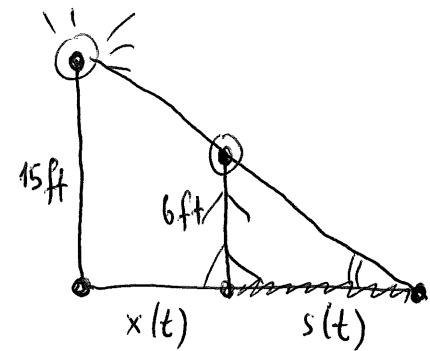
$$\Rightarrow \cancel{d(t)} \cdot d'(t) = \cancel{x(t)} \cdot x'(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow d'(t) = \frac{x(t)x'(t)}{d(t)}$$

$$\text{We know } \frac{dx}{dt} = 800 \quad \text{and} \quad x=2, \text{ so} \quad d = \sqrt{2^2+1^2} = \sqrt{5}.$$

$$\text{Thus} \quad d' = \frac{2 \cdot 800}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{1600\sqrt{5}}{5} = 320\sqrt{5}.$$

Example 4. A street light is on top of a 15ft pole. A 6ft-tall person is walking away from the pole at 3ft/sec. How fast is the tip of his/her shadow moving?



We know $\frac{dx}{dt} = 3$ and we seek $\frac{ds}{dt}$.

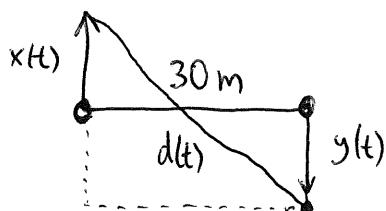
We need to relate s and x . Similar triangles give: $\frac{6}{s} = \frac{15}{x+s}$

$$\text{So } 6x + 6s = 15s \quad \text{and} \quad 6x = 9s. \text{ Thus}$$

$$6 \frac{dx}{dt} = 9 \frac{ds}{dt} \Rightarrow \frac{ds}{dt} = \frac{6 \frac{dx}{dt}}{9} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot 3 = 2 \text{ ft/sec.}$$

Example 5. A man and a woman start walking at the same time. The man walks north at 3m/sec and the woman walks south at 5m/sec but starting at a point 30 m to the east.

How fast are they separating from one another 5 secs later?



Those are related by: $d(t)^2 = (x(t) + y(t))^2 + 30^2$

$$\text{Then} \quad \cancel{d(t)} \cdot d'(t) = \cancel{(x(t) + y(t))} \cdot (x'(t) + y'(t))$$

$$\text{so} \quad d'(t) = \frac{40 \cdot 8}{d(t)} = \frac{320}{\sqrt{(x+t)^2 + 30^2}} = \frac{320}{\sqrt{25+30^2}} = \frac{320}{\sqrt{901}} = 32/5 \text{ m/sec.}$$

Linear approximation If f is differentiable at the point x_0 , then $f'(x_0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0}$, so $f'(x_0) \approx \frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0}$ near the point x_0 and $f(x) \approx f'(x_0)(x - x_0) + f(x_0)$.

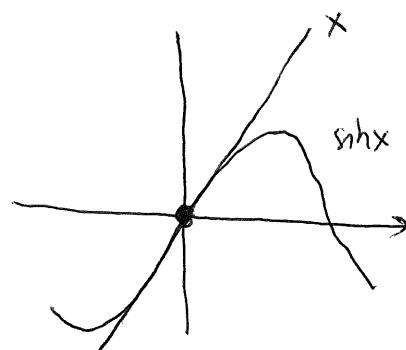
Definition. We call $L(x) = f'(x_0)(x - x_0) + f(x_0)$ the linear approximation (or tangent line approximation) at the point x_0 .

Example 1. Consider $f(x) = \sin x$ at the point $x_0 = 0$.

In this case, $f(x_0) = f(0) = \sin 0 = 0$

$$\text{and } f'(x_0) = f'(0) = \cos 0 = 1$$

so the tangent line is $L(x) = 1 \cdot (x - 0) + 0 = x$.

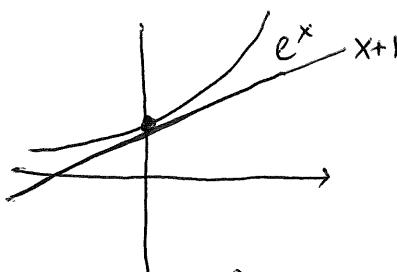


Example 2. Consider $f(x) = e^x$ at the point $x_0 = 0$.

In this case, $f(x_0) = f(0) = e^0 = 1$

$$\text{and } f'(x_0) = f'(0) = e^0 = 1, \text{ so } L(x) = 1(x - 0) + 1 = x + 1.$$

Thus, $e^x \approx x+1$ for points $x \approx 0 \dots$ and $e^{0.1} \approx 1.1$, for instance.



Example 3. Take $f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 3}{x^3 + 1}$ at the point $x_0 = 1$.

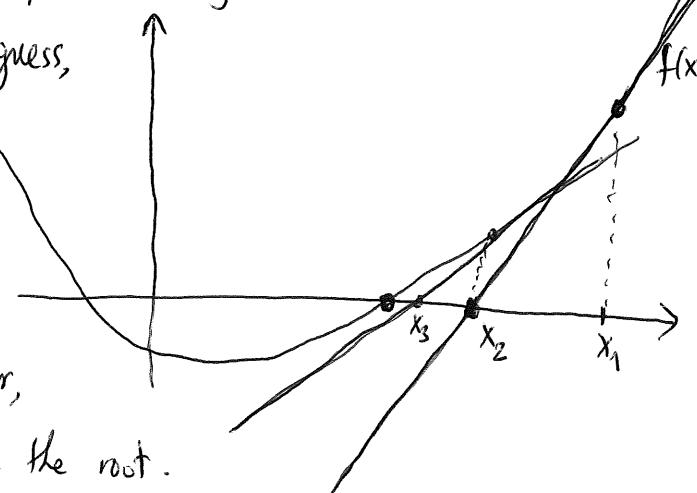
$$\text{In this case, } f'(x) = \frac{2x \cdot (x^3 + 1) - 3x^2 \cdot (x^2 + 3)}{(x^3 + 1)^2} \Rightarrow f'(1) = \frac{4 - 12}{4} = -2$$

and $f(1) = \frac{4}{2} = 2$, so the tangent line approximation is $L(x) = -2(x - 1) + 2 = -2x + 4$.

Newton's method

Consider an equation of the form $f(x) = 0$.

There is a standard method for approximating the roots of this equation. We start with an initial guess, say x_1 . We approximate $f(x)$ by the tangent line at x_1 . We compute the point x_2 at which the line meets the x -axis. Proceeding in this manner, we hope to get an approximation of the root.



The tangent line @ x_1 is

So we get $L(x) = 0$ means

$$\text{or } x - x_1 = - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)}, \text{ so}$$

We can introduce this formula and proceed, if $f'(x_1) \neq 0$.

More generally,

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$

Example 1. We approximate $\sqrt{2}$ using this method. Obviously, $\sqrt{2}$ is a root of $f(x) = x^2 - 2$. Take $x_1 = 1$ as an initial guess and then

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)} = x_n - \frac{x_n^2 - 2}{2x_n} = x_n - \frac{x_n}{2} + \frac{1}{x_n},$$

namely

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_n}{2} + \frac{1}{x_n}. \quad \text{We get}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{3}{2} = 1.5 \quad \text{and then} \quad x_3 = \frac{3}{4} + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{17}{12} = 1.416666$$

and then $x_4 = 1.4142156$ and $x_5 = 1.414213562$ (with x_6 agreeing to 9 decimal places). If we take $x_1 = 2$ as an initial guess, we get $x_1 = 2$, $x_2 = 3/2$ and the rest stays the same.

Example 2. Consider $f(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 - 3x + 1$ as in the last homework. This has a (unique) root in $(0, 2)$. We approximate this root using Newton's method: take $x_1 = 2$ and then define

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$

$$= x_n - \frac{x_n^3 - 4x_n^2 - 3x_n + 1}{3x_n^2 - 8x_n - 3}$$

In this case,

$$x_1 = 2$$

$$x_2 = 0.1428$$

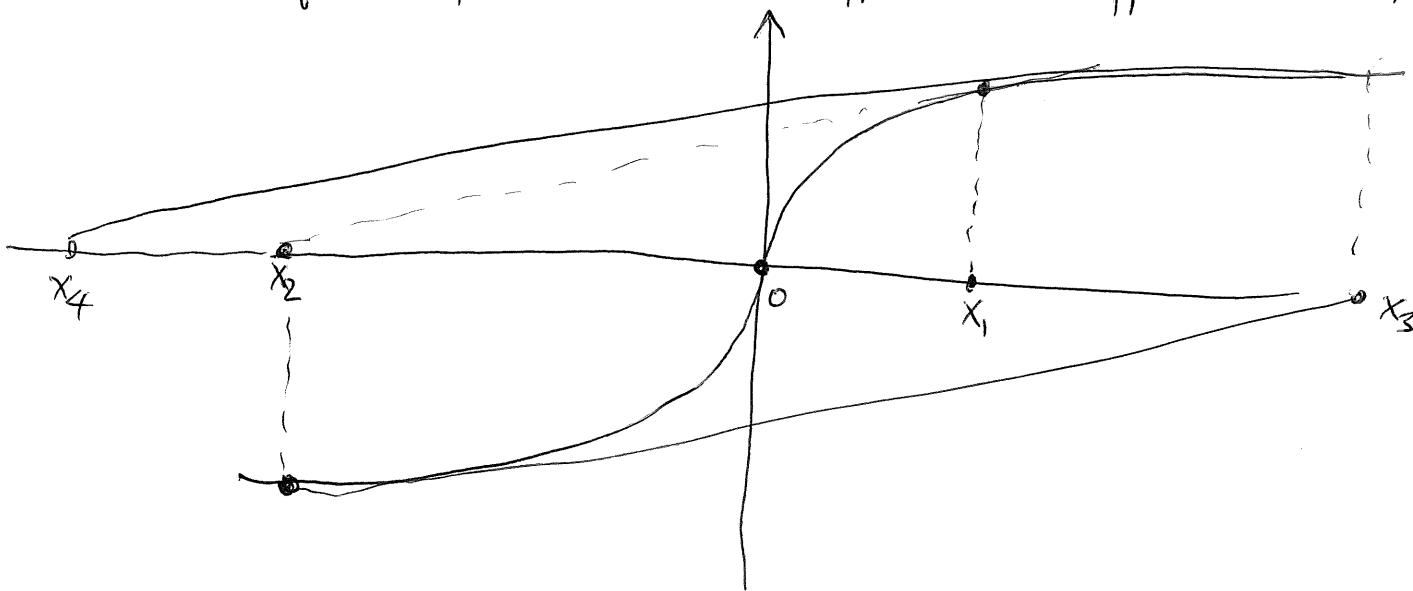
$$x_3 = 0.2635$$

$$x_4 = 0.253309$$

$$x_5 = 0.253239$$

and one finds the root to be $x = 0.253$ (to 3 decimal digits).

Note: The method will not work in all cases, but it works quite often (and the approximations approach a limit).



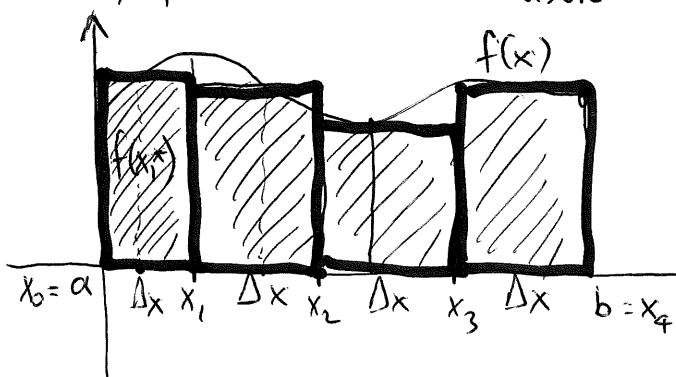
Definition of integral We use \sum to denote sums such as

$\sum_{k=1}^5 a_k = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_5$. We call k the index of summation and $\sum_{k=1}^5 a_k = \sum_{i=1}^5 a_i$. One may "shift the index" of summation to get $\sum_{k=1}^6 a_k = \sum_{k=2}^7 a_{k-1}$.

Integral We define $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ of a function over a finite interval $[a,b]$ is defined as the limit

$$\left[\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k^*) \Delta x, \right]$$

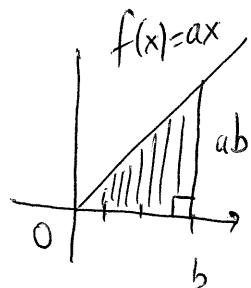
where $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$ and x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n are the points that subdivide the interval into n equal parts $x_0 = a, x_1 = a + \Delta x, \dots, x_n = b$ and the point x_k^* is any point in $[x_k, x_{k+1}]$. We say f is integrable on $[a,b]$, if the limit above exists.



Example. We show $f(x) = ax$ is integrable on $[0,b]$

for any $a, b > 0$ and $\int_0^b ax dx = \frac{1}{2}ab^2$.

We have to check $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k^*) \Delta x = \frac{1}{2}ab^2$.



Let x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n be the points that divide $[0,b]$ into n equal parts, $\Delta x = b/n$ is the length of each subinterval and $x_0 = 0, x_1 = \Delta x, x_2 = 2\Delta x, \dots, x_n = n\Delta x$.

