

Sec 33 - Definite Integrals

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

where the derivative of the fn on the left is $f(x)$

That is, $\frac{d}{dx} \int f(x) dx = \frac{d}{dx} (F(x) + C) = F'(x) + 0$

Hence, $F(x) + C$ is the family of antiderivatives of $f(x)$.
~~Finding~~ ^{Finding} an antiderivative ^{of $f(x)$} is also called finding an indefinite integral of a fn. $f(x)$

Before, we've considered $f(x)$ to be a continuous fn. on an open interval, generally, its natural domain. So

$\int (x^2 + 2x + 1) dx$ is the family of antiderivatives

$$\frac{x^3}{3} + x^2 + x + C \text{ on } \mathbb{R}.$$

Since ultimately we want a definite answer to $\int f(x) dx$ on some closed interval $[a, b]$ for application purposes, we now consider the algorithm that effects (brings about) this answer.

Def

The definite integral of a cts. fn. $f(x)$ on $[a, b]$ is given by

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} F(b) - F(a), \text{ where } F \text{ is a constant, not a fn.}$$

Notice the "C" isn't needed. It's in the def. as

$$\int f(x) dx \text{ eval at } x=a \Rightarrow F(a) + C$$

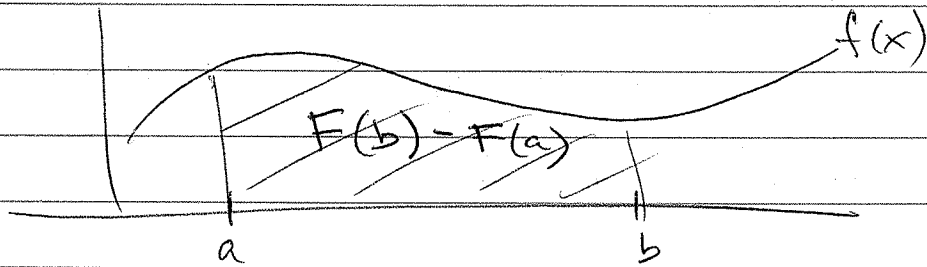
$$\int f(x) dx \text{ " " } x=b \Rightarrow F(b) + C$$

$$\text{so } (F(b) + C) - (F(a) + C) = F(b) - F(a)$$

No need to write $C - C = 0$.

In $\int_a^b f(x) dx$, a & b are the limits of integration.

They have to be in the domain of $f(x)$ or the integral makes no sense, since physically, integration is this



Although we won't investigate this fully till Sec 34 (Mon)

Rules of def. integrals

$$\int_a^a f(x) dx = 0 \quad (F(a) - F(a) = 0)$$

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

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

$$\text{For any } c \text{ s.t. } a \leq c \leq b, \int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^c f(x) dx + \int_c^b f(x) dx$$

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

since $F(b) - F(a) = - (F(a) - F(b))$

How do we deal with the limits of integration when we have the processes of u-sub? It's a very easy tactic:

ex $\int_1^2 \frac{x^2}{x^3+1} dx$ This looks like a u-sub situation (see the degrees of top + bottom)

Let $u = x^3 + 1$ so $\frac{du}{dx} = 3x^2$, ~~and $dx = \frac{du}{3x^2}$~~

or $du = 3x^2 dx$
and $x^2 dx = \frac{du}{3}$

Substituting:

$b = (x=) 2$
 $a = (x=) 1$

$$\int_{x=1}^{x=2} \frac{x^2}{x^3+1} dx = \int_{u=?}^{u=?} \frac{1}{u} \cdot \frac{du}{3}$$

Write the limits in terms of u

What are the limits of integration in terms of u?

Simply use the $u = x^3 + 1$ and substitute each x:

$$a = (u=) 1^3 + 1 = 2, \quad b = (u=) 2^3 + 1 = 9$$

$$\int_2^9 \frac{du}{3u} = \frac{1}{3} \int_2^9 \frac{du}{u} = \frac{1}{3} (\ln u) \Big|_2^9$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \ln 9 - \frac{1}{3} \ln 2 = \frac{1}{3} \ln \frac{9}{2}$$