

Definite Integrals

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$$\int_a^b f(x) dx$$

This is called a definite integral.

'a' & 'b' are called the lower & upper limits of Integration respectively.

Evaluating Definite Integrals

Examples

Evaluate

1)

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_1^4 2x^2 \, dx \\ &= \left[\frac{2x^3}{3} \right]_1^4 \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \times 4^3 - \frac{2}{3} \times 1^3 \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \times 64 - \frac{2}{3} \\ &= \frac{128}{3} - \frac{2}{3} \\ &= \frac{126}{3} \\ &= \underline{\underline{42}} \end{aligned}$$

2)

$$\int_{-2}^3 (x^2 + 2x) dx$$

$$= \left[\frac{1}{3}x^3 + x^2 \right]_{-2}^3$$

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

$$= 9 + 9 - \left(-\frac{8}{3} + 4 \right)$$

$$= 18 + \frac{8}{3} - 4$$

$$= 14 + 2\frac{2}{3}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{16\frac{2}{3}}}$$

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Q1(do every 2nd part)

$$\begin{aligned} e) & \int_2^5 (x^2 + 3x) dx \\ &= \left[\frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{3}{2}x^2 \right]_2^5 \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \times 5^3 + \frac{3}{2} \times 5^2 - \left(\frac{1}{3} \times 2^3 + \frac{3}{2} \times 2^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{125}{3} + \frac{75}{2} - \left(\frac{8}{3} + \frac{12}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{125}{3} - \frac{8}{3} + \frac{75}{2} - \frac{12}{2} \\ &= \frac{117}{3} + \frac{63}{2} \\ &= 39 + 31\frac{1}{2} \\ &= \underline{\underline{70\frac{1}{2}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$3) \int_8^{27} x^{\frac{1}{3}} dx$$

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$$= \left[\frac{3}{4} x^{\frac{4}{3}} \right]_8^{27}$$

When evaluating, you **MUST** first

- get **RID** of negative & fractional indices **before** you substitute.

$$= \left[\frac{3}{4} \sqrt[3]{x^4} \right]_8^{27}$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} \sqrt[3]{27^4} - \frac{3}{4} \sqrt[3]{8^4}$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} \times 81 - \frac{3}{4} \times 16$$

$$= \frac{243}{4} - 12$$

$$= 60 \frac{3}{4} - 12$$

$$= \underline{\underline{48 \frac{3}{4}}}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 81 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline 243 \end{array}$$

$$4) \int_1^4 (3y^{\frac{3}{2}} - 5y^{-2}) dy$$

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$$= \left[\frac{2}{5} \times 3y^{\frac{5}{2}} - \frac{5y^{-1}}{-1} \right]_1^4$$

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$$= \left[\frac{6}{5} \sqrt{y^5} + \frac{5}{y} \right]_1^4$$

$$= \frac{6}{5} \times \sqrt{4^5} + \frac{5}{4} - \left(\frac{6}{5} \sqrt{1^5} + \frac{5}{1} \right)$$

$$= \frac{6}{5} \times 32 + \frac{5}{4} - \left(\frac{6}{5} + 5 \right)$$

$$= \frac{192}{5} + \frac{5}{4} - \frac{6}{5} - 5$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 32 \\ \times 6 \\ \hline 192 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$= 38\frac{2}{5} + 1\frac{1}{4} - 1\frac{1}{5} - 5$$

$$= 37\frac{1}{5} - 5 + 1\frac{1}{4}$$

$$= 32\frac{1}{5} + 1\frac{1}{4}$$

$$= 33\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$= 33\frac{4}{20} + \frac{5}{20}$$

$$= 33\frac{9}{20}$$

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Q2(b,c,f,h,i & l)

$$\begin{aligned} 2) b) \quad & \int_4^9 x^{\frac{1}{2}} dx \\ & = \left[\frac{2}{3} x^{\frac{3}{2}} \right]_4^9 \\ & = \left[\frac{2}{3} \sqrt{x^3} \right]_4^9 \\ & = \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{9^3} - \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{4^3} \\ & = \frac{2}{3} \times 27 - \frac{2}{3} \times 8 \\ & = 18 - \frac{16}{3} \\ & = 18 - 5\frac{1}{3} \\ & = \underline{\underline{12\frac{2}{3}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{j)} \quad & \int_1^2 (2x^{-2} - x^{-3}) dx \\ &= \left[\frac{2x^{-1}}{-1} - \frac{x^{-2}}{-2} \right]_1^2 \\ &= \left[-2x^{-1} + \frac{1}{2}x^{-2} \right]_1^2 \\ &= \left[-\frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{2x^2} \right]_1^2 \\ &= \frac{-2}{2} + \frac{1}{2 \times 2^2} - \left(\frac{-2}{1} + \frac{1}{2 \times 1^2} \right) \\ &= -1 + \frac{1}{8} - \left(-2 + \frac{1}{2} \right) \\ &= -1 + \frac{1}{8} + 2 - \frac{1}{2} \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{8} - \frac{4}{8} \\ &= 1 - \frac{3}{8} \\ &= \frac{5}{8} \end{aligned}$$

$$5) \int_1^3 \frac{5}{x^2} dx$$

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$$= \int_1^3 5x^{-2} dx$$

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$$= \left[\frac{5x^{-1}}{-1} \right]_1^3$$

$$= \left[-5x^{-1} \right]_1^3$$

$$= \left[-\frac{5}{x} \right]_1^3$$

$$= -\frac{5}{3} - \left(-\frac{5}{1} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{5}{3} + 5$$

$$= 5 - \frac{5}{3}$$

$$= 3\frac{1}{3}$$

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$$6) \int_1^{25} \frac{y^2 - \sqrt{y}}{y} dy$$