By assumption, $x_{k-1} \leq x_k^* \leq x_k$

$$\Rightarrow ax_{k-1} \leq ax_k^* \leq ax_k$$

$$\Rightarrow ax_{k-1} \leq f(x_k^*) \leq ax_k$$

$$\Rightarrow ax_{k-1} \Delta x \leq f(x_k^*) \Delta x \leq ax_k \Delta x$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\sum_{k=1}^n ax_{k-1} \Delta x} \leq \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k^*) \Delta x \leq \boxed{\sum_{k=1}^n ax_k \Delta x}$$

$$ax_0 \Delta x + ax_1 \Delta x + ax_2 \Delta x + \dots + ax_{n-1} \Delta x$$

$$= a \Delta x (x_0 + x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{n-1})$$

$$= \frac{ab}{n} (0 + 1 \Delta x + 2 \Delta x + \dots + (n-1) \Delta x)$$

$$= \frac{ab}{n} \cdot \frac{b}{n} (0 + 1 + 2 + \dots + (n-1))$$

$$\boxed{\frac{ab^2}{n^2} \cdot \frac{(n-1)n}{2}}$$

Sum on the left

$$\begin{aligned} & a \Delta x (x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n) \\ &= a \Delta x (1 \Delta x + 2 \Delta x + \dots + n \Delta x) \\ &= \boxed{a \left(\frac{b}{n}\right)^2 \frac{n(n+1)}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{because } S = 1 + 2 + \dots + (n-1) \\ & S = (n-1) + (n-2) + \dots + 1 \\ & \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ & 2S = n + n + \dots + n \\ & = n(n-1) \end{aligned}$$

(iii) This computation gives

$$\frac{ab^2}{n^2} \cdot \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \leq \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k^*) \Delta x} \leq \frac{ab^2}{n^2} \cdot \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

We have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{ab^2 \cdot n(n-1)}{n^2 \cdot 2} = \frac{ab^2}{2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{ab^2 \cdot n(n+1)}{n^2 \cdot 2}$

So it follows by the Squeeze theorem that

$$\int_0^b f(x) dx = \boxed{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k^*) \Delta x} = \frac{ab^2}{2}$$

Theorem 1. (Linearity of integral) If f, g are integrable on $[a, b]$ then $f+g$ is integrable and $\int_a^b [f(x)+g(x)] dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx + \int_a^b g(x) dx$. If f is integrable on $[a, b]$ and c is a constant, then cf is integrable and $\int_a^b cf(x) dx = c \int_a^b f(x) dx$.

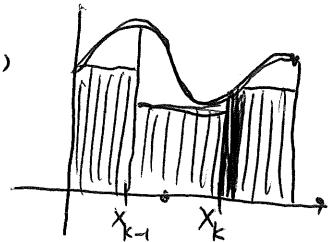
Proof. Let $h(x) = f(x) + g(x)$, for instance. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_a^b h(x) dx &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n h(x_k^*) \Delta x \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k^*) \Delta x + g(x_k^*) \Delta x \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k^*) \Delta x + \sum_{k=1}^n g(x_k^*) \Delta x \right] \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k^*) \Delta x + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n g(x_k^*) \Delta x \\
 &= \int f(x) dx + \int g(x) dx. \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

Integrability Suppose f is defined on $[a, b]$ and consider the points x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n that subdivide $[a, b]$ into n subintervals of equal length. We say that f is integrable on $[a, b]$, if

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

where $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}$ and x_k^* is arbitrary in $[x_{k-1}, x_k]$.



Theorem 1 (Linearity) If f, g are integrable, then $f+g$ is also and

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

If f is integrable, then so is $c \cdot f$ and $\int_a^b c \cdot f(x) dx = c \cdot \int_a^b f(x) dx$.

Theorem 2 (Inequalities) If f, g are integrable on $[a, b]$ with $f(x) \leq g(x)$ for all $a \leq x \leq b$, then $\int_a^b f(x) dx \leq \int_a^b g(x) dx$.

"Proof." We have $f(x_k^*) \leq g(x_k^*)$ for each subinterval $[x_{k-1}, x_k]$

$$\Rightarrow f(x_k^*) \Delta x \leq g(x_k^*) \Delta x$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k^*) \Delta x \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n g(x_k^*) \Delta x$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq \int_a^b g(x) dx. \quad \blacksquare$$

More formally, $g(x) \geq f(x)$ means $g(x) - f(x) = h(x) \geq 0$, so $\int_a^b h(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n h(x_k^*) \Delta x \geq 0$ so $\int_a^b g - \int_a^b f \geq 0$.

Example (Non-integrable) Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 1 & \text{if } x \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$. Then f is not integrable on $[a, b]$. If this were integrable,

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k^*) \Delta x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n 0 \cdot \Delta x = 0$$

--- for $x_k^* \in \mathbb{Q}$

$$\text{and } \int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k^*) \Delta x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n 1 \cdot \Delta x = n \Delta x = b-a$$

--- for $x_k^* \notin \mathbb{Q}$.

Thus, f is not integrable on $[a, b]$ whenever $b > a$.

Theorem 3 (Continuous implies integrable) If f is continuous on $[a, b]$, then f is integrable on $[a, b]$, namely $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k^*) \Delta x$ exists.

Proof. Postponed for MA1126.

Theorem 4. Fundamental theorem of calculus, part 1

Suppose f is continuous and $f = F'$ for some function F . Then $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b F'(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$.

Example 1. We compute $\int_0^\pi \sin x dx$.

Since $-(\sin x) = (\cos x)'$, we have $(\cos x)' = \sin x$

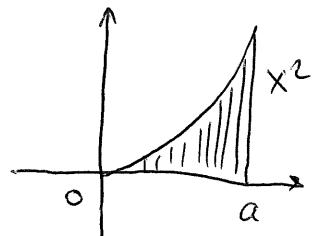
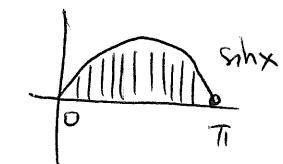
$$\text{so } \int_a^b \sin x dx = \int_0^\pi (\sin x) dx = \int_0^\pi (-\cos x)' dx = -\cos \pi + \cos 0 = +1 + 1 = 2.$$

Example 2. We compute $\int_0^a x^2 dx$.

We need a function $F(x)$ with $F'(x) = x^2$.

Such a function is $F(x) = \frac{x^3}{3}$. This gives

$$\int_0^a x^2 dx = \int_0^a \left(\frac{x^3}{3}\right)' dx = \frac{a^3}{3} - \frac{0^3}{3} = \frac{a^3}{3}.$$



Proof of Theorem 4. We need to compute $\int_a^b F'(x) dx$, which is $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n F'(x_k^*) \Delta x$, with x_k^* arbitrary in $[x_{k-1}, x_k]$.

We pick x_k^* using the MVT ... $\frac{F(b) - F(a)}{b-a} = F'(c)$ for some point $a < c < b$. We use this fact on $[x_{k-1}, x_k]$:

$$\frac{F(x_k) - F(x_{k-1})}{x_k - x_{k-1}} = F'(x_k^*) \Rightarrow \boxed{F'(x_k^*) \Delta x = F(x_k) - F(x_{k-1})}.$$

We get $\int_a^b F'(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n [F(x_k) - F(x_{k-1})] = \frac{F(x_n) - F(x_{n-1})}{x_n - x_{n-1}} - \frac{F(x_{n-1}) - F(x_{n-2})}{x_{n-1} - x_{n-2}} = \frac{F(b) - F(a)}{b-a} = F(b) - F(a).$

Definition We say that F is an antiderivative of f when F is a function whose derivative is f : $F' = f$. This is denoted by $F(x) = \int f(x) dx$.

Definition We defined $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ when $a < b$. The remaining cases are defined by $\int_b^a f(x) dx = -\int_a^b f(x) dx$ and $\int_a^a f(x) dx = 0$.

Antiderivatives. We'll make a table of known antiderivatives such as

$$\int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}, \text{ if } n \neq -1$$

$$\int x^{-1} dx = \int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x|$$

Antiderivatives We say that $F(x)$ is an antiderivative of $f(x)$

when $F(x)$ is a function with $F'(x) = f(x)$. This is denoted by

$F(x) = \int f(x) dx \Rightarrow F'(x) = f(x)$ and we call $\int f(x) dx$ the indefinite integral of $f(x)$, $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ being the definite one.

Table of standard integrals

$$\textcircled{1} \int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}, \text{ if } n \neq -1 \quad \textcircled{2} \int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x|$$

$$\textcircled{3} \int \cos x dx = \sin x \quad \textcircled{4} \int \sin x dx = -\cos x$$

$$\textcircled{5} \int \sec^2 x dx = \tan x \quad \textcircled{6} \int \csc^2 x dx = -\cot x$$

$$\textcircled{7} \int \sec x \tan x dx = \sec x \quad \textcircled{8} \int \csc x \cot x dx = -\csc x$$

$$\textcircled{9} \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \sin^{-1} x \quad \textcircled{10} \int \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \tan^{-1} x$$

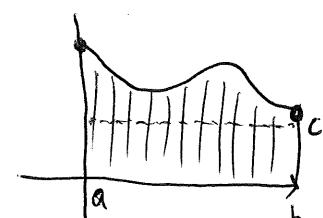
$$\textcircled{11} \int e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a} e^{ax}, \text{ if } a \neq 0.$$

(*) Lots of familiar functions have antiderivatives that are not familiar. Typical examples are $\frac{\sin x}{x}$, $\frac{e^x}{x}$, x^x , e^{-x^2} .

Mean value theorem for integrals

If f is continuous on $[a, b]$, its average value is defined by $\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx$.

This is the constant c that gives the same integral as $f(x)$, $\int_a^b c dx = c \cdot b - c \cdot a = c(b-a) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$.



If f is continuous on $[a, b]$, then $f(x_*) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx$ for some x_* .

Proof. Since f is continuous, it attains a min m and a max M .

Then $m \leq f(x) \leq M$ for all x

$$\text{So } \int_a^b m \, dx \leq \int_a^b f(x) \, dx \leq \int_a^b M \, dx$$

$$\Rightarrow m(b-a) \leq \int_a^b f(x) \, dx \leq M(b-a)$$

$$\Rightarrow m \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) \, dx \leq M.$$

By the intermediate value theorem, since f is continuous, f attains any value between m and M . \square

Fundamental theorem of calculus, part 1

If f is continuous and $F' = f$, then $\int_a^b f(x) \, dx = \int_a^b F'(x) \, dx = F(b) - F(a)$.

We write this as $\int_a^b F'(x) \, dx = \left[F(x) \right]_a^b = [F(x)]_a^b = F(b) - F(a)$.

Fundamental theorem of calculus, part 2

If f is continuous on $[a, b]$ and $F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) \, dt$, then $F'(x) = f(x)$, namely $\left[\int_a^x f(t) \, dt \right]' = f(x)$.



Proof. We check $F'(x_0) = f(x_0)$ as usual. Then

$$\begin{aligned} F'(x_0) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{F(x) - F(x_0)}{x - x_0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{\int_a^x f(t) \, dt - \int_a^{x_0} f(t) \, dt}{x - x_0} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{1}{x - x_0} \underbrace{\int_{x_0}^x f(t) \, dt}_{f(c) \text{ for some } c \text{ between } x \text{ and } x_0 \text{ by the MVT}} = f(x_0) \text{ by continuity.} \end{aligned}$$

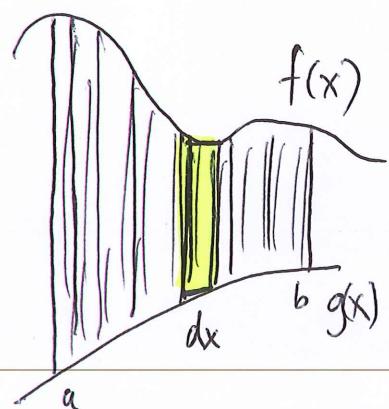
Area between two graphs

Suppose f, g are continuous on $[a, b]$ and $f(x) \geq g(x)$ for all $a \leq x \leq b$.

Then the area between the two graphs is

$$\text{Area} = \int_a^b [f(x) - g(x)] \cdot dx$$

height base



Example. Consider $f(x) = 3x$ and $g(x) = x^2$.

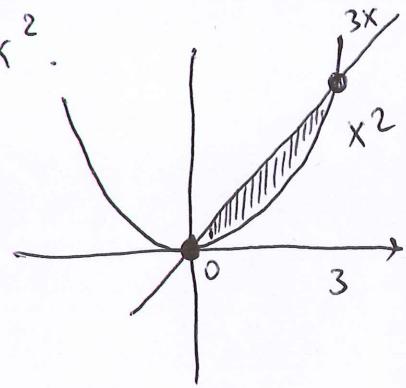
We compute the area of the shaded region.

For that region $f(x) \geq g(x)$. The limits of integration are given by $f(x) = g(x)$

$$3x = x^2$$

$$0 = x(x-3) \quad \dots \quad x=0, 3.$$

$$\text{Thus, Area} = \int_0^3 (3x - x^2) dx = \left[\frac{3x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^3 = \frac{27}{2} - 9 = \frac{9}{2}.$$

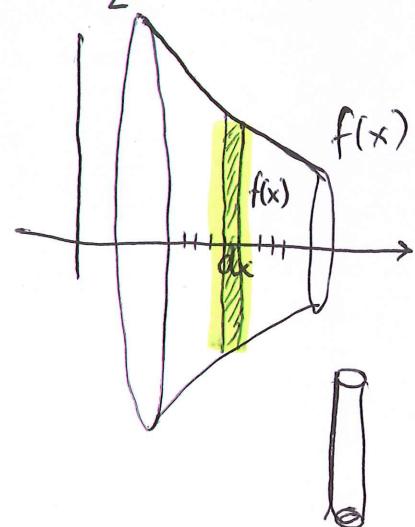


Volume for a solid of revolution

Suppose f is continuous on $[a,b]$ and the graph of f is rotated around the x -axis. Then the resulting solid has

$$\text{Volume} = \int_a^b \pi f(x)^2 dx$$

Volume of cylinder
with radius $f(x)$, base dx



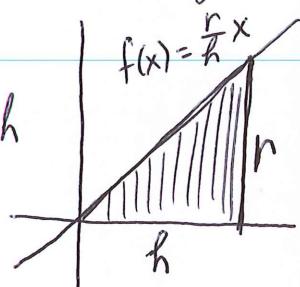
Example. We compute the volume of a cone of radius r and height h .

