

## Definite integration

### Starter

1. (Review of last lesson)

Given that  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 + 3x^2$  and that  $x = 2$  when  $y = 9$ , find  $y$  as a function of  $x$ .

2. (Review of last lesson) A curve has a gradient function of  $2x + k$ , where  $k$  is a constant. It crosses the  $y$ -axis at  $(0, -3)$  and the  $x$ -axis at  $(1, 0)$  and  $(a, 0)$ . Find the equation of the curve and the value of  $a$ .

### Notes

The integration looked at so far is called *indefinite integration*. When numbers, or *limits*, are included on the integration symbol, it becomes *definite integration*, e.g.  $\int_1^3 2x dx$ .

**N.B.** The numbers on the integration symbol are called limits.

#### Indefinite integration

$$\int 2x dx = x^2 + c$$

No limits on the integration symbol.  
Includes the constant of integration,  $+c$ .  
The answer is a function of  $x$ .

#### Definite integration

$$\int_1^3 2x dx = \left[ x^2 \right]_1^3 = 3^2 - 1^2 = 8$$

Limits on the integration symbol  
The constant of integration does not appear.  
The answer is a number.

### What happens to "+c" under definite integration?

Let's imagine include the constant of integration:

$$\int_1^3 2x dx = \left[ x^2 + c \right]_1^3 = (3^2 + c) - (1^2 + c) = 8$$

The  $c$ 's will always cancel each other out and therefore we **do not write  $+c$  with definite integration**.

### Important results

- Multiplying an integral by a scalar:  $\int_a^b kf(x) dx = k \int_a^b f(x) dx$

**E.g.**  $\int_2^9 5x dx = 5 \int_2^9 x dx$  *don't take a scalar out if integration becomes harder*

- Reversing the limits:  $\int_a^b f(x) dx = - \int_b^a f(x) dx$

**E.g.**  $\int_1^5 -x^4 dx = \int_5^1 x^4 dx$  *useful when the function is negative*

- Splitting an integral into two parts:  $\int_a^c f(x)dx = \int_a^b f(x)dx + \int_b^c f(x)dx$

**E.g.**  $\int_1^5 x^2 dx = \int_1^4 x^2 dx + \int_4^5 x^2 dx$  *f(x) must be continuous – no asymptotes*

- Two functions:  $\int_a^b (f(x) + g(x))dx = \int_a^b f(x)dx + \int_a^b g(x)dx$

**E.g.**  $\int_3^7 (x^3 + 3x)dx = \int_3^7 x^3 dx + \int_3^7 3x dx$  *usually not needed*

**E.g. 1** Find the exact value of: (a)  $\int_{-1}^2 (6x^2 + 5)dx$  (b)  $\int_3^4 (x^2 + 3x)dx$

(c)  $\int_4^9 \sqrt{x}dx$  (d)  $\int_3^7 dx$

**Working:** (a)  $\int_{-1}^2 (6x^2 + 5)dx = \left[ 2x^3 + 5x \right]_{-1}^2$   
 $= (2 \times 2^3 + 5 \times 2) - (2 \times (-1)^3 + 5 \times (-1))$   
 $= 33$

**E.g. 2** Given that  $\int_0^a x^3 dx = 64$ , find  $a$ , where  $a > 0$ .

**E.g. 3** Let  $\int_a^b f(x)dx = 15$  and  $\int_a^b g(x)dx = -7$ . Find  $\int_a^b (3f(x) - 4g(x))dx$ .

**E.g. 4** Find the possible values of  $A$  that satisfy  $\int_2^3 (1 - 2Ax)dx = 6A^2$ .

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### Exercise

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### Summary

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