

Definite Integration

If $F'(x) = f(x)$, then $F(x)$ is called the primitive function of $f(x)$ and $\int f(x) dx = F(x) + C$, where 'C' is a constant of integration.

$$\text{When } x=a, F(x) + C = F(a) + C$$

$$\text{When } x=b, F(x) + C = F(b) + C$$

Now, the difference of the values of $F(x) + C$ at $x=b$ and $x=a$ is

$$\begin{aligned} &= \{F(b) + C\} - \{F(a) + C\} \\ &= \{F(b) - F(a)\} \end{aligned}$$

which is called the definite

integral of $f(x)$ between the limits 'a' and 'b'. In notation

form it is expressed as

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

$$\therefore \int_a^b f(x) dx = [F(x)]_a^b = F(b) - F(a)$$

where $\int f(x) dx = F(x)$

Ques Evaluate $\int_1^2 (x^2 - \frac{1}{x} + 1) dx$

Soln

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_1^2 (x^2 - \frac{1}{x} + 1) dx = \left[\frac{x^3}{3} - \log x + x \right]_1^2 \\ &= \left[\frac{2^3}{3} - \log 2 + 2 \right] - \left[\frac{1^3}{3} - \log 1 + 1 \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{8}{3} - \frac{1}{3} - \{ \log 2 + \log 1 \} + 2 - 1$$

$$= \frac{7}{3} + 1 - \log 2 = \frac{10}{3} - \log 2$$

Ans

Some properties of Definite Integrals

$$(i) \int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b f(z) dz$$

where $\phi(x) = z$

and when $x = a$, $z = \phi(a)$

when $x = b$, $z = \phi(b)$

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

$$(iii) \int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^c f(x) dx + \int_c^b f(x) dx$$

where $a < c < b$

$$(iv) \int_0^a f(x) dx = \int_0^a f(a-x) dx$$

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$$(v) \int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = 2 \int_0^a f(x) dx, \text{ when } f(x) \text{ is an even function}$$

$$= 0, \text{ when } f(x) \text{ is an odd function}$$

Proof of properties

$$\text{(i)} \quad \text{If } \int f(x) dx = F(x)$$

$$\text{and } \int f(z) dz = F(z)$$

$$\therefore \int_a^b f(x) dx = [F(x)]_a^b = F(b) - F(a)$$

$$\int_a^b f(z) dz = [F(z)]_a^b = F(b) - F(a)$$

$$\therefore \int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b f(z) dz$$

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

$$= - \int_a^b \{F(a) - F(b)\}$$

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

(iii)

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = [F(x)]_a^b$$

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

$$= \{F(c) - F(a)\} + \{F(b) - F(c)\}$$

$$= \int_a^c f(x) dx + \int_c^b f(x) dx$$

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

(iv) $\int_0^a f(x) dx = \int_0^a f(a-x) dx$

Let $a-x = y \Rightarrow -dx = dy$

Also when $x=a, y=0$
and when $x=0, y=a$

\therefore ~~RHS~~ $= \int_0^a f(a-x) dx$
 $= \int_a^0 f(y) (-1) dy = - \int_a^0 f(y) dy$

$= \int_0^a f(y) dy = \int_0^a f(x) dx$ — using (ii)

= LHS

Proved

(v) We know $\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = \int_{-a}^0 f(x) dx + \int_0^a f(x) dx$ — (A)

Now for $\int_{-a}^0 f(x) dx$, Putting $x = -z$
 $\Rightarrow dx = -dz$

and when $x=0 \Rightarrow z=0$
when $x=-a \Rightarrow z=a$

$\Rightarrow \int_{-a}^0 f(x) dx = \int_a^0 f(-z) (-dz) = - \int_a^0 f(z) dz$ when $f(z) = f(-z)$
 $= + \int_0^a f(z) dz = + \int_0^a f(x) dx$ — (B)

Using (B) in (A) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-a}^a f(x) dx &= \int_0^a f(x) dx + \int_0^a f(x) dx \text{ when} \\ &= 2 \int_0^a f(x) dx \text{ when } f(x) \text{ is an } \text{even} \\ &\text{function.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } \int_{-a}^0 f(x) dx &= \int_0^a f(-z) (-dz) \\ &= \int_a^0 f(z) dz \rightarrow \text{when } f(-z) = -f(z) \\ &= - \int_0^a f(z) dz = - \int_0^a f(x) dx \text{ --- (C)} \end{aligned}$$

Using (C) in (A) we get

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

= 0 when $f(x)$ is an odd function.