

EXAMPLE

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad \int \sin^2 x \, dx &= \int \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2} \, dx & \sin^2 x &= \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int (1 - \cos 2x) \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \int dx - \frac{1}{2} \int \cos 2x \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} x - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sin 2x}{2} + C = \frac{x}{2} - \frac{\sin 2x}{4} + C \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad \int \cos^2 x \, dx &= \int \frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2} \, dx & \cos^2 x &= \frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2} \\ &= \frac{x}{2} + \frac{\sin 2x}{4} + C & \text{As in part (a), but} \\ & & \text{with a sign change} \end{aligned}$$

5.6. Substitution of Area Between Curves:

Substitution Formula

In the following formula, the limits of integration change when the variable of integration is changed by substitution.

THEOREM 6 Substitution in Definite Integrals

If g' is continuous on the interval $[a, b]$ and f is continuous on the range of g , then

$$\int_a^b f(g(x)) \cdot g'(x) \, dx = \int_{g(a)}^{g(b)} f(u) \, du$$

EXAMPLE Substitution by Two Methods

Evaluate $\int_{-1}^1 3x^2 \sqrt{x^3 + 1} \, dx$.

Solution We have two choices.

Method 1: Transform the integral and evaluate the transformed integral with the transformed limits given in Theorem 6.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^1 3x^2 \sqrt{x^3 + 1} \, dx &= \int_0^2 \sqrt{u} \, du && \begin{array}{l} \text{Let } u = x^3 + 1, du = 3x^2 \, dx. \\ \text{When } x = -1, u = (-1)^3 + 1 = 0. \\ \text{When } x = 1, u = (1)^3 + 1 = 2. \end{array} \\ &= \frac{2}{3} u^{3/2} \Big|_0^2 && \text{Evaluate the new definite integral.} \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \left[2^{3/2} - 0^{3/2} \right] = \frac{2}{3} \left[2\sqrt{2} \right] = \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Method 2: Transform the integral as an indefinite integral, integrate, change back to x , and use the original x -limits.

$$\begin{aligned} \int 3x^2 \sqrt{x^3 + 1} \, dx &= \int \sqrt{u} \, du && \text{Let } u = x^3 + 1, du = 3x^2 \, dx. \\ &= \frac{2}{3} u^{3/2} + C && \text{Integrate with respect to } u. \\ &= \frac{2}{3} (x^3 + 1)^{3/2} + C && \text{Replace } u \text{ by } x^3 + 1. \\ \int_{-1}^1 3x^2 \sqrt{x^3 + 1} \, dx &= \frac{2}{3} (x^3 + 1)^{3/2} \Big|_{-1}^1 && \text{Use the integral just found,} \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \left[((1)^3 + 1)^{3/2} - ((-1)^3 + 1)^{3/2} \right] && \text{with limits of integration for } x. \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \left[2^{3/2} - 0^{3/2} \right] = \frac{2}{3} \left[2\sqrt{2} \right] = \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{3} \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

Areas Between Curves

Suppose we want to find the area of a region that is bounded above by the curve $y = f(x)$, below by the curve $y = g(x)$, and on the left and right by the lines $x = a$ and $x = b$

DEFINITION Area Between Curves

If f and g are continuous with $f(x) \geq g(x)$ throughout $[a, b]$, then the **area of the region between the curves** $y = f(x)$ and $y = g(x)$ from a to b is the integral of $(f - g)$ from a to b :

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

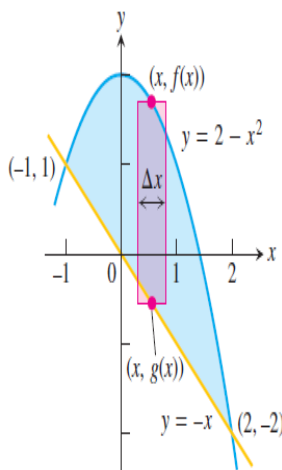


FIGURE 5.30 The region in Example 4 with a typical approximating rectangle.

EXAMPLE Area Between Intersecting Curves

Find the area of the region enclosed by the parabola $y = 2 - x^2$ and the line $y = -x$.

Solution First we sketch the two curves (Figure 5.30). The limits of integration are found by solving $y = 2 - x^2$ and $y = -x$ simultaneously for x .

$$2 - x^2 = -x \quad \text{Equate } f(x) \text{ and } g(x).$$

$$x^2 - x - 2 = 0 \quad \text{Rewrite.}$$

$$(x + 1)(x - 2) = 0 \quad \text{Factor.}$$

$$x = -1, \quad x = 2. \quad \text{Solve.}$$

The region runs from $x = -1$ to $x = 2$. The limits of integration are $a = -1$, $b = 2$.

The area between the curves is

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \int_a^b [f(x) - g(x)] dx = \int_{-1}^2 [(2 - x^2) - (-x)] dx \\ &= \int_{-1}^2 (2 + x - x^2) dx = \left[2x + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-1}^2 \\ &= \left(4 + \frac{4}{2} - \frac{8}{3} \right) - \left(-2 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \right) = \frac{9}{2} \end{aligned}$$