We can obtain such a cone by rotating a triangle

around the x -axis. In our case, $f(x) = \frac{r}{h}x$ with $0 \leq x \leq h$

so the volume of the cone is

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \int_0^h \pi \left(\frac{rx}{h} \right)^2 dx = \frac{\pi r^2}{h^2} \int_0^h x^2 dx \\ &= \frac{\pi r^2}{h^2} \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^h = \frac{\pi r^2}{h^2} \left(\frac{h^3}{3} - \frac{0^3}{3} \right) = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h. \end{aligned}$$



Arc length of a graph

Suppose f is differentiable and f' is continuous on $[a,b]$.

We need to compute the length of its graph over $[a,b]$.

Looking at a small subinterval of length dx ,

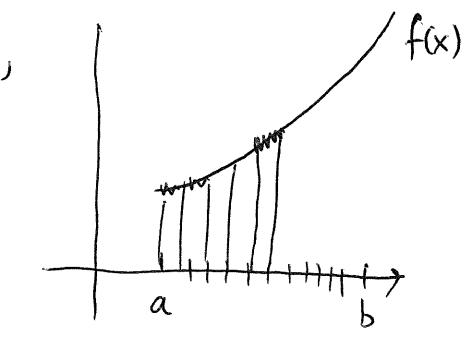
we may assume $f'(x)$ is constant on that interval,

so the length of the curve is the hypotenuse

$$\sqrt{(dx)^2 + f'(x)^2(dx)^2} = \sqrt{1 + f'(x)^2} dx.$$

Adding those up gives

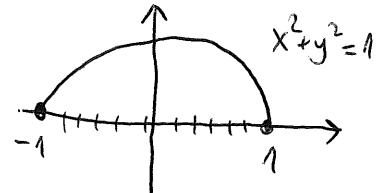
$$\boxed{\text{Arc length} = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + f'(x)^2} dx.}$$



Example. We compute the circumference (2π) of the unit circle.

Consider the upper half $y = f(x) = \sqrt{1-x^2}$.

$$\text{Then } f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1-x^2}} (1-x^2)' = \frac{-x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$



$$\text{So } f'(x)^2 = \frac{x^2}{1-x^2} \quad \text{so} \quad 1 + f'(x)^2 = 1 + \frac{x^2}{1-x^2} = \frac{1}{1-x^2}$$

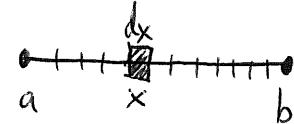
$$\begin{aligned} \text{and Arc length} &= \int_{-1}^1 \sqrt{\frac{1}{1-x^2}} dx = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx \\ &= \left[\sin^{-1} x \right]_{-1}^1 = \sin^{-1} 1 - \sin^{-1}(-1) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \pi. \end{aligned}$$

Mass Consider a thin rod that extends along the points $a \leq x \leq b$. If the density is

constant, say δ , then density = $\frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}}$ and mass = $\delta \cdot \text{length} = \delta \cdot (b-a)$.

If the density is arbitrary, given by a function $\delta(x)$, we can argue that a subinterval of length dx contributes mass = $\delta(x) \cdot dx$, so

$$\text{overall mass} = \int_a^b \delta(x) dx.$$



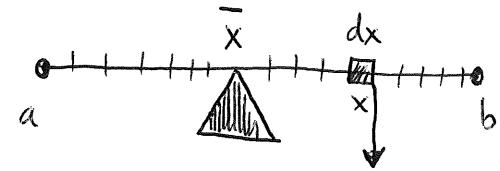
Example. Consider a thin rod with density $\delta(x) = \sin(\pi x)$, $0 \leq x \leq 1$.

The total mass is $M = \int_0^1 \sin(\pi x) dx = \left[-\frac{\cos(\pi x)}{\pi} \right]_0^1 = -\frac{\cos \pi}{\pi} + \frac{\cos 0}{\pi} = \frac{1}{\pi} + \frac{1}{\pi} = \frac{2}{\pi}$.

Centre of mass

Consider a thin rod as before.

Let $\delta(x)$ be its density. We need to compute its centre of mass, say \bar{x} .



Looking at a small subinterval (of length dx at the point x), we get

$$\begin{aligned}\text{torque} &= \text{propensity to rotate} = \text{Force} \times \text{displacement} \\ &= \text{mass} \cdot \text{gravity} \cdot \text{displacement} \\ &= \underline{\delta(x) \cdot dx} \cdot g \cdot (x - \bar{x}).\end{aligned}$$

For the centre of mass, the sum of the torques should be zero,

$$\text{so } \int_a^b \delta(x) g (x - \bar{x}) dx = 0$$

$$\text{so } \int_a^b x \delta(x) dx - \bar{x} \int_a^b \delta(x) dx = 0$$

and we can solve for the centre of mass

$$\boxed{\bar{x} = \frac{\int_a^b x \delta(x) dx}{\int_a^b \delta(x) dx}}, \text{ the denominator being mass.}$$

Example. If the density is constant, say $\delta(x) = \delta = \text{constant}$,

$$\text{we get } \bar{x} = \frac{\int_a^b x \delta dx}{\int_a^b \delta dx} = \frac{\int_a^b x dx}{\int_a^b 1 dx} = \frac{\left[\frac{1}{2} x^2 \right]_a^b}{[x]_a^b} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} b^2 - \frac{1}{2} a^2}{b-a} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{b^2 - a^2}{b-a} = \frac{b+a}{2} = \text{midpoint}.$$

Work In physics, the work of a force F that moves an object by d units (in the direction of the force) is defined as the product $w = F \cdot d$ in the case that F, d are constant. When either of those is not constant, work is the integral of $\int F(x) \cdot d(x) dx$

Example 1. The restoring force of a spring is given by Hooke's law

$$F(x) = -kx \quad \text{for some (spring) constant } k.$$

Hmm If a spring requires a force of $10N$ to stretch it by $0.5m$ past equilibrium, then how much work is needed to stretch it by $0.8m$?

By assumption, $|F|=10$ when $x=1/2$ so $k \cdot 1/2 = 10$ and $k=20$.

We need to find the work of $F(x) = -20x$, a variable force.

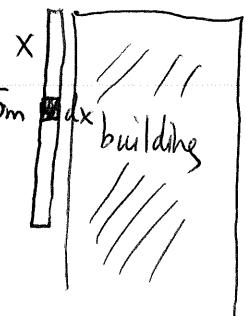
Looking at arbitrarily small parts of the spring (x units away of length dx), we get

$$\text{work} = [\text{Force}] \cdot [\text{displacement}] = [k \cdot x] dx$$

Summing up gives

$$\begin{aligned} \text{work} &= \int_0^{0.8} F(x) dx = \int_0^{0.8} kx dx \\ &= \int_0^{0.8} 20x dx = \left[\frac{10}{2} x^2 \right]_0^{0.8} = 6.4 \text{ J.} \end{aligned}$$

Example 2. A chain of length $5m$ is hanging from the top of a building. It weighs 4 kg/m and we need to pull it up to the top. How much work is needed?



Once again, look at the part x metres down and of arbitrarily small length dx . This gives displacement = x and force = mass $\cdot g$, where mass = $4dx$ for that part.

Summing those up gives

$$\begin{aligned} \text{work} &= \int_0^5 \text{force} \cdot \text{displacement} = \int_0^5 4g x dx \\ &= \left[\frac{2 \cdot 4g x^2}{2} \right]_0^5 = 2g \cdot 25 = 50g, \end{aligned}$$

where $g = 9.81 \text{ m/sec}^2$.

Improper integrals

The standard definition of integrability on $[a, b]$

assumes $a \leq x \leq b$ is finite and $f(x)$ is finite as well. We can slightly extend this definition to handle other cases as well.

For instance, $\int_a^\infty f(x) dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f(x) dx$, provided that the limit exists. Similarly, one can define

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

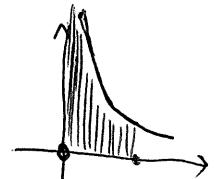
when $f(x)$ becomes infinite at a .

Example 1. Consider $\int_0^4 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx$, for instance.

$$\text{Then } \int_a^4 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx = \int_a^4 \frac{2}{2\sqrt{x}} dx = \left[2\sqrt{x} \right]_a^4 = 2\sqrt{4} - 2\sqrt{a} = 4 - 2\sqrt{a}.$$

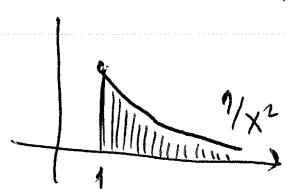
This gives $\int_0^4 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \int_a^4 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} (4 - 2\sqrt{a}) = 4$.

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



$$\text{This is } \int_1^\infty x^{-2} dx = \left[\frac{x^{-1}}{-1} \right]_1^\infty = \left[-\frac{1}{x} \right]_1^\infty = 0 + 1 = 1.$$

Example 3. Consider $\int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x} dx$.



$$\text{This is } \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{x} dx = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^L \frac{1}{x} dx = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln x \right]_1^L = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} (\ln L - \ln 1) = \infty.$$

Thus, the integral is not finite.

Example 4. Consider $\int_0^\infty e^{-ax} dx$ with $a \neq 0$ fixed. This is

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^L e^{-ax} dx = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{e^{-ax}}{-a} \right]_0^L = e^{-aL} \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-aL} - 1}{-a} = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - e^{-aL}}{a}.$$

If $a > 0$, the limit is $1/a$. If $a < 0$, the limit is infinite.

Integration by parts According to the product rule,

$$[f(x) \cdot g(x)]' = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$$

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

so $\int f'(x)g(x) dx + \int f(x)g'(x) dx = f(x)g(x).$

This gives

~~$\int f(x)g'(x) dx = f(x)g(x) - \int f'(x)g(x) dx.$~~

① This formula can also be written as $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$

by taking $u = f(x)$ and $v = g(x)$. In fact,

$$u = f(x) \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = f'(x) \Rightarrow du = f'(x) dx.$$

② Some typical examples that involve this formula are:

$$\int p_n(x) \cdot e^{ax} dx \quad \text{with } p_n = \text{polynomial of degree } n$$

$$\int p_n(x) \cdot \sin(ax) dx \quad \text{and} \quad \int p_n(x) \cos(ax) dx.$$

In all those cases, one can take $u = p_n(x)$.

Example 1. $\int x e^x dx$... we let $u = x$ and $dv = e^x dx$
so $du = dx$ and $v = e^x$.

Then $\int x e^x dx = \int u dv = x e^x - \int e^x dx = x e^x - e^x + C.$

Example 2. $\int x^2 \sin x dx$... this is a double integration by parts.

Take $u = x^2$, $dv = \sin x dx$
 $du = 2x dx$, $v = -\cos x$

Then $\int x^2 \sin x dx = -x^2 \cos x + \int 2x \cos x dx$.

Take $u = 2x$, $dv = \cos x dx$
 $du = 2 dx$, $v = \sin x$

Then $\int x^2 \sin x dx = -x^2 \cos x + 2x \sin x - \int 2 \sin x dx = -x^2 \cos x + 2x \sin x + 2 \cos x + C.$

Example 3. Consider $\int x^n \ln x \, dx$ with $n \neq -1$. In this case, we choose $u = \ln x$ (as a function to be differentiated) and $dv = x^n \, dx$. Then $du = \frac{1}{x} \, dx$ (contains no logarithms) and $v = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}$, so

$$\begin{aligned}\int x^n \ln x \, dx &= \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \ln x - \int \frac{1}{x} \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \, dx \\ &= \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \ln x - \frac{1}{n+1} \int x^n \, dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \ln x - \frac{x^{n+1}}{(n+1)^2} + C.\end{aligned}$$

(iii) Other reasonable choices of u include $u = \ln x \dots du = \frac{1}{x} \, dx$
 $u = \sin^{-1} x \dots du = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \, dx$
 $u = \tan^{-1} x \dots du = \frac{1}{1+x^2} \, dx$

Example 4. Consider $\int e^{ax} \cos(bx) \, dx$.

We could take $u = e^{ax}$ or $u = \cos(bx)$. Take $u = e^{ax}$, for instance.

Then $u = e^{ax}, \quad du = e^{ax} \, dx$

$$du = ae^{ax}, \quad v = \frac{1}{b} \sin(bx).$$

Thus
$$\boxed{\int e^{ax} \cos(bx) \, dx = \frac{e^{ax}}{b} \sin(bx) - \int \frac{a}{b} \frac{e^{ax}}{b} \sin(bx) \, dx.}$$

We integrate by parts once again. Take

$$u = e^{ax}, \quad dv = \sin(bx) \, dx$$

$$du = ae^{ax}, \quad v = -\frac{1}{b} \cos(bx)$$

We get
$$\int e^{ax} \cos(bx) \, dx = \frac{1}{b} e^{ax} \sin(bx) - \frac{a}{b} \left[-\frac{1}{b} e^{ax} \cos(bx) + \frac{a}{b} \int e^{ax} \cos(bx) \, dx \right]$$

$$\therefore \int e^{ax} \cos(bx) \, dx = \frac{e^{ax} \sin(bx)}{b} + \frac{a e^{ax} \cos(bx)}{b^2} - \frac{a^2}{b^2} \int e^{ax} \cos(bx) \, dx$$

$$\therefore \left(1 + \frac{a^2}{b^2}\right) \int e^{ax} \cos(bx) \, dx = \frac{e^{ax} \sin(bx)}{b} + \frac{ae^{ax} \cos(bx)}{b^2} + C.$$

Integration by substitution

Several integrals can be simplified using the formula $\int g(f(x)) \cdot f'(x) dx = \int g(u) du$ which

is dictated by the choice $u=f(x)$ and $du=f'(x)dx$.

