

Integration Formulas and the Net Change Theorem

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Basic Integration Formulas

Recall the integration formulas given in the Table in Antiderivatives (p. 489 in the text book) and the rule on properties of definite integrals. Let's look at a few examples of how to apply these rules.

Basic Integration Formulas

Example

Use basic integration formulas to compute

$$\int \left(\sqrt{x} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \right) dx.$$

Basic Integration Formulas

Solution

We use the power rule and sum rule for integrals.

$$\begin{aligned}\int \left(\sqrt{x} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \right) dx &= \int \left(x^{1/2} - x^{-1/2} \right) dx \\ &= \int x^{1/2} dx - \int x^{-1/2} dx \\ &= \frac{x^{3/2}}{3/2} - \frac{x^{1/2}}{1/2} + C \\ &= \frac{2}{3}x^{3/2} - 2x^{1/2} + C.\end{aligned}$$

The Net Change Theorem

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Theorem 5.6: Net Change Theorem

The new value of a changing quantity equals the initial value plus the integral of the rate of change:

$$F(b) = F(a) + \int_a^b F'(x) dx$$

or

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

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Find the net displacement and total distance traveled in meters given the velocity function $f(t) = \frac{1}{2}e^t - 2$ over the interval $[0, 2]$.

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Solution

The net displacement is given by the integral of the velocity function from $t = 0$ to $t = 2$.

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^2 \frac{1}{2}e^t - 2 \, dt &= \left. \frac{1}{2}e^t - 2t \right|_0^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2}e^2 - 2(2) \right) - \left(\frac{1}{2}e^0 - 2(0) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}e^2 - \frac{9}{2}.\end{aligned}$$

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Rule: Integrals of Even and Odd Functions

For continuous even functions such that $f(-x) = f(x)$,

$$\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = 2 \int_0^a f(x) dx.$$

For continuous odd functions such that $f(-x) = -f(x)$,

$$\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = 0.$$

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Integrate the function

$$\int_{-2}^2 x^4 dx.$$

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Since $f(x) = x^4$ is an even function, we simply apply the rule for even functions:

$$\int_{-2}^2 x^4 dx = 2 \int_0^2 x^4 dx = 2 \left(\frac{1}{5}(2)^5 - \frac{1}{5}(0)^5 \right) = \frac{64}{5}.$$