

Definite Integrals

We define the Definite Integration of the function $f(x)$ with respect to x from a to b to be

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = F(x)|_a^b = F(b) - F(a)$$

which is read as 'the integral from a to b of $f(x)dx$, where $F(x)$ is the anti-derivative of $f(x)$. We call a and b the lower and upper limits of integration respectively.

we introduce definite integrals, so called because the result will be a definite answer, usually a number, with no constant of integration .

$$\begin{aligned}\int_a^b f(x)dx &= F(x)|_a^b = (F(b) + C) - (F(a) + C) \\ &= F(b) + C - F(a) - C \\ &= F(b) - F(a).\end{aligned}$$

Properties of the Definite Integral

- $\int_a^a f(x)dx = 0$
- $\int_a^b f(x)dx = \int_a^c f(x)dx + \int_c^b f(x)dx$, $a < c < b$.
- $\int_a^b k \cdot f(x)dx = k \int_a^b f(x)dx$, for any constant k .
- $\int_a^b (f(x) + g(x))dx = \int_a^b f(x)dx + \int_a^b g(x)dx$.
- $\int_a^b k \cdot dx = k(b - a)$.
- $\int_a^b f(x)dx = - \int_b^a f(x)dx$

Examples:

$$1. \int_1^2 3x^2 dx = \left[3 \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_1^2 = (2)^3 - (1)^3 = 7$$

$$2. \int_{-2}^3 x^3 dx = \left[\frac{x^4}{4} \right]_{-2}^3 = \frac{3^4}{4} - \frac{(-2)^4}{4} \\ = \frac{81}{4} - \frac{16}{4} = \frac{65}{4}.$$

$$3. \int_4^9 3\sqrt{t} dt = 3 \int_4^9 t^{1/2} dt = \left[3 \frac{t^{3/2}}{3/2} \right]_4^9 = \left[2 t^{3/2} \right]_4^9$$

$$2(9)^{3/2} - 2(4)^{3/2} = 2(9^{1/2})^3 - 2(4^{1/2})^3$$

$$= 2 * 3^3 - 2 * 2^3 = 2 * 27 - 2 * 8 = 45 - 16 = 38.$$

Example 4: Let $\int_2^6 f(x) dx = -2$, find $\int_6^2 f(x) dx$??

$$\therefore \int_6^2 f(x) dx = - \int_2^6 f(x) dx = -(-2) = 2.$$

Example 5: If $\int_0^{10} f(x) dx = 12$, $\int_{10}^{15} f(x) dx = 8$, find $\int_0^{15} f(x) dx$?

Sol: $\int_0^{15} f(x) dx = \int_0^{10} f(x) dx + \int_{10}^{15} f(x) dx = 12 + 8 = 20.$

Example 6 : Calculate $\int_{-1}^1 4 dx = [4x]_{-1}^1 = 4(1 - (-1)) = 8.$

Example 7 : find $\int_{-1}^2 (2 - x^2 + x) dx = 2x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_{-1}^2$

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

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

$$= 6 - \frac{4}{6} - \frac{5}{6} = \frac{36-9}{6} = \frac{27}{6} = \frac{9}{2}.$$

Example 8 : find $\int_2^{10} \frac{3dx}{\sqrt{5x-1}}$??

$$\begin{aligned}\int_2^{10} \frac{3dx}{\sqrt{5x-1}} &= \frac{5}{5} \int_2^{10} 3(5x-1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx = \frac{3}{5} \int_2^{10} 5(5x-1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx \\ &= \frac{3}{5} \left[\frac{(5x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\frac{1}{2}} \right]_2^{10} = \frac{6}{5} (\sqrt{49} - \sqrt{9}) = \frac{6}{5} (7 - 3) = \frac{24}{5}.\end{aligned}$$

Example 9: find $\int_0^1 (2x+1)^3 dx = \frac{2}{2} \int_0^1 (2x+1)^3 dx = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(2x+1)^4}{4} \Big|_0^1$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \frac{1}{8} [(2 \cdot 1 + 1)^4 - (2 \cdot 0 + 1)^4] \\ &= \frac{1}{8} [81 - 1] = \frac{80}{8} = 10.\end{aligned}$$

Example 10 : Calculate $\int_{-3}^{-1} \frac{dx}{(2x+1)^3} = \frac{2}{2} \int_{-3}^{-1} (2x+1)^{-3}$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \frac{1}{2} \frac{(2x+1)^{-2}}{-2} \Big|_{-3}^{-1} = \frac{-1}{4} \frac{1}{(2x+1)^2} \Big|_{-3}^{-1} \\ &= \frac{-1}{4} \left[\frac{1}{(-2+1)^2} - \frac{1}{(-6+1)^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{-1}{4} \left[\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{25} \right] = \frac{-1}{4} \left[\frac{24}{25} \right] = \frac{-6}{25}.\end{aligned}$$

Example 11 : find $\int_{-1}^3 (3x^2 - 2x + 1) dx = \left[3 \frac{x^3}{3} - 2 \frac{x^2}{2} + x \right]_{-1}^3$

$$= [27 - 9 + 3] - [-1 - 1 - 1] = 24.$$

Example 12 : write the following sum or difference as a single integral in the form $\int_a^b f(x) dx$??

$$a) \int_2^{10} f(x) dx - \int_2^7 f(x) dx ?$$

$$b) \int_{-3}^5 f(x) dx - \int_{-3}^0 f(x) dx + \int_5^6 f(x) dx ?$$

Sol

$$a) \int_2^{10} f(x) dx - (-\int_7^2 f(x) dx) = \int_2^{10} f(x) dx + \int_7^2 f(x) dx = \int_7^{10} f(x) dx$$

$$b) \int_{-3}^5 f(x) dx - (-\int_0^{-3} f(x) dx) + \int_5^6 f(x) dx = \int_{-3}^5 f(x) dx + \int_0^{-3} f(x) dx + \int_5^6 f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^5 f(x) dx + \int_5^6 f(x) dx = \int_0^6 f(x) dx$$

Example 13 : Let $\int_0^2 f(x) dx = 3$, and $\int_2^6 f(x) dx = -2$,

Find $2 \int_0^2 f(x) dx - 5 \int_2^6 f(x) dx$??

SOL $2 \int_0^2 f(x) dx - 5 \int_2^6 f(x) dx = 2(3) - 5(-2) = 6 + 10 = 16.$

Example 14 : Let $M = \int_a^b k \cdot x dx$ and $N = \int_a^b k dx$, find Z , where $Z = \frac{M}{N}$?

Sol: $M = \int_a^b k \cdot x dx = k \int_a^b x dx = k \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \right]_a^b = \frac{k}{2} (b^2 - a^2)$

$$N = \int_a^b k dx = k \int_a^b dx = k [x]_a^b = k(b - a)$$

$$\rightarrow Z = \frac{M}{N} = \frac{\frac{k}{2}(b^2 - a^2)}{k(b - a)} = \frac{k(b - a)(b + a)}{2} * \frac{1}{k(b - a)}$$

$$= \frac{b + a}{2}$$

Example 15: Find $\int_1^2 (\sqrt{x} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}) dx$?? H.W