This is an intermediate step for computing the integral on the left in terms of the variable $u=f(x)$. The choice of u is made to simplify the integral, noting that $du=f'(x)dx$ should also be present in the integral.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \int \cos(3x+1) dx \quad \dots \quad u=3x+1$$

$$du=3dx \quad \dots$$

$$\int \cos(3x+1) dx = \int \cos u \frac{du}{3}$$

$$\therefore \int \cos(3x+1) dx = \frac{1}{3} \int \cos u du = \frac{1}{3} \sin u + C = \frac{1}{3} \sin(3x+1) + C.$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \int \frac{2x}{1+x^2} dx \quad \dots \quad u=1+x^2$$

$$du=2x dx \quad \dots$$

$$\int \frac{du}{u} = \ln u + C$$

$$= \ln(1+x^2) + C.$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \int \frac{e^x dx}{1+e^{2x}} \quad \dots \quad u=e^x$$

$$du=e^x dx \quad \dots$$

$$\int \frac{du}{1+u^2} = \tan^{-1} u + C$$

$$= \tan^{-1}(e^x) + C.$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \int \frac{x^2}{(x+1)^3} dx \quad \dots \quad \boxed{\begin{array}{l} u=x+1 \\ du=dx \end{array}} \quad \dots \quad \int \frac{(u-1)^2}{u^3} du$$

The integral on the right can be expanded as

$$\int \frac{u^2 - 2u + 1}{u^3} du = \int \left(\frac{1}{u} - \frac{2}{u^2} + \frac{1}{u^3} \right) du$$

$$= \int \left(\frac{1}{u} - 2u^{-2} + u^{-3} \right) du$$

$$= \ln u + 2u^{-1} - \frac{u^{-2}}{2} + C$$

$$= \ln(x+1) + \frac{2}{x+1} - \frac{1}{2(x+1)^2} + C$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad \int \frac{\ln x}{x} dx \quad \dots \quad \boxed{\begin{array}{l} u = \ln x \\ du = \frac{1}{x} dx \end{array}} \quad \dots \quad \int u du = \frac{u^2}{2} + C \\ = \frac{1}{2} (\ln x)^2 + C.$$

$$\textcircled{6} \quad \int \sin(\sqrt{x}) dx \quad \dots \quad \boxed{\begin{array}{l|l} u = \sqrt{x} & x = u^2 \\ du = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} dx & dx = 2u du \end{array}}$$

$$\int \sin u \cdot 2u du = 2 \int u \cdot \sin u du$$

$$= 2 \left[-u \cos u + \int \cos u du \right] \quad \text{by integration by parts}$$

$$= -2u \cos u + \sin u + C \quad u = u, \quad dv = \sin u du$$

$$du = du, \quad v = -\cos u$$

$$= -2\sqrt{x} \cos \sqrt{x} + \sin \sqrt{x} + C.$$

$$\textcircled{7} \quad \int \tan x dx = \int \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} dx \quad \dots \quad \boxed{\begin{array}{l} \text{let } u = \cos x \\ du = -\sin x dx \end{array}}$$

$$= - \int \frac{du}{u} = -\ln|u| + C = -\ln|\cos x| + C$$

$$= \ln|\cos x|^{-1} + C = \ln|\sec x| + C.$$

$$\textcircled{8} \quad \int \tan^{-1} x dx \quad \text{or} \quad \int \sin^{-1} x dx \quad \text{or} \quad \int \ln x dx.$$

Those are all similar. They are typical integrations by parts with $u = \tan^{-1} x$, $u = \sin^{-1} x$, $u = \ln x$ respectively. The derivatives are $du = \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$, $du = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx$, $du = \frac{1}{x} dx$ which are much simpler.

For instance

$$\int \underbrace{\tan^{-1} x}_{u} \underbrace{dx}_{dv} = x \cdot \tan^{-1} x - \int \frac{x}{1+x^2} dx$$

$$= x \tan^{-1} x - \int \frac{1}{2} \frac{du}{u} \quad \leftarrow \text{with } u = 1+x^2 \\ du = 2x dx$$

$$= x \tan^{-1} x - \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2+1) + C.$$

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} u = \tan^{-1} x \\ du = \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} dv = dx \\ v = x \end{array}}$$

Similarly, $\int \ln x dx = x \ln x - \int \cancel{\frac{1}{x}} dx$

$$= x \ln x - x + C.$$

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} u = \ln x, dv = dx \\ du = \frac{1}{x} dx, v = x \end{array}}$$

On the other hand $\int \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{1+x^2} dx$... requires a substitution.

Let $u = \tan^{-1} x$, in which case $du = \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$ and we get

$$\int u du = \frac{1}{2}u^2 + C = \frac{1}{2}(\tan^{-1} x)^2 + C.$$

Integrating $\int \sin^m x \cos^n x dx$ for any integers $m, n > 0$

- We use the fact that $(\sin x)' = \cos x$, $(\cos x)' = -\sin x$, $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$.

A) The substitution $u = \sin x$ helps when n is odd.

This is because powers of $\sin x$ become powers of u

and Even powers of $\cos x$ become $(\cos x)^{2k} = (1-\sin^2 x)^k = (1-u^2)^k$

and $du = \cos x dx$ requires an additional copy of cosine.

Example 1. $\int \sin^4 x \cos x dx = \int u^4 du$

$$= \frac{u^5}{5} + C = \frac{\sin^5 x}{5} + C.$$

$$\boxed{u = \sin x \\ du = \cos x dx}$$

Example 2. $\int \sin^4 x \cos^3 x dx = \int \sin^4 x \cdot \cos^2 x \cdot \cos x dx$

$$= \int \sin^4 x \cdot (1-\sin^2 x) \cdot \cos x dx$$

$$= \int u^4 \cdot (1-u^2) \cdot du$$

$$= \int (u^4 - u^6) du = \frac{\sin^5 u}{5} - \frac{\sin^7 u}{7} + C.$$

Example 3. $\int \sin^4 x \cos^5 x dx = \int \sin^4 x \cdot \cos^4 x \cdot \cos x dx$

$$= \int u^4 (1-u^2)^2 du$$

$$= \int u^4 (1-2u^2+u^4) du = \int (u^4 - 2u^6 + u^8) du$$

$$= \frac{\sin^5 x}{5} - 2 \frac{\sin^7 x}{7} + \frac{\sin^9 x}{9} + C.$$

B) The substitution $u = \cos x$ helps when m is odd

This is because $du = -\sin x dx$ takes away one copy of sine and we can express even powers of sine as $(\sin x)^{2k} = (1-u^2)^k$.

Example 4. $\int \sin^3 x \cos^2 x dx = \int \sin^2 x \cos^2 x \cdot \sin x dx$

$$= - \int (1-u^2) u^2 du = \int (u^4 - u^2) dx = \frac{\cos^5 x}{5} - \frac{\cos^3 x}{3} + C.$$

$$\boxed{u = \cos x \\ du = -\sin x dx}$$

(C) When m, n are both even, one may use the half-angle formulas

More precisely, $\cos(2x) = \cos(x+x) = \underline{\cos^2 x} - \underline{\sin^2 x}$

$$\text{gives } \cos(2x) = \underline{1-\sin^2 x} - \sin^2 x \Rightarrow \sin^2 x = \frac{1-\cos(2x)}{2}$$

$$\text{and also } \cos(2x) = \cos^2 x - (1-\cos^2 x)$$

$$\cos^2 x = \frac{1+\cos(2x)}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Example 5. } \int \sin^2 x \, dx &= \int \frac{1-\cos(2x)}{2} \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \int (1-\cos(2x)) \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(x - \frac{\sin(2x)}{2} \right) + C = \frac{x}{2} - \frac{\sin(2x)}{4} + C.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Example 6. } \int \sin^2 x \cos^2 x \, dx &= \int \frac{1-\cos(2x)}{2} \cdot \frac{1+\cos(2x)}{2} \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int (1 - \cos^2(2x)) \, dx = \frac{1}{4} \int \left(1 - \frac{1+\cos(4x)}{2} \right) \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{x}{2} - \frac{\sin(4x)}{8} \right] + C.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Example 7. } \int \sin^3 x \, dx &= \int \sin^2 x \cdot \underline{\sin x} \, dx \\ &= \int (1-\cos^2 x) \underline{\sin x} \, dx \\ &= -\int (1-u^2) \, du = -\cos x + \frac{\cos^3 x}{3} + C.\end{aligned}$$

Integrating $\int \sec^m x \cdot \tan^n x \, dx$ for integers $m, n \geq 0$.

• In this case, $(\sec x)' = \sec x \tan x$, $(\tan x)' = \sec^2 x$,

$$\begin{aligned}\sec^2 x + \cancel{\cos^2 x} - 1 \\ \tan^2 x + 1 = \sec^2 x.\end{aligned}$$

(A) The substitution $u = \sec x$ helps when n is odd

This is because $du = \sec x \tan x \, dx$ introduces one copy of $\tan x$ and we can deal with even powers of $\tan x$.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Example 1. } \int \tan^3 x \sec^2 x \, dx &= \int \tan^2 x \sec x \underbrace{\tan x \sec x \, dx}_{u} \\ &= \int (u^2 - 1) u \, du\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}u &= \sec x \\ du &= \sec x \tan x \, dx\end{aligned}$$

$$= \int (u^3 - u) du = \frac{\sec^4 x}{4} - \frac{\sec^2 x}{2} + C.$$

(B) The substitution $u = \tan x$ helps when m is even

This is because $du = \sec^2 x dx$ contains two copies of secant.

Example 2. $\int \tan^3 x \sec^4 x dx = \int \tan^3 x \cdot \sec^2 x \underline{\sec^2 x dx}$

$$= \int u^3 (1+u^2) du$$

$$= \cancel{\tan^4 x} \frac{u^4}{4} + \frac{\tan^6 x}{6} + C.$$

$u = \tan x$
$du = \sec^2 x dx$
$\sec^2 x = 1 + \tan^2 x$

(C) When m is odd and n is even, we can express the integral in terms of secant

Integrating $\int \sec^m x \cdot \tan^n x \, dx$ for all integers $m, n \geq 0$

- The substitution $u = \sec x$ works whenever n is odd since $du = \sec x \tan x$ requires a copy of tangent. The substitution $u = \tan x$ works whenever m is even since $du = \sec^2 x \, dx$ requires $\sec^2 x$.
- For the remaining case of m odd and n even, one can express the integrand in terms of secant alone:

$$\begin{aligned}\int \sec^m x \cdot \tan^n x \, dx &= \int (\sec x)^{2k+1} (\tan x)^{2l} \, dx \\ &= \int (\sec x)^{2k+1} (\sec^2 x - 1)^l \, dx.\end{aligned}$$

Recursive formulas

There are several formulas that relate

an integral I_n depending on an integer n to integrals I_m for smaller values of m . The most standard/useful ones are:

$$① \int x^n e^{ax} \, dx = \cancel{\frac{x^n}{a}} e^{ax} - \int \frac{n}{a} x^{n-1} e^{ax} \, dx \quad \boxed{\begin{array}{l} u=x^n, du=e^{ax}dx \\ du=nx^{n-1}dx \end{array}}$$

$$\int x^n e^{ax} \, dx = \frac{1}{a} x^n e^{ax} - \frac{n}{a} \int x^{n-1} e^{ax} \, dx. \quad \boxed{y=\frac{e^{ax}}{a}}$$

$$\underbrace{I_n}_{=} = \frac{1}{a} x^n e^{ax} - \frac{n}{a} I_{n-1}.$$

$$\text{For instance, } I_0 = \int x^0 e^{ax} \, dx = \frac{1}{a} e^{ax} + C$$

$$\text{and then } I_1 = \frac{1}{a} x e^{ax} - \frac{1}{a} I_0 = \frac{1}{a} x e^{ax} - \frac{1}{a^2} e^{ax} + C,$$

$$\text{so } I_2 = \frac{1}{a} x^2 e^{ax} - \frac{2}{a} I_1 = \frac{1}{a} x^2 e^{ax} - \frac{2}{a^2} x e^{ax} + \frac{2}{a^3} e^{ax} + C.$$

$$② \text{ Powers of sine } \int \sin^n x \, dx = -\frac{1}{n} \sin^{n-1} x \cdot \cos x + \frac{n-1}{n} \int \sin^{n-2} x \, dx$$

$$③ \text{ Powers of cosine } \int \cos^n x \, dx = \frac{1}{n} \cos^{n-1} x \cdot \sin x + \frac{n-1}{n} \int \cos^{n-2} x \, dx$$

$$\text{Proof of ②: } \int \sin^n x \, dx = \int \sin^{n-1} x \, \underline{\sin x \, dx}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \sin^{n-1} x, \, du = \sin x \cos x \, dx \\ du &= (n-1) \sin^{n-2} x \cos x \, dx, \, v = -\cos x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= -\sin^{n-1} x \cdot \cos x + \int \cos x \cdot (n-1) \sin^{n-2} x \cdot \cos x \, dx \\ &= -\sin^{n-1} x \cdot \cos x + (n-1) \int \sin^{n-2} x (1 - \sin^2 x) \, dx \end{aligned}$$

This gives

$$\int \sin^n x \, dx = -\sin^{n-1} x \cdot \cos x + (n-1) \int \sin^{n-2} x \, dx + (1-n) \int \sin^n x \, dx.$$

$$\text{so } n \int \sin^n x \, dx = -\sin^{n-1} x \cdot \cos x + (n-1) \int \sin^{n-2} x \, dx. \quad \blacksquare$$

$$\text{For instance, } I_0 = \int (\sin x)^0 \, dx = x + C$$

$$I_1 = \int \sin x \, dx = -\cos x + C$$

$$I_2 = -\frac{1}{2} \sin x \cos x + \frac{1}{2} I_0 = -\frac{1}{2} \sin x \cos x + \frac{x}{2} + C.$$

④ Powers of secant ... There is a similar formula for $\int \sec^n x \, dx$.

