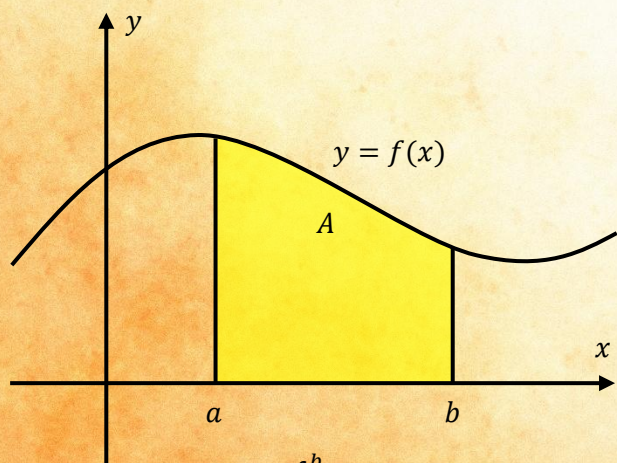




Introducing

Integration



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

$$A = [F(x)]_a^b$$

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

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Background

What is the work?

Introducing the process of integration as the inverse of differentiation, and using this to find the area beneath curves.

What are the prerequisites?

Additional Mathematics: Differentiation.

Where does this lead to?

Mathematics A Level: Further integration.

Applications: Finding areas; volumes; mass; location; cumulative distribution functions in probability.

Theory

Indefinite Integration

Integration is the process of reversing differentiation.

Exercise I

Complete the following table.



Theory

y	$\frac{dy}{dx}$
$5x^2 + 9x + 3$	
$5x^2 + 9x + 4$	
$5x^2 + 9x - 3$	
$5x^2 + 9x + \frac{3}{4}$	
$5x^2 + 9x + \pi$	

In completing the above exercise, you will see the problem facing us when attempting to integrate: whilst differentiation always gives a unique answer, this will not be the case for integration. Above, every function y in the first column differentiates to give the same answer. This leads to the question: if we are integrating $10x + 9$, what should the answer be? To deal with this problem, we introduce a **constant of integration**. Different textbooks use different letters for the constant of integration: sometimes c , sometimes k , sometimes something else. This workbook will use c as the constant of integration.

When integrating $10x + 9$, we say that the answer is $5x^2 + 9x + c$, where c represents any number, because any expression of the form $5x^2 + 9x + c$ would differentiate to give $10x + 9$. The formal notation for this process is

$$\int 10x + 9 \, dx = 5x^2 + 9x + c$$

where dx denotes we are integrating with respect to the variable x , and \int is the symbol for integration.

The rule for integrating a term of the form ax^n is the following:

$$\int ax^n dx = \frac{ax^{n+1}}{n+1} + c$$

In words, we add one to the power n , and then divide by the new power $n + 1$.

Example 1

Question	Answer
$\int 28x^3 dx$	$\frac{28x^4}{4} + c = 7x^4 + c$
$\int 35x^4 - 6x + 2 dx$	$\frac{35x^5}{5} - \frac{6x^2}{2} + 2x + c = 7x^5 - 3x^2 + 2x + c$

Exercise 2

Complete the following table.

Question	Answer
$\int 15x^2 dx$	
$\int 24x^3 dx$	
$\int 10x dx$	
$\int 4 dx$	
$\int 8x^{-3} dx$	
$\int 9x^2 + 6x + 3 dx$	
$\int 10x^4 - 4x^3 dx$	
$\int 2 + x^{-2} dx$	
$\int 0 dx$	
$\int 3 - 16x^{-5} dx$	
$\int 4x^2 dx$	
$\int x^2 + x^4 + x^6 dx$	
$\int 5x^3 - 2x + 9 dx$	
$\int 6x^2 + 10 - 2x^{-2} dx$	
$\int \frac{2}{3}x^2 dx$	
$\int 2(4 + x) dx$	
$\int x(2x - 3) dx$	
$\int 20x^4 - 12x^3 + 6x^2 - 4x + 7 dx$	

Definite Integration

It is possible to use integration to find the area between a curve and the x -axis.

Let us consider a general curve of the form $y = f(x)$.

The **yellow area** on the right is bounded by the curve, the x -axis and the lines $x = a$, $x = b$.

To find the size of the area, we integrate between a and b using the notation

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

We say that a is the **lower limit** and b is the **upper limit**.

The **Fundamental Theorem of Calculus** tells us how to calculate the above integral:

If $\int f(x) dx = F(x) + c$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) dx &= [F(x) + c]_a^b \\ &= [F(b) + c] - [F(a) + c] \\ &= F(b) - F(a) \end{aligned}$$

Notice that the constants of integration cancel out, so we can write

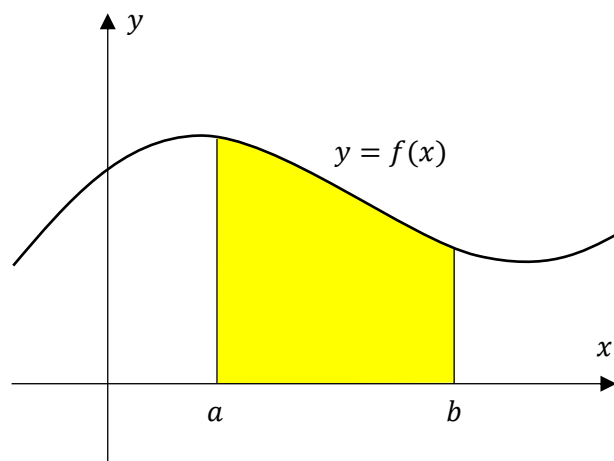
$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) dx &= [F(x)]_a^b \\ &= F(b) - F(a) \end{aligned}$$

Example 2

Find the area underneath the curve $y = x^2 - 2x + 3$ between $x = 1$ and $x = 3$.

Answer: We need to find the value of

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_1^3 x^2 - 2x + 3 dx \\ &= \left[\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{2x^2}{2} + 3x \right]_1^3 \\ &= \left[\frac{x^3}{3} - x^2 + 3x \right]_1^3 \\ &= \left[\frac{3^3}{3} - 3^2 + 3 \times 3 \right] - \left[\frac{1^3}{3} - 1^2 + 3 \times 1 \right] \\ &= [9 - 9 + 9] - \left[\frac{1}{3} - 1 + 3 \right] \\ &= 9 - \frac{7}{3} \\ &= \frac{20}{3} \text{ square units} \end{aligned}$$



Theory

