

INTEGRALS

DEFINITE INTEGRAL

Here we shall define integration as a process of summation or definite integral as the limit of a sum. Then we discuss some properties of definite integral. The concept of definite integral is then used to find the area enclosed by certain curves.

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Let $f(x)$ be a continuous real valued function defined on $[a, b]$ such that . Then

$\int f(x)dx = F(x) + C$. Then $\int_a^b f(x)dx = F(b) - F(a)$ called definite integral of $f(x)$ in $[a, b]$.

Remark :

1. If $f(x)$ is discontinuous at $x = a$ and continuous at $x = b$

$$\text{then } \int_a^b f(x)dx = F(b) - \lim_{x \rightarrow a+} F(x)$$

2. If $f(x)$ is discontinuous at $x = b$ and continuous at $x = a$ then

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \lim_{x \rightarrow b-} F(x) - F(a)$$

3. If $f(x)$ is discontinuous at $x = a$ and $x = b$ then

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \lim_{e \rightarrow 0-} \int_{a+e}^{b-e} f(x)dx \text{ or } \lim_{x \rightarrow b-} F(x) - \lim_{x \rightarrow a+} F(x)$$

4. If $f(x)$ is discontinuous at $x = c$ ($a < c < b$) then

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \lim_{e \rightarrow 0} \int_a^{c-e} f(x)dx + \lim_{e \rightarrow 0} \int_{c+e}^b f(x)dx$$

Note that even if $f(x)$ is not defined at $x = a$ or $x = b$ or at both, $\int_a^b f(x)dx$ can be evaluated.

a and b are called lower and upper limits of integration respectively. If we make change in variable (i.e. substitution) then limit of integration should be changed accordingly.

Ex.1 Evaluate $\int_0^4 (x - 2\sqrt{x} + x^2) dx$

Sol.
$$\int_0^4 (x - 2\sqrt{x} + x^2) dx = \left[\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{4x^{3/2}}{3} + \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^4$$

$$= \left(8 - \frac{32}{3} + \frac{64}{3} \right) - (0)$$

$$= \frac{56}{3}$$

Definite Integral as the Limit of a Sum

(i) Express the given series in the form of $\sum \frac{1}{n} f\left(\frac{r}{n}\right)$

(ii) The limit when $n \rightarrow \infty$ is its sum $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{n} \cdot f\left(\frac{r}{n}\right)$

Replace r/n by x , $1/n$ by dx and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum$ by the sign of integration \int

(iii) The lower and upper limits of integration will be the value of r/n for the first and last term (or the limits of these values respectively).

Some Important Formulae

$$1. \quad \sum_{r=1}^n r = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$2. \quad \sum_{r=1}^n r^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

$$3. \quad \sum_{r=1}^n r^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$$

$$4. \quad \sin \alpha + \sin(\alpha + \beta) + \sin(\alpha + 2\beta) + \dots + \sin(\alpha + (n-1)\beta) = \frac{\sin n\beta / 2}{\sin \beta / 2} \sin \left[\frac{1^{\text{st}} \text{ angle} + \text{last angle}}{2} \right]$$

$$5. \quad \cos \alpha + \cos(\alpha + \beta) + \cos(\alpha + 2\beta) + \dots + \cos(\alpha + (n-1)\beta)$$

$$= \frac{\sin n\beta / 2}{\sin \beta / 2} \cos \left[\frac{1^{\text{st}} \text{ angle} + \text{last angle}}{2} \right].$$

$$6. \quad 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots \text{ to } \infty = \log_6 2$$

$$7. \quad 1 - \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} - \frac{1}{4^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} \dots = \frac{\pi^2}{12}.$$

$$8. \quad 1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \dots = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$$

$$9. \quad 1 + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots = \frac{\pi^2}{8}$$

$$10. \quad \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \frac{1}{6^2} + \dots = \frac{\pi^2}{24}.$$

$$11. \quad \cos \theta = \frac{e^{18} + e^{-18}}{2} \cdot \sin \theta = \frac{e^B - e^{-18}}{2}$$

$$12. \quad \cosh \theta = \frac{e^\theta + e^{-\theta}}{2} \text{ and } \sinh \theta = \frac{e^\theta - e^{-\theta}}{2}.$$

Ex.2 Compute the following limits (using definite integral)

$$(1) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \left(\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n}} + \sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{n}} + \dots + \sqrt{1 + \frac{n}{n}} \right)$$

$$(2) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi}{2n} \left(1 + \cos \frac{\pi}{2n} + \cos \frac{2\pi}{2n} + \dots + \cos \frac{(n-1)\pi}{2n} \right)$$

Sol. (1) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \left(\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n}} + \sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{n}} + \dots + \sqrt{1 + \frac{n}{n}} \right)$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{r=1}^n \sqrt{1 + \frac{r}{n}}$$

$$= \int_0^1 \sqrt{1+x} dx = \left[\frac{(1+x)^{3/2}}{\frac{3}{2}} \right]_0^1 = \frac{2^{3/2}}{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{1}{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{2}{3} \{2\sqrt{2} - 1\}$$

$$(2) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi}{2n} \left[1 + \cos \frac{\pi}{2n} + \cos \frac{2\pi}{2n} + \dots + \cos \frac{(n-1)\pi}{2n} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n/2)}{n} \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} \cos \left(r \left(\frac{\pi/2}{n} \right) \right)$$

[Note here interval $[0, \pi/2]$ is divided in n equal parts]

$$= \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos x dx - [\sin x]_0^{\pi/2} - 1$$