In this case,

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sec^n x \, dx &= \int \sec^{n-2} x \cdot \underline{\sec^2 x \, dx} \quad \dots \quad u = \sec^{n-2} x, \, du = \sec^2 x \cos x \, dx \\ &= \sec^{n-2} x \cdot \tan x - \int (n-2) \sec^{n-2} x \cdot \tan^2 x \, dx \quad v = \tan x \\ &= \sec^{n-2} x \cdot \tan x + (2-n) \int \sec^{n-2} x (\sec^2 x - 1) \, dx \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\int \sec^n x \, dx = \sec^{n-2} x \tan x + (2-n) \int \sec^n x \, dx + (n-2) \int \sec^{n-2} x \, dx$$

$$\therefore (n-1) \int \sec^n x \, dx = \sec^{n-2} x \tan x + (n-2) \int \sec^{n-2} x \, dx.$$

⑤ The integral of secant is

$$\int \sec x \, dx = \ln |\sec x + \tan x| + C.$$

This is because

$$[\ln |\sec x + \tan x|]^1 = \frac{1}{\sec x + \tan x} (\sec x + \tan x)^1$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sec x + \tan x} (\sec x \tan x + \sec^2 x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sec x + \tan x} \cdot \sec x (\tan x + \sec x).$$

Trigonometric substitutions

Those are substitutions that help

simplify square roots like $\sqrt{a^2-x^2}$, $\sqrt{a^2+x^2}$, $\sqrt{x^2-a^2}$ with $a>0$.

(1) In the first case, $\sqrt{a^2-x^2} = \sqrt{a^2(1-\frac{x^2}{a^2})} = a\sqrt{1-(\frac{x}{a})^2}$.

Taking $\frac{x}{a} = \sin\theta$ gives $1-(\frac{x}{a})^2 = 1-\sin^2\theta = \cos^2\theta$ and we can simplify the square root. Note that $-a \leq x \leq a$ so $-1 \leq \frac{x}{a} \leq 1$ and we can take $-\pi/2 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2$. Then $\sqrt{a^2-x^2} = a\sqrt{\cos^2\theta} = a\cos\theta$ because $\cos\theta \geq 0$ here.

$$\boxed{\sqrt{a^2-x^2} = a\cos\theta, \text{ where } x=a\sin\theta \text{ and } -\pi/2 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2.}$$

(2) For instance, $\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \int \frac{\cos\theta d\theta}{\sqrt{1-\sin^2\theta}} = \theta + C = \sin^{-1}x + C$. X = sinθ

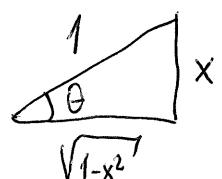
Example 1. We compute $\int \sqrt{1-x^2} dx$.

Take $x = \sin\theta$ with $-\pi/2 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2$. Then $\sqrt{1-x^2} = \sqrt{1-\sin^2\theta} = \cos\theta$ and $dx = \cos\theta d\theta$. We get $\int \sqrt{1-x^2} dx = \int \cos^2\theta d\theta$ and $\cos^2\theta = \frac{1+\cos(2\theta)}{2}$ so $\int \sqrt{1-x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int (1+\cos(2\theta)) d\theta = \frac{1}{2} [\theta + \frac{\sin(2\theta)}{2}] + C$.

We need to express this in terms of x , where $x = \sin\theta$.

First, $\theta = \sin^{-1}x$. Also, $\sin(2\theta) = 2\sin\theta\cos\theta = 2x\sqrt{1-x^2}$ by above.

The integral is $\int \sqrt{1-x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} [\sin^{-1}x + x\sqrt{1-x^2}] + C$.



Example 2. We compute $\int \frac{dx}{x^2\sqrt{4-x^2}}$.

In this case, $\sqrt{4-x^2} = \sqrt{4(1-\frac{x^2}{4})} = 2\sqrt{1-(\frac{x}{2})^2}$ so we take $x=2\sin\theta$.

Once again, $-\pi/2 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2$ and $\sqrt{4-x^2} = 2\sqrt{1-\sin^2\theta} = 2\cos\theta$
and $dx = 2\cos\theta d\theta$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We get } \int \frac{dx}{x^2 \sqrt{4-x^2}} &= \int \frac{2\cos\theta d\theta}{4\sin^2\theta \cdot 2\cos\theta} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int \csc^2\theta d\theta. \end{aligned}$$

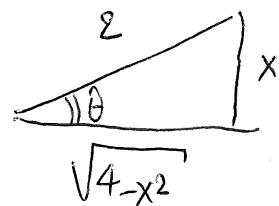
Note that $\int \sec^2\theta d\theta = \tan\theta + C$

and $\int \csc^2\theta d\theta = -\cot\theta + C$. We get $\frac{1}{4}(-\cot\theta) + C$

and we need to express this in terms of x .

Since $x = 2\sin\theta$, $\sin\theta = \frac{x}{2}$ and

$$\cot\theta = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{opposite}} = \frac{\sqrt{4-x^2}}{x}$$



$$\therefore \int \frac{dx}{x^2 \sqrt{4-x^2}} = -\frac{\sqrt{4-x^2}}{4x} + C.$$

Consider integrals involving $\sqrt{a^2+x^2}$, $a > 0$.

To simplify those, write $\sqrt{a^2(1+\frac{x^2}{a^2})} = a\sqrt{1+(\frac{x}{a})^2}$ so we can take $\frac{x}{a} = \tan\theta$ to get $a\sqrt{1+\tan^2\theta} = a\sqrt{\sec^2\theta} = a\sec\theta$ for any $-\pi/2 < \theta < \pi/2$. We thus have:

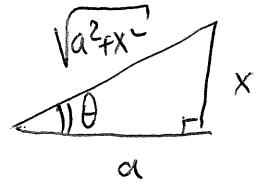
$$x = a\tan\theta \quad \dots \quad \sqrt{a^2+x^2} = a\sec\theta \quad \dots \quad dx = a\sec^2\theta d\theta$$

Example 3. We compute $\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^2+25}} = \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^2+a^2}}$.

Let $x = a\tan\theta$ as above. We get $\int \frac{a\sec^2\theta d\theta}{a\sec\theta}$

which gives $\int \sec\theta d\theta = \ln|\sec\theta + \tan\theta| + C$. In our case,

$$\frac{x}{a} = \tan\theta \quad \text{and so} \quad \sec\theta = \frac{1}{\cos\theta} = \frac{\sqrt{a^2+x^2}}{a}.$$



$$\therefore \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x^2+a^2}} = \ln \left| \frac{1}{a} \sqrt{a^2+x^2} + \frac{x}{a} \right| + C.$$

Integrals involving $\sqrt{x^2-a^2}$, $a > 0$.

$$1 + \tan^2 = \sec^2$$

Since $\sqrt{x^2-a^2} = a \sqrt{\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^2 - 1}$, we can take $\frac{x}{a} = \sec\theta$.

Then $\sqrt{x^2-a^2} = a \sqrt{\tan^2\theta} = a |\tan\theta|$ depending on the values of θ .

We get $\tan\theta$ for $0 < \theta < \pi/2$ and $-\tan\theta$ for $-\pi/2 < \theta < 0$.

The rest of the approach applies verbatim.

Quadratic factors with no real roots.

The typical example is $\int \frac{dx}{x^2+1} = \tan^{-1} x + C$.

Here, one could substitute $x = \tan\theta$ to get $\int \frac{\sec^2 d\theta}{1+\tan^2\theta} = \theta + C = \tan^{-1} x + C$.

More generally, $\int \frac{dx}{ax^2+bx+c}$ with ax^2+bx+c having no real roots (and thus cannot be factored) is related to $\tan^{-1} x$.

Example. Consider $\int \frac{dx}{x^2-4x+5}$. If we complete the square, we

can write $x^2-4x+5 = \underline{x^2-4x+4+1} = (x-2)^2+1$. Thus

$$\int \frac{dx}{x^2-4x+5} = \int \frac{dx}{(x-2)^2+1} = \int \frac{du}{u^2+1} = \tan^{-1} u. \dots \text{with } u = x-2 \\ = \tan^{-1}(x-2) + C.$$

We can similarly deal with

$$\int \frac{dx}{(x-c)^2+a^2} = \frac{1}{a^2} \int \frac{dx}{\left(\frac{x-c}{a}\right)^2+1} = \frac{1}{a^2} \int \frac{a du}{u^2+1} = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x-c}{a}\right).$$

Integration of rational functions $\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$

- There is a standard method for integrating PROPER rational functions $\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$, ones with degree $P(x) <$ degree $Q(x)$. If that is not the case, the fraction $\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$ can be simplified using division.

Example (Improper case) Consider $\int \frac{3x^3+x-1}{x+2} dx$.

This can be simplified. Using division, we get

$$\frac{3x^3+x-1}{x+2} = \cancel{(x+2)}(3x^2-6x+13) - \frac{27}{x+2}$$

$$\text{so } \int \frac{3x^3+x-1}{x+2} dx = \int \left(3x^2-6x+13 - \frac{27}{x+2} \right) dx$$

$$= x^3 - 3x^2 + 13x - 27 \ln|x+2| + C.$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^2-6x+13 \\ \hline x+2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^3+6x^2 \\ -6x^2+x-1 \\ \hline -6x^2-12x \\ \hline 13x-1 \\ \hline 13x+26 \\ \hline -27 \end{array}$$

- Consider the ~~main~~ (proper) case $\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$ with $\deg P < \deg Q$.

In that case, it is useful to express $Q(x) = Q_1(x)Q_2(x)$ as a product and express $\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$ as a sum of two fractions. The main idea is the following:

$$\frac{3}{x-1} + \frac{2}{x+4} = \frac{3(x+4)+2(x-1)}{(x-1)(x+4)} = \frac{5x+10}{(x-1)(x+4)}$$

so that the sum $\frac{P_1(x)}{Q_1(x)} + \frac{P_2(x)}{Q_2(x)} = \frac{P_3(x)}{Q_1(x)Q_2(x)}$. We need to run this computation backwards: $\frac{P_3(x)}{Q_1(x)Q_2(x)}$ needs to be written as $\frac{P_1(x)}{Q_1(x)} + \frac{P_2(x)}{Q_2(x)}$.

Theorem (Partial fraction decomposition) Consider a PROPER rational function $\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$ whose denominator factors as $Q(x) = Q_1(x)Q_2(x)\dots Q_m(x)$

with the polynomials Q_i being "relatively prime" (no common divisors other than constants). Then one can write $P(x)/Q(x)$ as the sum of

partial fractions $\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} = \frac{P_1(x)}{Q_1(x)} + \dots + \frac{P_m(x)}{Q_m(x)}$ with $\frac{P_i(x)}{Q_i(x)}$ proper for each i .

The denominators are given. The numerators need to be found.

Example 1. Consider $\frac{3x-5}{x^2-4x+3} = \frac{3x-5}{(x-1)(x-3)}$. By the theorem,

$$\frac{3x-5}{x^2-4x+3} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x-3} \quad \text{for some constants } A, B$$

$$\therefore \frac{3x-5}{(x-1)(x-3)} = \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x-3} = \frac{A(x-3) + B(x-1)}{(x-1)(x-3)}$$

$$\therefore 3x-5 = A(x-3) + B(x-1) \quad \text{--- this holds for all } x!!!$$

$$\text{Let } x=1 \text{ to get } 3-5 = -2A \Rightarrow A=1$$

$$\text{Let } x=3 \text{ to get } 9-5 = 2B \Rightarrow B=2$$

$$\text{Going back to the original function } \frac{3x-5}{x^2-4x+3} = \frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{2}{x-3}$$

$$\text{so } \int \frac{3x-5}{x^2-4x+3} dx = \ln|x-1| + 2\ln|x-3| + C.$$

(iii) One could also find A, B by comparing coefficients:

$$3x-5 = A(x-3) + B(x-1) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} A+B=3 \\ -3A-B=-5 \end{array} \right\}$$

Example 2. Consider $\frac{x^2+4}{x^3-x} = \frac{x^2+4}{x(x^2-1)} = \frac{x^2+4}{x(x-1)(x+1)}$

We can write $\frac{x^2+4}{x(x-1)(x+1)} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x-1} + \frac{C}{x+1}$

for some constants A, B, C . (clear denominators to get

$$x^2+4 = A(x-1)(x+1) + Bx(x+1) + Cx(x-1) \quad \text{--- for all } x.$$

When $x=1$, we get $1+4 = 2B$ and $B=\frac{5}{2}$

$x=0$, we get $4 = -A$ and $A=-4$

$x=-1$, we get $1+4 = C(-1)(-2)$ and $C=\frac{5}{2}$.

Thus

$$\int \frac{x^2+4}{x(x-1)(x+1)} dx = \int \left(\frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x-1} + \frac{C}{x+1} \right) dx$$

$$= -4\ln|x| + \frac{5}{2}\ln|x-1| + \frac{5}{2}\ln|x+1| + C.$$

Repeated factors Consider $\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$ with $Q(x) = x^2(x+1)$, for instance.

In this case, the factors x, x cannot be separated (because they have a common factor). The partial fractions decomposition is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3x-5}{x^2(x+1)} &= \frac{Ax+B}{x^2} + \frac{C}{x+1} \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x^2}}_{\text{two terms for } x^2} + \underbrace{\frac{C}{x+1}}_{\text{one term for } x+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Partial fractions decomposition - General case

Consider a PROPER rational function $\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$ in the case that Q can be factored. If Q is the product of m polynomials, then the quotient $\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$ is the sum of m proper rational functions.

- ① for each linear factor $ax+b$, we get a fraction $\frac{A}{ax+b}$.
- ② for each repeated linear factor $(ax+b)^m$, we get the fractions $\frac{A_i}{(ax+b)^i}$ for each $1 \leq i \leq m$.
- ③ for each repeated quadratic factor $(ax^2+bx+c)^m$ that cannot be factored, we get the fractions $\frac{A_i x + B_i}{(ax^2+bx+c)^i}$ for each i .

Examples.

$$\frac{x^3-x+2}{x^2(x+3)(x-1)} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x^2} + \frac{C}{x+3} + \frac{D}{x-1}$$

$$\frac{3x^2+5x-2}{(x^2+1)(x-1)(x+3)^2} = \frac{Ax+B}{x^2+1} + \frac{C}{x-1} + \frac{D}{x+3} + \frac{E}{(x+3)^2}$$

$$\frac{x^4-3x+5}{x^3(x^2+4)^2} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x^2} + \frac{C}{x^3} + \frac{Dx+E}{x^2+4} + \frac{Fx+G}{(x^2+4)^2}$$

(iii) Repeated factors contribute several terms because x^3 contributes $\frac{Ax^2+Bx+C}{x^3} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x^2} + \frac{C}{x^3}$. Similarly $(x-1)^2$ contributes $\frac{Au+B}{u^2}$ with $u=x-1$ and that is $\frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{(x-1)^2}$.

The same is true for quadratic factors.

Example: Consider $\int \frac{x+2}{x^2(x-1)} dx$, for instance.

$$\text{In this case, } \frac{x+2}{x^2(x-1)} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x^2} + \frac{C}{x-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow x+2 = Ax(x-1) + B(x-1) + Cx^2 \quad \text{--- for all } x$$

$$\text{When } x=0, \text{ we get } 2 = -B \text{ and } B = -2$$

$$\text{When } x=1, \text{ we get } 3 = C$$

$$\text{When } x=2, \text{ we get } 4 = 2A + B + 4C = 2A - 2 + 12 \text{ and } A = -3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } \int \frac{x+2}{x^2(x-1)} dx &= \int \left(\frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x^2} + \frac{C}{x-1} \right) dx \\ &= -3\ln|x| + \frac{2}{x} + 3\ln|x-1| + C. \end{aligned}$$

(iv) Once we use partial fractions, we only end up with terms

$$\int \frac{dx}{(ax+b)^i} = \frac{1}{a} \int \frac{du}{u^i} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{a} \frac{u^{1-i}}{1-i} & \text{if } i \neq 1 \\ \frac{1}{a} \ln|u| & \text{if } i=1 \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} u=ax+b \\ du=adx \end{array}$$

Those arise through linear factors. For quadratic factors, we get

$$\int \frac{x}{(ax^2+bx+c)^i} dx \quad \text{and} \quad \int \frac{dx}{(ax^2+bx+c)^i}. \quad \text{The quadratic}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{can be reduced to } ax^2+bx+c &= a\left(x^2 + 2\frac{b}{2a}x + \frac{c}{a} + \frac{(\frac{b}{2a})^2 - (\frac{b}{2a})^2}{a}\right) \\ &= a\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 + a \frac{4ac-b^2}{4a^2}. \end{aligned}$$

This becomes $ax^2 + bx + c = a\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 + ak^2$
 and then $a u^2 + ak^2 = a(u^2 + k^2)$.

We can substitute $u = x + \frac{b}{2a}$ to end up with $\int \frac{du}{(u^2 + k^2)}$.

Euclidean algorithm (division algorithm)

Consider two integers x, y . Then $\gcd(x, y)$ can be expressed as a linear combination of x, y : $\gcd(x, y) = ax + by$ for some a, b .

$$\begin{aligned} ⑧ &= ⑤ \cdot 1 + ③ \\ ⑤ &= ③ \cdot 1 + ② \\ ③ &= ② \cdot 1 + ① \leftarrow \text{gcd} \\ ② &= ① \cdot 2 + 0 \end{aligned}$$

We run the algorithm backwards

$$\begin{aligned} ① &= ③ - ② \\ &= ③ - (⑤ - ③) = 2③ - ⑤ \\ &= 2 \cdot (⑧ - ⑤) - ⑤ = 2⑧ - 3⑤. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that $\gcd(x, y) = ax + b \cdot y$.

Suppose now that $\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} = \frac{P(x)}{Q_1(x)Q_2(x)}$ with Q_1, Q_2 relatively prime.

In this case, the gcd will be equal to 1 (a constant).

Consider x^3 and $x+1$, for instance.

$$⑩ x^3 = (x+1) \cdot (x^2 - x + 1) - 1 \quad x^3 + 1 = (x+1)(x^2 - x + 1)$$

Then $1 = \underline{(x+1)}(x^2 - x + 1) - \underline{x^3}$. In the case of Q_1, Q_2

we get $P_1(x) \underline{Q_1(x)} + P_2(x) \underline{Q_2(x)} = 1$ for

some polynomials $P_1(x), P_2(x)$ and then

$$\frac{P(x) \cancel{Q_1(x)Q_2(x)}}{\cancel{Q_1(x)Q_2(x)}} + \frac{P_2(x) \cancel{Q_1(x)Q_2(x)}}{\cancel{Q_1(x)Q_2(x)}} = \frac{P(x)}{Q_1(x)Q_2(x)}.$$

This gives the partial fractions decomposition $\frac{P_1 P}{Q_1} + \frac{P_2 P}{Q_2}$.

Example (Partial fractions) We compute $\int \frac{3x+1}{x^4-1} dx$.

The denominator factors as $x^4-1 = (x^2-1)(x^2+1) = (x+1)(x-1)(x^2+1)$ and

we get $\frac{3x+1}{x^4-1} = \frac{A}{x+1} + \frac{B}{x-1} + \frac{Cx+D}{x^2+1}$. Thus

$$3x+1 = A(x-1)(x^2+1) + B(x+1)(x^2+1) + ((Cx+D)(x^2+1))^{(x-1)} \text{ for all } x.$$

When $x=1$, $4 = 4B$ and $B=1$

$x=-1$, $-2 = -4A$ and $A = 1/2$

$x=0$, $1 = -A + B - D$ and $D = B - A - 1 = -1/2$

$x=2$, $7 = 5A + 15B + 3(2C+D)$ and $C = -3/2$.

Thus $\int \frac{3x+1}{x^4-1} dx = \int \frac{1/2}{x+1} dx + \int \frac{dx}{x-1} + -\frac{3}{2} \int \frac{x}{x^2+1} dx - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dx}{x^2+1}$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln|x+1| + \ln|x-1| - \frac{3}{4} \ln(x^2+1) - \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1}x + C.$$

$u = x^2+1$

Integration examples

① $\int \frac{e^x dx}{1+e^x} = \int \frac{du}{u} = \ln(1+e^x) + C$ $u = 1+e^x$

② $\int \frac{e^x dx}{e^x(1+e^x)} = \int \frac{du}{(u-1)u} = \int \frac{A}{u} + \frac{B}{u-1} du$

$$= A \ln u + B \ln(u-1) \cancel{+ C} = A \ln(1+e^x) + Bx$$

③ $\int e^{x^2} dx = \int \frac{1}{2\sqrt{u}} e^u du = \text{not elementary}$
 $= \text{not a familiar function}$ $u = x^2$ $\sqrt{u} = x$

④ $\int 2x e^{x^2} dx = \int e^u du = e^{x^2} + C$.

$$\textcircled{5} \quad \int 2x^3 e^{x^2} dx = \int u \frac{e^u du}{dx} = ue^u - \int e^u du \\ = x^2 e^{x^2} - e^{x^2} + C.$$

$$\textcircled{6} \quad \int \frac{2x dx}{(1+x^2)^4} = \text{easy} = -\frac{1}{3} (1+x^2)^{-3} + C. \quad \boxed{u=1+x^2}$$

$$\textcircled{7} \quad \int \frac{2 dx}{(1+x^2)^4} = \text{hard} \dots \text{reduction formula (tutorial problem)}$$

$$\textcircled{8} \quad \int \cos \sqrt{x} dx = \int 2u \frac{\cos u du}{du} \\ = 2u \sin u - \int 2 \sin u du \\ = 2\sqrt{x} \sin \sqrt{x} + 2 \cos \sqrt{x} + C. \quad \boxed{u=\sqrt{x}} \quad \boxed{x=u^2}$$

$$\textcircled{9} \quad \int \frac{x}{x^3-1} dx = \int \frac{x}{(x-1)(x^2+x+1)} dx \\ = \int \frac{A}{x-1} + \int \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+x+1} dx.$$

We need to integrate $\frac{x}{x^2+x+1}$ and $\frac{1}{x^2+x+1}$.

The discriminant is negative, so we cannot factor.

\textcircled{10} Completing the square gives:

$$\int \frac{dx}{x^2+x+1} = \int \frac{dx}{\underbrace{x^2+x+\frac{1}{4}+\frac{3}{4}}_{(\frac{1}{2}x+\frac{1}{2})^2+\frac{3}{4}}} = \int \frac{dx}{(\frac{1}{2}x+\frac{1}{2})^2+\frac{3}{4}} \\ = \int \frac{\frac{4}{3} dx}{\frac{4}{3}(\frac{1}{2}x+\frac{1}{2})^2+1} = \int \frac{\frac{4}{3} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} du}{u^2+1} \quad \boxed{u=\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}(\frac{1}{2}x+\frac{1}{2})} \\ = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{1}{2}x+\frac{1}{2} \right) \right) + C.$$

① To integrate $\int \frac{x}{x^2+x+1} dx$, we try $u = x^2+x+1$.

This gives $du = (2x+1)dx = 2(x+\frac{1}{2})dx$ so

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{x+\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}}{x^2+x+1} dx &= \int \frac{x+\frac{1}{2}}{x^2+x+1} dx - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dx}{x^2+x+1} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln(x^2+x+1) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}(x+\frac{1}{2})\right) + C.\end{aligned}$$

Sequences

A sequence is a function defined on the set \mathbb{N} of positive integers. This is determined by $f(1), f(2), \dots$ and it is usually denoted by a_1, a_2, \dots

Convergent

A sequence is convergent, if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ exists. For instance, $a_n = \frac{1}{n}$ is convergent with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$, $a_n = (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n$ is convergent with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n = e$, while $a_n = (-1)^n$ is divergent with $a_n = \pm 1$.

We also define factorials $n! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot n$.

Monotonicity

The sequence $\{a_n\}$ is monotonic, if it is increasing with $a_n \leq a_{n+1}$ for all n , or decreasing with $a_n \geq a_{n+1}$ for all n .

Example. Consider $a_n = \frac{n}{n+1}$. Then $a_1 = \frac{1}{2}, a_2 = \frac{2}{3}, a_3 = \frac{3}{4}, \dots$ seems increasing.

We can check ① $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+1} \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{x+1-x}{(x+1)^2} > 0 \Rightarrow f(x)$ increases.

$$\textcircled{2} \quad a_n \leq a_{n+1} \Leftrightarrow \frac{n}{n+1} \leq \frac{n+1}{n+2} \Leftrightarrow n^2 + 2n \leq n^2 + 2n + 1 \quad \checkmark$$

Example. Consider $a_n = \frac{2^n}{n!}$. Then $a_1 = 2, a_2 = \frac{2^2}{2!} = 2, a_3 = \frac{8}{6} = \frac{4}{3}$ seems

decreasing. In fact, $a_n \geq a_{n+1} \Leftrightarrow \frac{2^n}{n!} \geq \frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \Leftrightarrow \frac{2^n}{2^{n+1}} \geq \frac{n!}{(n+1)!}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \geq \frac{1}{n+1} \Leftrightarrow n+1 \geq 2 \Leftrightarrow n \geq 1.$$

Thus, the given sequence is monotonic.

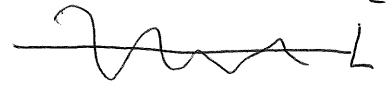
Bounded

We say that a sequence $\{a_n\}$ is bounded, if there is a number $M > 0$ such that $|a_n| \leq M$ for all n .

Theorem 1. If a sequence is convergent (with a finite limit), then it is bounded.

Proof. One has $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$. Thus, given

any $\varepsilon > 0$ we get $L - \varepsilon \leq a_n \leq L + \varepsilon$ for large n .



Say for $n > N$. Pick $\varepsilon = 1$ for simplicity. Then

$$-|L|-1 \leq L-1 \leq a_n \leq L+1 \leq |L|+1 \quad \text{for any } n \geq N$$

$$|a_n| \leq |L|+1 \quad \text{for any } n \geq N.$$

We also have

$$|a_n| \leq \max\{|a_1|, |a_2|, \dots, |a_N|\} \quad \text{for any } n \geq N.$$

Then

$$|a_n| \leq |L|+1 + \max\{\dots\} \quad \text{in any case.} \quad \square$$

Theorem 2. If a sequence is monotonic and bounded, then it attains a limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$, so it converges.