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$$= \int_1^{25} \frac{y^2 - y^{\frac{1}{2}}}{y} dy$$

$$= \int_1^{25} \left(\frac{y^2}{y} - \frac{y^{\frac{1}{2}}}{y} \right) dy$$

$$= \int_1^{25} \left(y - y^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) dy$$

$$= \left[\frac{y^2}{2} - 2y^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]_1^{25}$$

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$$= \left[\frac{y^2}{2} - 2\sqrt{y} \right]_1^{25} \quad \frac{4}{5} \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{25^2}{2} - 2\sqrt{25} - \left(\frac{1^2}{2} - 2\sqrt{1} \right)$$

$$= \frac{625}{2} - 10 - \left(\frac{1}{2} - 2 \right) \quad 25 \times 25$$

$$= \frac{625}{2} - 10 - \frac{1}{2} + 2 \quad \begin{array}{l} 25 \times 20 = 500 \\ 25 \times 5 = 125 \\ \hline 625 \end{array}$$

$$= \frac{624}{2} - 8$$

$$= 312 - 8$$

$$= \underline{\underline{304}}$$

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Q3 (a,c,e,h,i,j & k)

$$\begin{aligned}
k). \quad & \int_1^4 (\sqrt{t} - 2)^2 dt \\
& = \int_1^4 (t^{\frac{1}{2}} - 2)(t^{\frac{1}{2}} - 2) dt \\
& = \int_1^4 t - 2t^{\frac{1}{2}} - 2t^{\frac{1}{2}} + 4 dt \\
& = \int_1^4 (t - 4t^{\frac{1}{2}} + 4) dt \\
& = \left[\frac{1}{2}t^2 - \frac{2}{3} \times 4t^{\frac{3}{2}} + 4t \right]_1^4 \\
& = \left[\frac{1}{2}t^2 - \frac{8}{3}\sqrt{t^3} + 4t \right]_1^4 \\
& = \frac{1}{2} \times 4^2 - \frac{8}{3} \times \sqrt{4^3} + 4 \times 4 \\
& \quad - \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 1^2 - \frac{8}{3} \times \sqrt{1^3} + 4 \times 1 \right) \\
& = 8 - \frac{8}{3} \times 8 + 16 \\
& \quad - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{8}{3} + 4 \right) \\
& = \textcircled{8} - \textcircled{\frac{64}{3}} + \textcircled{16} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{8}{3} - \textcircled{4} \\
& = 20 - \frac{56}{3} - \frac{1}{2} \\
& = 20 - 18\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{2} \\
& = 1\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2} \\
& = 1\frac{2}{6} - \frac{3}{6} \qquad 1\frac{2}{6} - \frac{3}{6} \\
& = \frac{5}{6} \qquad = 1 - \frac{1}{6} \\
& \qquad = \frac{6}{6} - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{5}{6}
\end{aligned}$$

7) Find the positive value of 'a', for which:

$$\int_a^{2a} (1 + 2x) dx = 24$$

Working

$$\int_a^{2a} (1 + 2x) dx = 24 \quad (\text{equation})$$

$$\left[x + x^2 \right]_a^{2a} = 24$$

$$2a + (2a)^2 - (a + a^2) = 24$$

$$2a + 4a^2 - a - a^2 = 24$$

$$a + \underline{3a^2} = 24 \quad (\text{Quadratic equation})$$

$$3a^2 + a - 24 = 0$$

$$(3a - 8)(a + 3) = 0$$

$$3a - 8 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad a + 3 = 0$$

$$3a = 8$$

$$a = \frac{8}{3}$$

~~$$a = -3$$~~

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Q4(b,d & f)

$$f) \int_{-a}^{3a} (4x + 7) dx = 120$$

$$\left[2x^2 + 7x \right]_{-a}^{3a} = 120$$

$$2 \times (3a)^2 + 7 \times 3a - (2 \times (-a)^2 + 7 \times (-a)) = 120$$

$$18a^2 + 21a - (2a^2 - 7a) = 120$$

$$18a^2 + 21a - 2a^2 + 7a = 120$$

$$16a^2 + 28a - 120 = 0$$

$$4a^2 + 7a - 30 = 0$$

$$(4a + 15)(a - 2) = 0$$

$$4a + 15 = 0$$

$$4a = -15$$

$$a = \frac{-15}{4}$$

$$\underline{\underline{a = 2}}$$