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Lesson 32

The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

Today we connect the indefinite and definite integral.

The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

Suppose $f(x)$ is continuous on the interval $[a, b]$. If $F(x)$ is an antiderivative of $f(x)$, then

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

We compute $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ by writing

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

Use the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus on the following examples.

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Example 1

Evaluate

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_1^3 (8x^2 + 4) dx \\ &= 4 \int_1^3 (2x^2 + 1) dx = 4 \left(2 \frac{x^3}{3} + x \right) \Big|_1^3 \\ &= 4 \left(2 \frac{(3)^3}{3} + 3 \right) - 4 \left(2 \frac{1}{3} + 1 \right) \\ &= 4 \left(18 + 3 - \frac{2}{3} - 1 \right) \\ &= 4 \left(20 - \frac{2}{3} \right) = 4 \left(\frac{60 - 2}{3} \right) = \frac{4(58)}{3} = \frac{232}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Example 2

Evaluate

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^8 \left(3e^x + \frac{\sqrt[3]{x^2}}{3} \right) dx = \int_0^8 \left(3e^x + \frac{x^{2/3}}{3} \right) dx \\ &= \left(3e^x + \frac{x^{2/3+1}}{3 \cdot \frac{2}{3}+1} \right) \Big|_0^8 \\ &= \left(3e^x + \frac{x^{5/3}}{3 \cdot \frac{5}{3}} \right) \Big|_0^8 \\ &= \left(3e^8 + \frac{(8)^{5/3}}{5} \right) - (3e^0 + 0) \\ &= 3e^8 + \frac{32}{5} - 3 \end{aligned}$$

Example 3 Evaluate

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-2}^3 \frac{x^3 + 2}{5} dx &= \frac{1}{5} \int_{-2}^3 (x^3 + 2) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{x^4}{4} + 2x \right) \Big|_{-2}^3 \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{3^4}{4} + 6 \right) - \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{(-2)^4}{4} + (2)(-2) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{81}{4} + 6 - 4 + 4 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{81}{4} + \frac{24}{4} \right) = \frac{105}{20} = \frac{21}{4}\end{aligned}$$

Example 4 Evaluate

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} (3 \cos x + 4) dx &= \left(3 \sin x + 4x \right) \Big|_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \\ &= \left(3 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + 4\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \right) - \left(3 \sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + 4\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \right) \\ &= (3 + 2\pi) - (-3 - 2\pi) \\ &= 6 + 4\pi\end{aligned}$$

Example 5

Find the area of the region bounded by the graphs of

$$y = 3x + 7, \quad y = 0, \quad x = 3 \quad \text{and} \quad x = 8$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= \int_3^8 (3x + 7) dx = \left(\frac{3x^2}{2} + 7x \right) \Big|_3^8 \\ &= \frac{3(64)}{2} + 7(8) - \left(\frac{3(9)}{2} + 7(3) \right) \\ &= 3(32) + 56 - \frac{27}{2} - 21 \\ &= \frac{235}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Example 6

Find the area enclosed by the graphs of the following equations

$$y = 4 \left(\frac{x}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{x}}{2} \right)^2, \quad y = 0, \quad x = 1, \quad x = 4$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= \int_1^4 4 \left(\frac{x}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{x}}{2} \right)^2 dx = \int_1^4 4 \left(\frac{x^2}{4} - 2 \frac{x^{3/2}}{4} + \frac{x}{4} \right) dx \\ &= \int_1^4 (x^2 - 2x^{3/2} + x) dx \end{aligned}$$

Example 6 ... Continued

$$\int_1^4 (x^2 - 2x^{3/2} + x) dx = \left(\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{4x^{5/2}}{5} + \frac{x^2}{2} \right) \Big|_1^4$$

$$= \left(\frac{4^3}{3} - \frac{4}{5} (4)^{5/2} + \frac{(4)^2}{2} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{4}{5} + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{64}{3} - \frac{128}{5} + \frac{16}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{4}{5} + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{28}{3} - \frac{124}{5} + \frac{15}{2} = \frac{-37}{10} = -3.7$$

Example 7 Evaluate

$$\int_0^{\pi} \sec x (3 \sec x + 4 \tan x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi} (3 \sec^2 x + 4 \sec x \tan x) dx$$

$$= 3 \tan x + 4 \sec x \Big|_0^{\pi}$$

$$= (3 \tan(\pi) + 4 \sec(\pi)) - (3 \tan(0) + 4 \sec(0))$$

$$= 3(0) + 4(-1) - 0 - 4(1)$$

$$= -8$$