Example. Define $a_1 = 2$, $a_2 = \sqrt{2}$, $a_3 = \sqrt{\sqrt{2}}$ and so on.

In other words, let $a_1 = 2$ and $a_{n+1} = \sqrt{a_n}$ for all $n \geq 1$.

We show that a_n is monotonic (decreasing) and bounded. In fact, we show that $0 \leq a_{n+1} \leq a_n \leq 2$ for all n .

① When $n=1$ we get $0 \leq a_2 \leq a_1 \leq 2$, namely $0 \leq \sqrt{2} \leq 2 \leq 2$ and that is fine.

② Assume that $0 \leq a_{n+1} \leq a_n \leq 2$ for some n . Taking square roots, we get $0 \leq \sqrt{a_{n+1}} \leq \sqrt{a_n} \leq \sqrt{2}$
so $0 \leq a_{n+2} \leq a_{n+1} \leq \sqrt{2} \leq 2$
and the statement holds for $n+1$ as well.

③ This proves $\{a_n\}$ is monotonic & bounded \Rightarrow convergent.

Thus, $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ exists. To find the limit,

we recall that $a_{n+1} = \sqrt{a_n}$.

$$\text{Then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{a_n}$$

$$\text{so } L = \sqrt{L} \quad \text{so } L^2 = L$$

and we get $L=0$ or $L=1$.

In fact $a_n = 2^{\frac{1}{2^n}}$ and so $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 2^0 = 1$.

Proof of Theorem 2. Suppose $\{a_n\}$ is increasing

and bounded. We define L to be the

"smallest possible" bound, the supremum. Then the limit is L for the following reason.

Consider $L-\varepsilon$ with $\varepsilon > 0$ arbitrarily small.

Then $L-\varepsilon \leq a_n \leq L$ for large enough n .

This means that the terms a_n belong to $[L-\varepsilon, L]$ for large enough n . Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, we get $\lim a_n = L$. \blacksquare

Series Given a sequence $\{a_n\}$ of terms a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots

we define s_n = the n th partial sum by $s_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$.

If this partial sum converges (if s_n has a limit), then we may introduce the infinite sum (the infinite series) by

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N a_n = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} s_N.$$

(*) We say the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges, if the sequence s_n converges (if s_n has a limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$).

Example. Let $a_n = (-1)^n$ so that $a_n = -1$ if n odd, $a_n = +1$ if n even.

Then $s_1 = a_1 = -1$

$$s_2 = a_1 + a_2 = -1 + 1 = 0$$

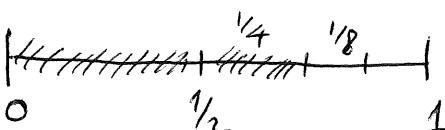
$s_3 = -1 + 1 - 1 = -1$ and so on. These terms do not have a limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$, so s_n diverges and $\sum a_n = \sum (-1)^n$ diverges.

Example. Let $a_n = \frac{1}{2^n}$ so that $a_1 = \frac{1}{2}, a_2 = \frac{1}{4}, a_3 = \frac{1}{8}$ and so on.

Then $s_1 = \frac{1}{2}, s_2 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$

$$s_3 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{7}{8} \text{ and so on.}$$

These converge and we get $s_n = \frac{2^n - 1}{2^n} \rightarrow 1$, so $\sum a_n$ converges.



Theorem (Nth term test) If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges, then $a_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.
 In other words, if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ is not zero, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges.

Proof. $\sum a_n$ converges means that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n$ exists. Let $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n$.

Since $a_n = s_n - s_{n-1}$, we get $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_{n-1} = L - L = 0$. \square

Example $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n+1}$ diverges because $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+1} = 1$

$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n$ diverges because $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n = e$

If $\lim a_n = 0$, however, then $\sum a_n$ may converge or diverge.

Geometric series

Consider the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^n = x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$ for some given x .

To check convergence, consider $s_n = x + x^2 + \dots + x^n$. We need s_n to have a limit. In this case $xs_n = x^2 + x^3 + \dots + x^{n+1}$ is a shifted version of the sum, so $xs_n - s_n = x^{n+1} - x$

$$(x-1)s_n = x^{n+1} - x \quad \text{and} \quad s_n = \frac{x^{n+1} - x}{x-1}, \text{ if } x \neq 1.$$

Theorem (Convergence of $\sum x^n$). If $|x| < 1$, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^n$ converges.

If $|x| \geq 1$, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^n$ diverges.

Proof. If $|x| < 1$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^{n+1} - x}{x-1} = \frac{0 - x}{x-1} = \frac{x}{1-x}$

This gives $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \frac{x}{1-x}$, if $|x| < 1$.

If $x = 1$, then $a_n = x^n = 1$, so $\sum a_n$ diverges by above.

If $x = -1$, then $a_n = (-1)^n$, so a_n does not go to 0 and we get divergence. If $x > 1$ or $x < -1$, we get a similar issue. \square

Example. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^n$ is divergent and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n+2}}{3^{2n+1}}$ is convergent.

In fact,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{n+2}}{3^{2n+1}} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n \cdot 4}{9^n \cdot 3} = \frac{4}{3} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{9}\right)^n \\ &= \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{x}{1-x} = \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{2/9}{7/9} = \frac{8}{21}. \end{aligned}$$

Example. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^n = \frac{x}{1-x}$ and $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = \frac{1}{1-x}$, if $|x| < 1$.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^{n-1} = x^{-1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^n = \frac{1}{1-x}.$$

Non-negative sequences If $\{a_n\}$ is non-negative, then $s_n = a_1 + \dots + a_n$ is increasing. If s_n is bounded, then s_n converges.

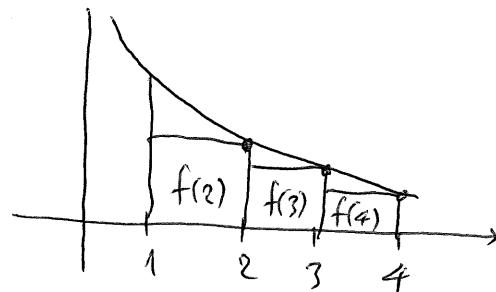
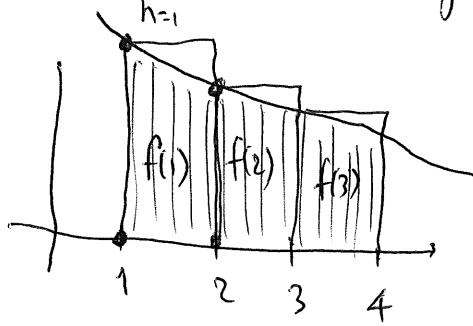
If s_n is convergent, then s_n is bounded by Theorem 1.

Convergence of non-negative series

- (1) Recall that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N a_n$ converges, if the partial sums $s_N = \sum_{n=1}^N a_n$ have a limit as $N \rightarrow \infty$.
- (2) For non-negative series, s_N is increasing, hence
 s_N is bounded $\Leftrightarrow s_N$ is convergent

Integral test Suppose $f(x)$ is ^{continuous,} decreasing and non-negative on $[1, \infty)$.

Then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(n)$ converges $\Leftrightarrow \int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$ is bounded / finite.



This gives $f(2) + f(3) + f(4) \leq \int_1^4 f(x) dx \leq f(1) + f(2) + f(3)$

Proof. Since f is decreasing, we get

$$f(n) \geq f(x) \geq f(n+1) \quad \text{for all } n \leq x \leq n+1.$$

Integrating
Adding these inequalities gives

$$f(n) \geq \int_n^{n+1} f(x) dx \geq f(n+1) \quad \text{for all } n.$$

We can add these up to conclude that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N-1} f(n) \geq \int_1^N f(x) dx \geq \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} f(n+1).$$

If the series converges, the leftmost sum is finite $\Rightarrow \int_1^N f(x) dx$ is finite as well. If the integral is finite, then the rightmost sum is finite and so the series converges. □

Geometric Series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x^n \text{ converges} \Leftrightarrow |x| < 1.$$

P-series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p} \text{ converges } (\Leftrightarrow p > 1).$$

We use the integral test to check convergence of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$.

Take $f(n) = \frac{1}{n^p}$ or $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^p} = x^{-p}$ on $[1, \infty)$.

This is continuous, positive, while $f'(x) = -px^{-p-1} \leq 0$ when $p > 0$.

By the integral test, we need to ensure $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$ is finite.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Write } \int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx &= \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^L x^{-p} dx = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{x^{1-p}}{1-p} \right]_1^L \quad \text{if } p \neq 1 \\ &= \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{L^{1-p} - 1}{1-p}. \end{aligned}$$

If $p > 1$, the exponent $1-p$ is negative, so $L^{1-p} \rightarrow 0$ and the integral is finite. If $p < 1$, then $L^{1-p} \rightarrow \infty$ and the series diverges.

If $p = 1$, then $\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^L \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln L - \ln 1 \rightarrow \infty$.

Finally, when $p < 0$, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$ diverges since $\frac{1}{n^p} \rightarrow \infty$.

Conclusion: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$ converges $\Leftrightarrow p > 1$.

Comparison test Suppose $\{a_n\}, \{b_n\}$ are non-negative sequences.

① If $\sum b_n$ converges and $a_n \leq b_n$ for large n , then $\sum a_n$ converges.
Smaller than convergent is convergent.

② If $\sum a_n$ diverges and $a_n \geq b_n$ for large n , then $\sum b_n$ diverges.
Larger than divergent is divergent.

Example 1. Let Consider

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+2^n}.$$

One can argue that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+2^n} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n}_{\text{geometric series that converges}}$$

that converges

Thus, $\sum \frac{1}{n+2^n}$ is smaller than convergent \Rightarrow convergent.

Example 2. Consider $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3 + 2n}$.

If we say $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3 + 2n} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}}$, then we get no conclusion.
divergent

If we say $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3 + 2n} \leq \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3}}$, then we get convergence.
convergent ($p=3$)

Example 3. Consider $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+2}$.

We compare this with $\sum \frac{1}{n}$, a divergent p-series.

Unfortunately $\sum \frac{1}{n+2} \geq \sum \frac{1}{n}$ is not true.

However $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+2} \geq \frac{1}{3} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ is true because $3n \geq n+2$
 $2n \geq 2$.

This implies $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+2}$ diverges.

Tests of convergence for non-negative series

~~(1)~~ Integral test $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(n)$ converges $\Leftrightarrow \int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$ is finite.

This implies that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$ converges ($\Leftrightarrow p > 1$).

(2) Comparison test: Smaller than convergent is convergent.
Bigger than divergent is divergent.

(3) Limit comparison test: Suppose $\{a_n\}, \{b_n\}$ are non-negative with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = 1$.
Then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges $\Leftrightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ converges.

Example 1. Consider $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3n^2 + 5n + 2}{\sqrt{n^6 + 2n + 1}}$. Call this $\sum a_n$.

We compare this with $\sum b_n$, $b_n = \frac{3n^2}{\sqrt{n^6}} = \frac{3n^2}{n^3} = \frac{3}{n}$.

We check $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n^2 + 5n + 2}{3n^2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{n^6}}{\sqrt{n^6 + 2n + 1}} = 1$.

Then $\sum a_n$ converges ($\Leftrightarrow \sum b_n$ converges). But $\sum b_n = \sum \frac{3}{n} = 3 \sum \frac{1}{n}$ diverges (p-series with $p=1$). So $\sum a_n$ diverges as well.

Example 2. Consider $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{5n^4 + 5n^2 + 6}{n^6 + 3n + 4} = \sum a_n$.

We compare with $\sum \frac{5n^4}{n^6} = \sum \frac{5}{n^2} = \sum b_n$, convergent.

As before, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5n^4 + 5n^2 + 6}{5n^4} \cdot \frac{n^6}{n^6 + 3n + 4} = 1$.

Thus $\sum a_n$ converges as well.

Proof of limit comparison. By assumption $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = 1$.

Then $\frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{a_n}{b_n} \leq \frac{3}{2}$ for large enough n , say for $n \geq N$.

This gives $\frac{1}{2} b_n \leq a_n \leq \frac{3}{2} b_n$ for $n \geq N$. By comparison,

$\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} b_n$ convergent $\Rightarrow \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} a_n \leq \frac{3}{2} \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} b_n$ convergent $\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ is convergent. \blacksquare

(4) Ratio test Suppose $\{a_n\}$ is non-negative and let

$$\boxed{L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}}.$$

If $L < 1$, $\sum a_n$ converges

If $L > 1$, $\sum a_n$ diverges.

If $L = 1$, we get no conclusions.

Example. Consider $\sum \frac{n \cdot 2^n}{n^2 + 1}$ so that $a_n = \frac{n \cdot 2^n}{n^2 + 1}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } L &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{n} \cdot \frac{2^{n+1}}{2^n} \cdot \frac{n^2 + 1}{(n+1)^2 + 1} \\ &= \underbrace{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{n}}_{=1} \cdot \underbrace{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{n+1}}{2^n}}_{\text{equal to 2}} \cdot \underbrace{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 + 1}{(n+1)^2 + 1}}_{=1} \end{aligned}$$

So $L = 2$ and $\sum a_n$ diverges.

Example. Consider $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(3n+2) \cdot 5^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$.

We use the ratio test. In this case,

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3(n+1)+2}{3n+2} \cdot \frac{5^{n+1}}{5^n} \cdot \frac{n!}{(n+1)!} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3n+5}{3n+2} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5^{n+1}}{5^n} \cancel{(5)} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} \\ &= 1 \cdot 5 \cdot 0 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since $L < 1$, we get convergence.

