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Mathematics in economics

Lecture 10

Definite integral

Newton's definite integral:

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

In the definition above, F is a primitive function to f , and a and b are the limits of the integral.

The result of definite integral is not a function, but a number!

Definite integral – elementary properties

Generally, when computing definite integral, we use the same table of elementary integrals as for an indefinite integral.

The elementary properties of the definite integral:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 a & & & & b & & b & & b \\
 \int & & & & \int & & \int & & \int \\
 b & & a & & c & & c & & \\
 \int & & \int & & \int & & \int & & \\
 b & & b & & & & & & \\
 \int & & \int & & & & & & \\
 & & & & & & & &
 \end{array}$$

Definite integral – a use

The definite integral can be used to calculation of:

- The square under or above given function,
- The area of a 2D object,
- The length of a curve,
- The volume of a 3D object,
- The area of a 3D object.

Definite integral – An area under/above a function

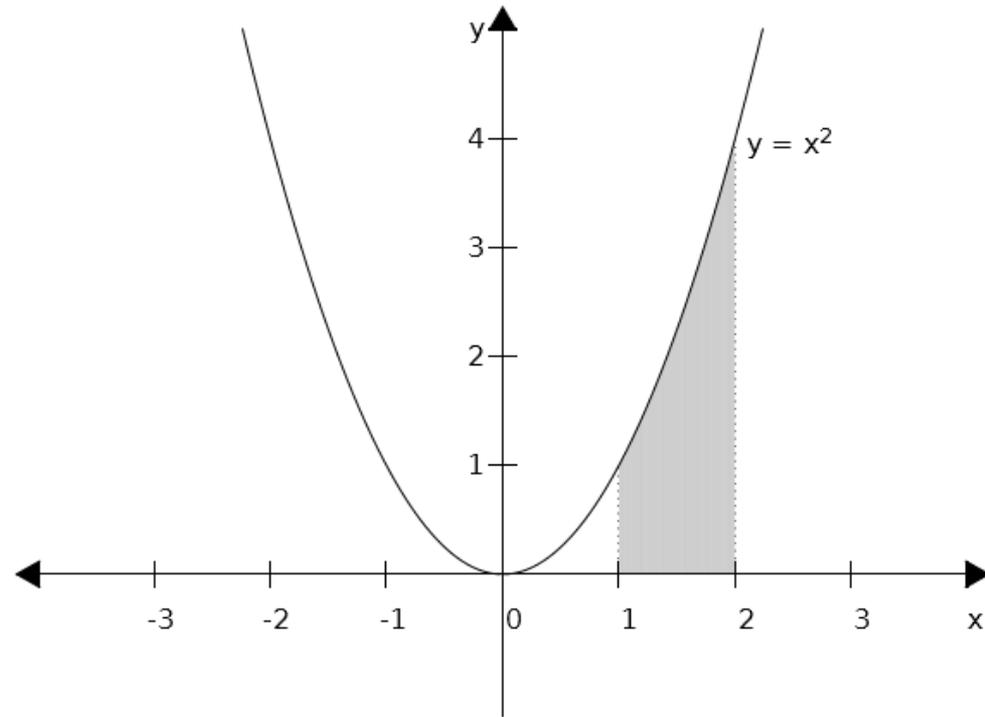
Find: \int_1^2

Solution: $\int_1^2 (x^2 - 1) dx = \left[\frac{x^3}{3} - x \right]_1^2 = \frac{8}{3} - 2 - \left(\frac{1}{3} - 1 \right) = \frac{8}{3} - 2 - \frac{1}{3} + 1 = \frac{8}{3} - \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{3}{3} = \frac{8 - 2 - 1 + 3}{3} = \frac{7}{3}$

What does the number 7/3 mean?

It is the area below the function $f(x)$ on the interval $(1,2)$,
See the next slide for a picture.

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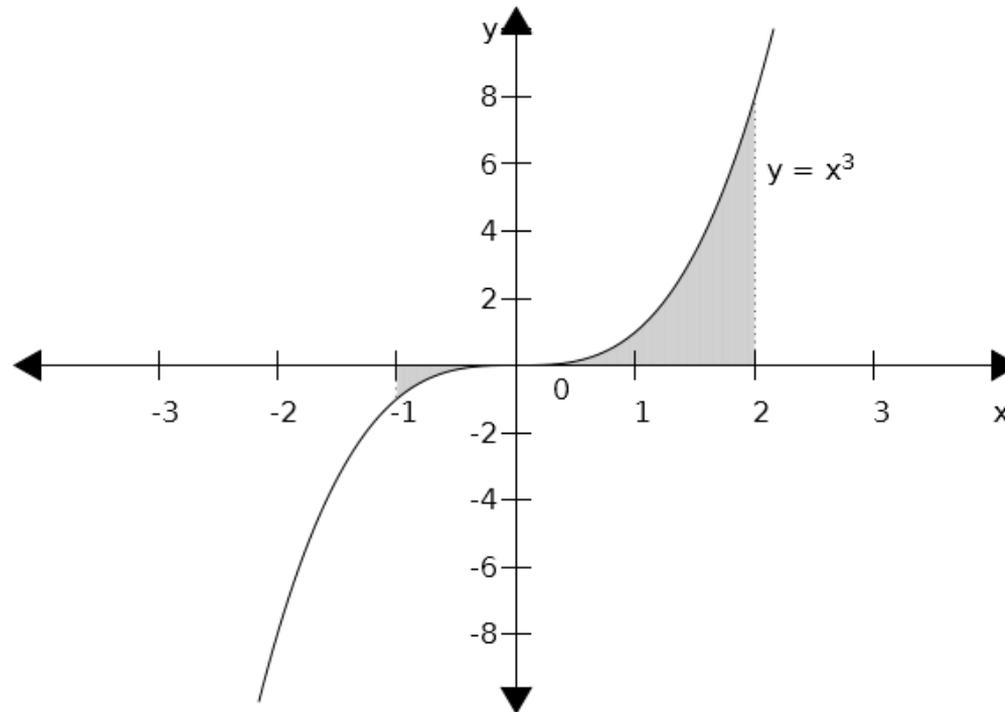
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Find an area bounded by functions: $y = x^2 - 1$, axis x ,
 $x = -1$ and $x = 2$.

