

Class 12 – Mathematics – Integrals (INDEFINITE + DEFINITE)

Designed with simple language, visual metaphors, flowcharts, formulas, solved numericals, PYQs, quick notes, and exam-focused tips.

1. THEORY IN SIMPLE WORDS (WITH VISUALS & ANALOGIES)

1.1 What is an Integral?

Derivative = rate of change (breaking into tiny pieces)

Integral = putting tiny pieces back together

Analogy:

Imagine cutting chocolate into tiny squares (differentiation),

Then adding all squares to reconstruct chocolate (integration).

That "adding up" = **integration**.

1.2 Types of Integrals

Type	Meaning	Symbol
Indefinite	Family of functions + C	$\int f(x) dx$
Definite	Area under curve	$\int_a^b f(x) dx$

Mental Image:

- **Indefinite integral = treasure box** (∞ many answers due to +C)
 - **Definite integral = shaded area under curve**
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1.3 Integration as Reverse Differentiation

If

$$\frac{d}{dx}(F(x)) = f(x)$$

then

$$\int f(x) dx = F(x) + C$$

★ 1.4 Geometric Meaning of Definite Integral

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \text{Area between curve and x-axis from } a \text{ to } b$$

💡 Visual: Shaded region between curve & axis.

★ 1.5 Properties of Definite Integrals (Very Important!)

1. $\int_a^a f(x) dx = 0$
2. $\int_a^b f(x) dx = - \int_b^a f(x) dx$
3. $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^c f(x) dx + \int_c^b f(x) dx$
4. If $f(x)$ is even:

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

5. If $f(x)$ is odd:

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

💡 Memory Trick:

- Even → 2 Same Areas
 - Odd → Cancel (Zero)
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★ 1.6 Methods of Integration

Method	Used When	Idea
Standard formulas	Basic functions	Reverse derivatives
Substitution	Composite functions	Make inside = new variable
Integration by parts	Product of functions	ILATE rule
Partial fractions	Rational expressions	Split into simple fractions

💡 2. KEY CONCEPTS & FORMULAS (QUICK TABLES)

★ 2.1 Basic Integration Formulas (Super Important)

$$\int k \, dx = kx + C$$

$$\int x^n \, dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C \quad (n \neq -1)$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x} \, dx = \ln|x| + C$$

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

$$\int a^x \, dx = \frac{a^x}{\ln a} + C$$

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

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

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

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

$$\int \sec x \tan x \, dx = \sec x + C$$

$$\int \csc x \cot x \, dx = -\csc x + C$$

★ 2.2 Substitution Formula

If $x = g(t)$:

$$\int f(g(x))g'(x) \, dx = \int f(t) \, dt$$

Trick: "Spot inside function → make it t"

★ 2.3 Integration by Parts

$$\int u v \, dx = u \int v \, dx - \int \left(\frac{du}{dx} \int v \, dx \right) dx$$

Use ILATE rule to choose u:

- I – Inverse Trig
 - L – Logarithm
 - A – Algebra
 - T – Trigonometric
 - E – Exponential
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★ 2.4 Partial Fractions

Use when the form is:

$$\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} \quad \text{where } \text{degree}(P) < \text{degree}(Q)$$

Split denominator into smaller parts.

✍ 3. SOLVED NUMERICAL PROBLEMS

★ TYPE 1: Basic Standard Integration

Q1. $\int (3x^2 + 5)dx$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} &= 3 \cdot \frac{x^3}{3} + 5x + C \\ &= x^3 + 5x + C \end{aligned}$$

★ TYPE 2: Substitution Method

Q2. $\int \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$

Recognize derivative of $\tan^{-1}x$.

Answer = $\tan^{-1}x + C$

Q3. $\int \sin(3x)dx$

Let $t = 3x \rightarrow dt = 3 dx$

Then

$$= -\cos(3x)/3 + C$$

★ TYPE 3: Integration by Parts

Q4. $\int xe^x dx$

Choose $u = x$ (A from ILATE)

$$dv = e^x dx$$

$$u' = 1$$

$$v = e^x$$

Apply formula:

$$\begin{aligned} &= x \cdot e^x - \int e^x dx \\ &= x e^x - e^x + C \end{aligned}$$

★ TYPE 4: Partial Fractions

Q5. $\int \frac{1}{x^2-1} dx$

$$x^2-1 = (x-1)(x+1)$$

$$\frac{1}{x^2-1} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{x+1} \right)$$

Integrate:

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

★ TYPE 5: Definite Integrals

Q6. $\int_0^1 (x^2 + 1) dx$

$$= \left[\frac{x^3}{3} + x \right]_0^1$$

$$= (1/3 + 1) - 0$$

$$= 4/3$$

★ TYPE 6: Even/Odd Function Trick

Q7. $\int_{-3}^3 x^3 dx$

x^3 is odd, so answer = 0



4. PREVIOUS YEARS' BOARD QUESTIONS (SOLVED)

★ PYQ 1

$$\int \frac{\cos x}{1+\sin x} dx$$

Let $t = \sin x \rightarrow dt = \cos x dx$

Integral becomes:

$$\int \frac{1}{1+t} dt = \ln|1+t| + C$$

★ PYQ 2

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin x dx$$

$$= [-\cos x]_0^{\pi/2} = (0) - (-1) = 1$$

★ PYQ 3

$$\int x \ln x dx$$

By parts:

$$u = \ln x$$

$$dv = x dx$$

$$\text{Ans: } \frac{x^2}{2} \ln x - \frac{x^2}{4} + C$$

★ PYQ 4

$$\int \frac{dx}{x^2+4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{2} + C$$

★ Frequently Asked Patterns

- ✓ Definite integrals (easy scoring)
- ✓ Substitution problems
- ✓ Partial fractions
- ✓ Integration by parts ($\ln x \cdot x^n$, $x \cdot e^x$, $x \cdot \sin x$)
- ✓ Standard integrals

⚡ 5. QUICK REVISION NOTES (1–2 PAGES)

★ Master Strategy

Step	What to Check
1	Try direct formula?
2	Is substitution possible?
3	Is it product → by parts?
4	Rational expression → partial fractions?
5	Definite → use properties?

★ Important Mini-Chart

🎨 Standard +C

Always add +C for indefinite integrals.

🎨 ILATE Ladder

Choose u from highest priority:

Inverse > Log > Algebra > Trig > Exp

★ DEFINITE Integral Properties Quick Map

Same limits → 0

Swap limits → negative

Break interval → sum

Even → double

Odd → zero

🔮 6. PREDICTED / LIKELY QUESTIONS

Short Answer (2–3 Marks)

- Evaluate $\int \sin ax dx$
- Evaluate $\int 1/(x^2+a^2) dx$
- Evaluate $\int_0^a f(x) dx$ for odd/even

Long (5–6 Marks)

- By parts: $x \ln x$, $x \sin x$, $x e^x$
 - Partial fraction integrals
 - Definite integrals with substitution
 - Application of properties
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7. EXAM TIPS & TRICKS

Ultimate Tricks

- ✓ Try substitution FIRST — often easiest
- ✓ Check for derivative hidden inside function
- ✓ For polynomials \times exponential/trig → ALWAYS use by parts
- ✓ For rational functions → partial fractions
- ✓ For definite integrals → use even/odd shortcut

Common Mistakes

- ✗ Forgetting $+C$
 - ✗ Incorrect substitution limits
 - ✗ Wrong ILATE order
 - ✗ Poor simplification → messy answers
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8. VISUAL & KID-FRIENDLY MEMORY HACKS

- 🎨 Integral sign \int looks like a **curvy ribbon collecting small pieces** → area
- 🎨 Even function graph = **mirror image** → double area
- 🎨 Odd function graph = **symmetric flip** → cancellation
- 🎨 ILATE = **I Love A Tall Elephant** (fun mnemonic!)
- 🎨 By parts = "**Give one, take one**" (u gives derivative, v takes integral)