Remark: The ratio test helps when a_n involves factorials / exponents
 The limit comparison test helps when a_n involves polynomials.

Proof of ratio test. We look at $\sum a_n$ and let $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}$.

Roughly speaking, $a_{n+1} \approx L \cdot a_n$ for large enough n , say $n > N$.

Then $\underline{a_{N+1}} \approx La_N$

$$\underline{a_{N+2}} \approx L^2 a_{N+1} \approx L^2 a_N$$

$$\underline{a_{N+3}} \approx L a_{N+2} \approx L^3 a_N$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \underline{a_{N+1} + a_{N+2} + a_{N+3} + \dots} &\approx La_N + L^2 a_N + L^3 a_N + \dots \\ &= (L + L^2 + L^3 + \dots) a_N, \text{ a} \\ &\quad \text{geometric series.} \end{aligned}$$

For a formal proof, suppose $L < 1$

and let $x = \frac{1+L}{2}$ so that $1 < x < L$.

$$\frac{1}{\cancel{1+L+L+\dots}} = \frac{x}{L}$$

Since $\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \rightarrow L$, we get $\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} < x$ for large n ,

say $n > N$. Then $a_{N+1} < x a_N$

$$a_{N+2} < x a_{N+1} < x^2 a_N$$

$$a_{N+3} < x a_{N+2} < x^3 a_N$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and so } a_{N+1} + a_{N+2} + a_{N+3} + \dots &< (x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots) a_N \\ &= \frac{x}{1-x} a_N, \text{ convergent.} \end{aligned}$$

By comparison $\sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges, so $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ converges. \blacksquare

Arbitrary series and absolute convergence

④ We say that the series $\sum a_n$ converges absolutely, if ~~it~~ it converges when absolute values are introduced, namely if $\sum |a_n|$ converges.

Theorem (Absolute convergence implies convergence).

If $\sum |a_n|$ converges, then $\sum a_n$ converges.

Proof. Every number is the difference of two non-negative numbers. More precisely, let

$$b_n = \begin{cases} a_n, & \text{if } a_n \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } a_n < 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad c_n = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } a_n \geq 0 \\ -a_n, & \text{if } a_n < 0 \end{cases}.$$

Then ① b_n, c_n are nonnegative

$$\textcircled{2} \quad b_n - c_n = a_n$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad b_n + c_n = \begin{cases} a_n & \text{if } a_n \geq 0 \\ -a_n & \text{if } a_n < 0 \end{cases} = |a_n|.$$

We can thus concentrate on the series $\sum b_n, \sum c_n, \sum |a_n|$... non-neg.

Since $\sum b_n \leq \sum b_n + \sum c_n = \sum |a_n|$, we get $\sum b_n$ conv. by comparison.

Since $\sum c_n \leq \sum b_n + \sum c_n = \sum |a_n|$, we get $\sum c_n$ convergent.

Then $\sum a_n = \sum b_n - \sum c_n$ is convergent as well. ~~□~~

Example 1. Consider $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n \sin n}{n^3 + 1}$.

We look at $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{n \sin n}{n^3 + 1} \right| \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^3 + 1} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n^3} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$.

The series on the right is a p-series with $p=2$, so it converges, so $\sum \left| \frac{n \sin n}{n^3 + 1} \right|$ converges by comparison

and $\sum \frac{n \sin n}{n^3 + 1}$ converges by the theorem.

Example 2. Consider $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (n+1)}{2^n}$.

We look at $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^n (n+1)}{2^n} \right| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{n+1}{2^n} \right\}$.

We use the ratio test and compute

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+2}{n+1} \cdot \frac{2^n}{2^{n+1}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+2}{n+1} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n}{2^{n+1}} = \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $L < 1$, the series $\sum \frac{n+1}{2^n}$ converges and $\sum \frac{(-1)^n (n+1)}{2^n}$ converges.

Ratio test for arbitrary series.

Suppose $\{a_n\}$ is arbitrary and let

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right|.$$

If $L < 1$, then $\sum a_n$ conv.

If $L > 1$, then $\sum a_n$ diverges.

Proof. We look at $\sum |a_n|$ and apply the old ratio test for

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|a_{n+1}|}{|a_n|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = L. \text{ If } L < 1, \text{ then } \sum |a_n| \text{ converges}$$

by the old ratio test $\Rightarrow \sum a_n$ converges as well.

When $L > 1$, we let $x = \frac{1+L}{2}$ be the average. MUMM $\frac{x}{1}$

Then $\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| \rightarrow L$, so $\left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| > x$ for large n , say $n \geq N$.

Then $|a_{N+i}| > x |a_N|$, $|a_{N+2}| > x^2 |a_N|$ and so on.

This gives $|a_{N+i}| > |a_N|$ for all $i \geq 1$, so the n^{th} term does not approach zero and the series diverges. QED

Example 3. Consider $\sum \frac{(-1)^n \cdot B^n n!}{n^n}$.

We use the ratio test. Let us compute

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(-1)^n} \cdot \frac{B^{n+1}}{B^n} \cdot \frac{(n+1)!}{n!} \cdot \frac{n^n}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \right|$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{B(n+1) n^n}{(n+1)^{n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{B n^n}{(n+1)^n}.$$

Note that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^n}{(n+1)^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^n \right]^{-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n \right]^{-1} = \frac{1}{e}$.

We end up with $L = \frac{8}{e} > 1$, so the series diverges.

Alternating series test

Suppose $\{a_n\}$ is non-neg.



and decreasing to zero. Then the alternating series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} a_n$ converges. [This only applies for special alternating series.]

Example. Consider $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} n}{n^2 + 1}$.

We need to check $a_n = \frac{n}{n^2 + 1}$ is decreasing to zero.

In fact, $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 + 1} \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{x^2 + 1 - 2x^2}{(x^2 + 1)^2} = \frac{1-x^2}{(x^2 + 1)^2} \leq 0$

for all $x \geq 1$. And $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n^2 + 1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n^2} = 0$.

Alternating series test

Suppose $\{a_n\}$ is non-negative and decreasing to zero. Then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} a_n$ is convergent.

For instance, $\sum \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n}$ and $\sum \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^2}$ are convergent.

Proof. We look at the partial sums s_n .



The even partial sums $s_{2n} = (a_1 - a_2) + (a_3 - a_4) + \dots + (a_{2n-1} - a_{2n})$ are increasing because $s_{2n+2} = s_{2n} + a_{2n+1} - a_{2n+2} \geq s_{2n}$.

The odd partial sums s_{2n+1} are similarly decreasing. Thus, there exists a limit for the even sums $L_1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_{2n}$ and a limit for the odd sums $L_2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_{2n+1}$. However,

$$L_2 - L_1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_{2n+1} - s_{2n} = \cancel{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{2n+1}} = 0 \text{ by assumption,}$$

so the two limits coincide and $s_n \rightarrow L_1 = L_2$ for all n . \square

Power series

One can define functions $f(x)$ as infinite sums. A power series has the form $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$, namely $f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots$ for some coefficients a_n .

This expression is defined as long as the series converges.

Example 1. Consider $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$.

The ratio test gives $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x^{n+1}|}{|x|^n} = |x|$

Thus, $f(x)$ converges when $|x| < 1$ and diverges when $|x| > 1$.

Example 2. Consider $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n x^n}{3^n}$.

The ratio test gives $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{n+1}{n} \cdot \frac{x^{n+1}}{x^n} \cdot \frac{3^n}{3^{n+1}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{n} \cdot |x| \cdot \frac{1}{3} = |x| \cdot \frac{1}{3}$. We get conv. if $|x| < 1$, if $|x| < 3$, div. if $|x| > 1$, if $|x| > 3$.

Example 3. Consider $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$. In this case,

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x^{n+1}}{x^n} \cdot \frac{n!}{(n+1)!} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|x|}{n+1} = 0$$

for any given x . Thus $L < 1$ for any x

and the series converges for all x .

Definition (Radius of convergence) We say that $\sum a_n x^n$ has radius of convergence R when the series converges if $|x| < R$ and diverges if $|x| > R$.

This can be determined using the ratio test since

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1} x^{n+1}}{a_n x^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| \cdot |x|.$$

One gets convergence when $L < 1$ or $|x| < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right|$
and divergence when $L > 1$ or $|x| > \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} \right|$.

The radius of convergence might be infinite, so $R = \infty$ is allowed.

Theorem (Differentiation of power series) Consider a power series $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ with radius of convergence R .

Then $g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n n x^{n-1}$ has the same radius of convergence
and $f'(x) = g(x)$ for all $|x| < R$.

(*) It is not true that $\left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n(x) \right]' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n'(x)$, in general.

This is true for (a) finite sums and (b) power series $\sum a_n x^n$.

Example 4. Consider $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$

as in Example 3 above. This converges for all x . Its radius of convergence is $R = \infty$. We can thus differentiate term by term.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We get } f'(x) &= 1 + \frac{2x}{2!} + \frac{3x^2}{3!} + \frac{4x^3}{4!} + \dots \\ &= 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots = f(x). \end{aligned}$$

This is the exponential function $f(x) = e^x$ defined for all x .

One could also write

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \Rightarrow f'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{nx^{n-1}}{n!} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{nx^{n-1}}{n!} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \\ &\Rightarrow f'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} \quad \text{by shifting the index.} \end{aligned}$$

Taylor polynomials and Taylor series

Suppose $f(x)$ is a function that is differentiable an infinite number of times at $x=0$. The linear approximation at that point is $L(x) = f(0) + f'(0)(x-0) = f(0) + f'(0)x$. This satisfies:

$$L(0) = f(0)$$

and $L'(x) = f'(0)$, so $L'(0) = f'(0)$. Thus, L and f have the same value and the same derivative at $x=0$.

Consider a polynomial $T_N(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + \dots + a_Nx^N$ with unknown coefficients a_0, a_1, \dots, a_N . We want to make sure that T_N and f agree at $x=0$ up until the N^{th} derivative. This gives $\dots \circledcirc f(0) = T_N(0)$ so $f(0) = a_0$

$$\circledcirc T_N'(x) = a_1 + 2a_2x + 3a_3x^2 + \dots + Na_Nx^{N-1}, \text{ so } a_1 = T_N'(0) = f'(0)$$

$$\circledcirc T_N''(x) = 2a_2 + 6a_3x + \dots + N(N-1)a_Nx^{N-2}, \text{ so } 2a_2 = T_N''(0) = f''(0)$$

$$\circledcirc T_N'''(x) = 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 a_3 + \text{higher order terms, so } 3!a_3 = T_N'''(0) = f'''(0)$$

More generally, we get $n!a_n = f^{(n)}(0) = \text{nth derivative at 0}$
with $f^{(0)} = f$, $f^{(1)} = f'$ etc.

Definition (Taylor polynomial) We define the N^{th} Taylor polynomial of a function f at the point $x=0$ by the formula

$$T_N(x) = \sum_{n=0}^N a_n x^n = \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} \cdot x^n.$$

The corresponding formula at the point $x=x_0$ is

$$T_N(x) = \sum_{n=0}^N a_n (x-x_0)^n = \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0)}{n!} (x-x_0)^n.$$

Example 1 (Exponential) Consider $f(x) = e^x$. In this case

$$f(x) = f'(x) = f''(x) = \dots = f^{(n)}(x) \text{ for all } x \text{ so } f^{(n)}(0) = f(0) = 1.$$

The Taylor polynomial is $T_N(x) = \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{x^n}{n!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{x^N}{N!}$.

Example 2 (Sine function) Consider $f(x) = \sin x$. We need $f^{(n)}(0)$.

In this case, $f(x) = \sin x$, $f'(x) = \cos x$, $f''(x) = -\sin x$, $f'''(x) = -\cos x$ and $f^{(4)}(x) = \sin x = f^{(0)}(x)$. Thus $f(0) = 0$, $f'(0) = 1$, $f''(0) = 0$, $f'''(0) = -1$, $f^{(4)}(0) = 0$ and the remaining ones repeat this pattern.

The Taylor polynomials have the form

$$\begin{aligned} T_N(x) &= f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!}x^3 + \dots + \frac{f^{(N)}(0)}{N!}x^N \\ &= x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{(2n+1)}}{(2n+1)!} \end{aligned}$$

so they only contain odd powers of x .

Example 3 (Cosine function) Consider $f(x) = \cos x$. Using the same approach, we get $T_N(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$.

Taylor series We define the Taylor series of f to be

$$T(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} \cdot x^n, \text{ provided that the}$$

series converges.

This series can be differentiated term by term when $|x| < R$.

(*) One can show that $T(x) = f(x)$ for the standard functions that we had above. Thus

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}, \quad \sin x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}, \quad \cos x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!}.$$

Assuming these formulas for definitions of $e^x, \sin x, \cos x$:

$$(e^x)' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{nx^{n-1}}{n!} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = e^x \quad (*)$$

$$\text{so } (e^x e^{-x})' = (e^x)e^{-x} - e^x(e^{-x}) = 0 \quad \text{by } (*)$$

$$\text{so } e^x e^{-x} = \text{constant} = e^0 e^{-0} = 1 \quad \text{and } e^{-x} = 1/e^x.$$

(*) Similarly, $(\sin x)' = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (2n+1)x^{2n}}{(2n+1)!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!} = \cos x$

and $(\cos x)' = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 2n x^{2n-1}}{(2n)!} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} = -\sin x.$

Then $(\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x)' = 2\sin x \cos x + 2\cos x (-\sin x) = 0$

$$\text{so } \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = \text{constant} = \sin^2 0 + \cos^2 0 = 0 + 1.$$