

Calculus I

Definite integral of linear function, part 2

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Example

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^3 (x^3 - 6x) dx &= \left[\int (x^3 - 6x) dx \right]_0^3 \\&= \left[\int x^3 dx - 6 \int x dx \right]_0^3 \\&= \left[\frac{x^4}{4} - 6 \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^3 \\&= \left(\frac{1}{4} \cdot 3^4 - 3 \cdot 3^2 \right) - \left(\frac{1}{4} \cdot 0^4 - 3 \cdot 0^2 \right) \\&= \frac{81}{4} - 27 - 0 + 0 = -\frac{27}{4}.\end{aligned}$$