Solution: We must divide the interval of integration
 $(-1,2)$ into two intervals: $(-1,0)$ and $(0,2)$ (WHY?):

$$S = \int_{-1}^0 (1 - x^2) dx + \int_0^2 (x^2 - 1) dx = 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{8}{3} - 2 = \frac{10}{3} = 3\frac{2}{3}$$

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Problem 2

Find: $\int_0^3 x^2 dx$

Solution: $\int_0^3 x^2 dx = \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^3 = \frac{3^3}{3} - \frac{0^3}{3} = 9 - 0 = 9$

This result means that the area under the function on the interval (0,3) is 9.

Important note: if a function is positive on the interval of integration, then the result will be a positive number. However, for a negative function the result will be negative!

Definite integral – An area under/above a function

Problems 3 and 4

Find: $\int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx$

Solution: $\int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx = \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-1}^1 = \frac{1^3}{3} - \frac{(-1)^3}{3} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$

Find: $\int_{-1}^1 x^3 dx$

Solution: $\int_{-1}^1 x^3 dx = \left[\frac{x^4}{4} \right]_{-1}^1 = \frac{1^4}{4} - \frac{(-1)^4}{4} = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} = 0$

Problems to solve - 1

Find:

$$\int_4^4 \int_3^4 \int_{e^2}^e \dots \int_{\dots}^{\dots}$$

An area between two curves

Let $f(x)$ and $h(x)$ be two curves, S an area between them
And a and b their intersections.

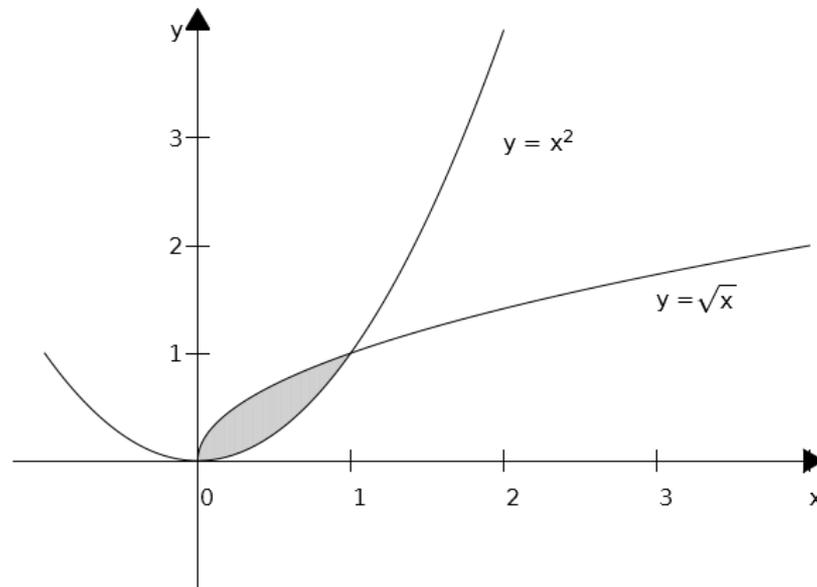
Then S is given as follows:

$$S = \int_a^b (f(x) - h(x)) dx$$

An area between two curves – Problem 1

Find an area between two curves: $y = x^2$ and $y = \sqrt{x}$.

A picture:



An area between two curves – Problem 1 cont.

Find an area between two curves: $y = x^2$ and $y = x$.

Solution:

First, we find intersections: $x^2 = x$, hence $x = 0$ and $x = 1$.

Now, we can use the integral formula for the area:

$$S = \int_0^1 (x - x^2) dx$$

An area between two curves – Problem 2

Find an area between two curves: $y = x^2$ and $y = x$.

Solution:

First, we find intersections: $x^2 = x$, hence $x = 0$ and $x = 2$.

Now, we can use the integral formula for the area:

$$S = \int_0^2 (x - x^2) dx$$

An area between two curves – Problem 2 – cont.

Find an area between two curves: $y = 2x$ and $y = x^2$.

A graph:

