

# Integration Continued

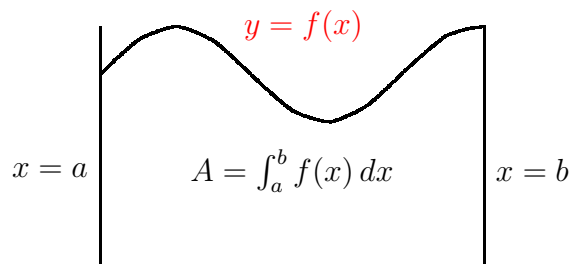
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## 1. THE DEFINITE INTEGRAL

We define the **definite integral** of a continuous function  $f(x)$  from  $a$  to  $b$ , written

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

to be the area under the curve  $y = f(x)$  between two vertical sides  $x = a$  and  $x = b$ .



## 2. CONNECTION TO ANTI-DERIVATIVES

Let  $A(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$ , the area under the curve  $f(t)$  starting at  $a$  and ending at  $x$ .

Note that we have written the function as  $f(t)$  rather than as  $f(x)$ , because we are using  $x$  as the stopping value.

Now let  $F(x)$  be any anti-derivative of  $f(x)$ .

That is,  $F(x)$  has the property

$$F'(x) = f(x)$$

We have seen that

$$A'(x) = f(x)$$

So  $F(x)$  and  $A(x)$  both have the same derivative  $f(x)$ .

But functions with the same derivative differ by a constant.

So  $A(x) = F(x) + C$  for some constant  $C$

### 3. CONNECTION TO ANTI-DERIVATIVES II

If  $F(x)$  is an anti-derivative of  $f(x)$ , then

$$A(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt = F(x) + C$$

To determine  $C$ , plug in  $x = a$  into the equation

$$A(a) = \int_a^a f(t) dt = F(a) + C$$

Clearly  $A(a) = \int_a^a f(t) dt = 0$  **Why?** because our interval  $[a, b]$  is just the single point  $a$ .

$$\text{So } F(a) + C = 0$$

$$\text{or } C = -F(a)$$

$$\text{and hence } A(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt = F(x) - F(a)$$

Switching letters  $b$  for  $x$  and  $x$  for  $t$

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

### 4. THE FUNDAMENTAL THEOREM OF CALCULUS

$$\boxed{\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)}$$

where  $F(x)$  is an anti-derivative of  $f(x)$

Calculus was born when Sir Issac Newton **the fig guy?** and Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz independently discovered this essential connection between integrals (areas) and derivatives (rates of change).

The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus says that in order to find the area  $A$  under the curve  $y = f(x)$  from  $a$  to  $b$ ,

first find an anti-derivative of  $f(x)$ , that is, a function  $F(x)$  whose derivative is  $f(x)$

then the area is  $A = F(b) - F(a)$

### 5. EASY EXAMPLE

Compute the definite integral  $\int_1^3 2x \, dx$

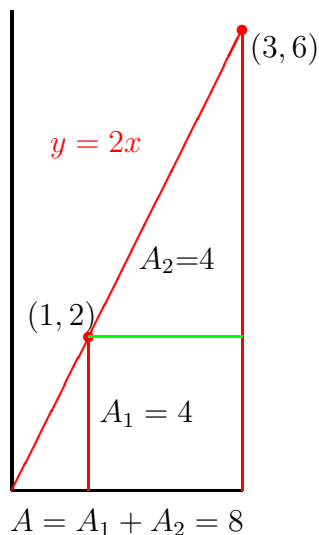
An anti-derivative of  $f(x) = 2x$  is  $F(x) = x^2$

So by the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

$$\int_1^3 2x \, dx = F(3) - F(1) = 3^2 - 1^2 = 8$$

The area under the line  $y = 2x$  for 1 to 3 is 8, as the next picture shows.

### 6. PICTURE $\int_1^3 2x = 8$



## 7. SOME NOTATION

Instead of writing  $F(b) - F(a)$ , we use notation that allows us not to refer to  $F(x)$  by name

$$F(x) \Big|_a^b = F(b) - F(a)$$

Evaluate the definite integral  $\int_2^5 3x^2 dx$

An anti-derivative of  $f(x) = 3x^2$  is  $F(x) = x^3$

So by the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

$$\int_2^5 3x^2 dx = x^3 \Big|_2^5 = 5^3 - 2^3 = 125 - 8 = 117$$

## 8. DEFINITE VS INDEFINITE INTEGRAL

In evaluating the definite integral  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ ,

the anti-derivative  $F(x)$  is just the indefinite integral  $F(x) = \int f(x) dx$ .

In this case, we do not need to write the  $+C$  at the end of the integral **Why not?** because it will end up being cancelled.

For example,

$$\int_1^3 2x dx = (x^2 + C) \Big|_1^3 = (3^2 + C) - (1^2 + C) = (9 + C) - (1 + C) = 9 - 1 + C - C = 8$$

It is **WRONG!!!** to write  $\int_1^3 2x dx = 8 + C$

## 9. AREA PROBLEM 1

Find the area under the curve  $y = \sqrt{x}$  from 1 to 9

Solution: By the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, this area is

$$\int_1^9 x^{1/2} dx = \frac{2}{3} x^{3/2} \Big|_1^9 = \frac{2}{3} [\sqrt{9^3} - \sqrt{1^3}] = \frac{2}{3} (27 - 1) = \frac{52}{3}$$

## 10. AREA PROBLEM 2

Find the area under the curve  $y = \frac{1}{x}$  from 2 to 7

Solution: In order to use the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, we need an anti-derivative of  $\frac{1}{x}$ .

Happily we know a function whose derivative is  $\frac{1}{x}$ ,  
namely the natural log.

That is,

$$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln(x) + C$$

$$\int_2^7 \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln(x) \Big|_2^7 = \ln(7) - \ln(2) = 1.945910149 - 0.6931471806 = 1.252762968$$

## 11. AREA PROBLEM 3

Find the area under the curve  $y = 2x - 10$  from 3 to 6

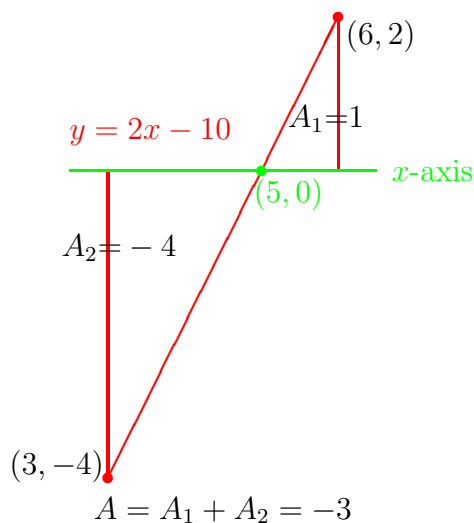
$$\begin{aligned} \int_3^6 2x - 10 dx &= x^2 - 10x \Big|_3^6 \\ &= 36 - 60 - (9 - 30) = -24 + 21 = -3 \end{aligned}$$

Wait a minute.

**How can area be negative?**

The answer is that integrals compute the areas of regions below the  $x$ -axis as negative.

12. PICTURE  $\int_3^6 2x - 10 dx = -3$



### 13. AREA BETWEEN TWO CURVES

The area between two curves from  $a$  to  $b$  is given by the integral

$$A = \int_a^b f(x) - g(x) dx$$

provided  $f(x) \geq g(x)$  on the interval  $[a, b]$

That is, to find the area between two curves, we always subtract the curve on the bottom from the one on the top.

### 14. EXAMPLE

Find the area  $y = f(x) = x^2 - 6x + 11$  and  $y = g(x) = -x + 7$ .

To find where these curve cross, we set  $f(x) = g(x)$

$$x^2 - 6x + 11 = -x + 7$$

$$x^2 - 5x + 4 = 0$$

$$(x - 1)(x - 4) = 0$$

$$x = 1 \text{ or } x = 4$$

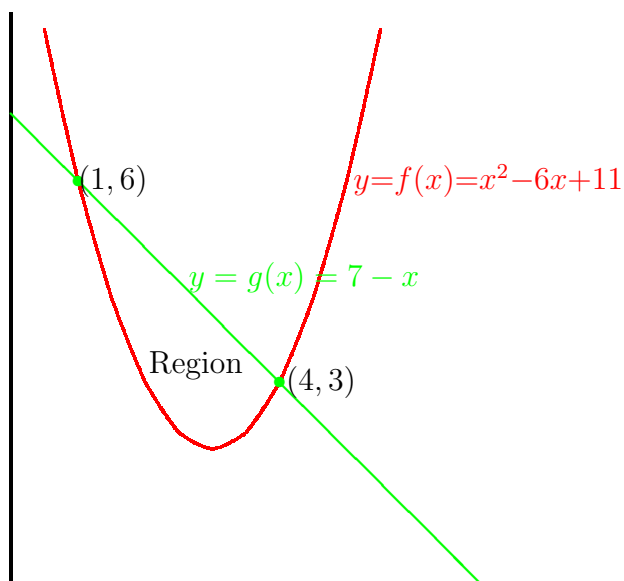
$$\text{When } x = 1, y = f(1) = g(1) = 6$$

$$\text{When } x = 4, y = f(4) = g(4) = 3$$

So the intersection points are  $(1, 6)$  and  $(4, 3)$

Now draw the graph to determine which curve is on top.

### 15. TALE OF TWO GRAPHS



### 16. AREA BETWEEN 2 CURVES

We see from the graph that  $g(x) = 7 - x$  lies above  $f(x) = x^2 - 6x + 11$

The area between these two curves is

$$\int_1^4 g(x) - f(x) dx = \int_1^4 (7 - x) - (x^2 - 6x + 11) dx$$

$$= \int_1^4 7 - x - x^2 + 6x - 11 dx$$

$$= \int_1^4 -4 + 5x - x^2 dx$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &= \left(-4x + \frac{5}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{3}x^3\right)\Big|_1^4 \\ &= \left(-16 + \frac{5}{2}16 - \frac{1}{3}64\right) - \left(-4 + \frac{5}{2} - \frac{1}{3}\right) \\ &= -16 + 40 - \frac{64}{3} + 4 - \frac{5}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \\ &= 28 - \frac{63}{3} - \frac{5}{2} \\ &= 7 - \frac{5}{2} \\ &= \frac{9}{2} \end{aligned}$$