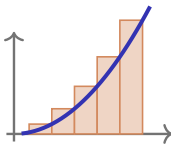


Integration & Accumulation of Change

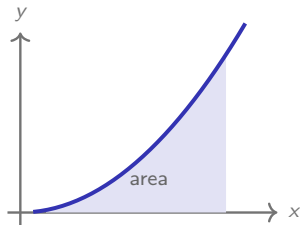
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What we will cover

- 1 Accumulation of change
- 2 Riemann sums
- 3 The definite integral
- 4 The Fundamental Theorem
- 5 Antiderivatives
- 6 u -substitution



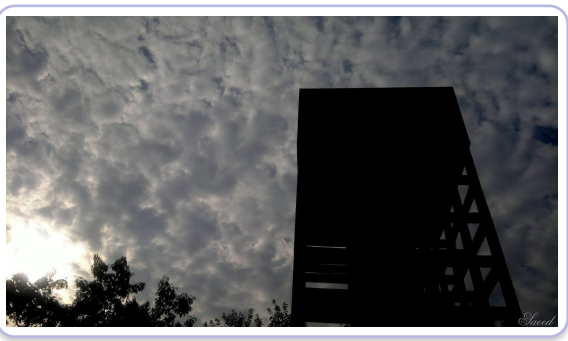
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Accumulation

Accumulation of change

Differentiation found **rates**.
Integration runs it in reverse:
given a rate, find the
accumulated change 累积变化.

The **area** between a rate graph and the x-axis **is** the total accumulation.



Water tank

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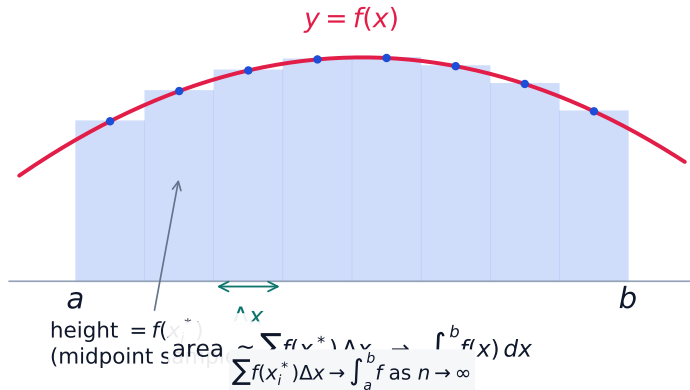
Riemann sums

Approximating area with a Riemann sum

Split the interval and add rectangle areas – a **Riemann sum** 黎曼和. Each rectangle is $f(x) \Delta x$.

As the strips narrow, the sum approaches the [definite integral](#).

Approximating area with a Riemann sum, in detail



Split the interval and add rectangle areas – a **Riemann sum** 黎曼和.

The four standard estimates

Left sum – height from
each strip's **left** endpoint

Right sum – height
from the **right** endpoint

Midpoint sum – height
from the **midpoint** 中点

Trapezoidal sum 梯形法 –
average the two endpoint heights

Strips may be **uniform** or **nonuniform** – read the widths from the table.

Over- or underestimate?

Judge from the **behaviour** of the function:

- **increasing** f : left sum **under**, right sum **over**
- **concave up**: trapezoidal **over**
- **concave down**: trapezoidal **under**

Finding an area without an antiderivative, and its units

geometry 几何

simple regions – triangles and rectangles – can be found by area formula alone

a left or right sum

rectangles at one end of each subinterval

a midpoint sum

rectangles at the centre – usually the most accurate of the three

a trapezoidal sum 梯形和

the average of the left and right sums; it overestimates a concave-up function

the units

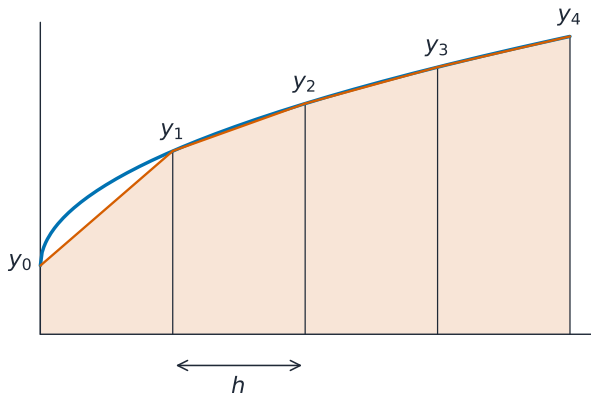
the area's unit is the rate's unit times the input's unit

the example

a rate in vehicles per hour, integrated over hours, gives vehicles

Stating the units of a definite integral is a marked step on the free-response paper, and it is also the fastest check that you integrated the right thing.

Over- or underestimate?, in detail



Exam parts ask you to state **which** and **why**.

Worked example – a right sum from a table

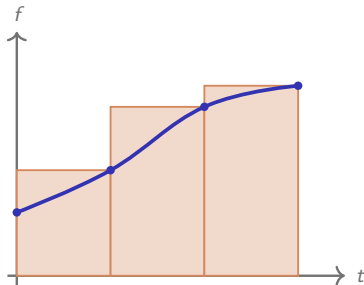
$f(0) = 3$, $f(2) = 5$, $f(4) = 8$, $f(6) = 9$.

Estimate $\int_0^6 f$ with a right sum, $n = 3$.

$\Delta x = 2$; use each strip's **right** endpoint:

$$2(f(2) + f(4) + f(6)) = 2(5 + 8 + 9) = 44.$$

f is increasing, so this is an **overestimate**; the left sum $2(3 + 5 + 8) = 32$ would be an underestimate.



From Riemann sum to integral notation

As the widths shrink to zero the sum approaches an exact value – the **definite integral** 定积分:

$$\int_a^b f(x) \, dx = \lim_{\max \Delta x_i \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*) \Delta x_i.$$

A definite integral **is** the limit of a Riemann sum – be ready to translate **each into the other**.

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The Fundamental Theorem

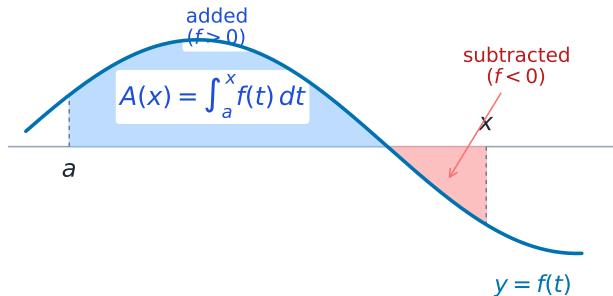
Accumulation functions and the FTC

A definite integral with a **variable upper limit** is an **accumulation function** 累积函数. The **Fundamental Theorem** 微积分基本定理 says differentiation undoes it:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x f(t) dt = f(x).$$

So $g(x) = \int_a^x f$ has $g' = f$ and $g'' = f'$.

$$A'(x) = f(x) \quad (\text{Fundamental Theorem})$$



Behaviour of an accumulation function

Because $g'(x) = f(x)$, everything from Unit 5 applies – read it off the graph of f :

g **increasing** where $f > 0$,
decreasing where $f < 0$

g has a **local extremum**
where f **crosses zero**

g **concave up** where f is **increasing**

a **value** of g is the
signed area up to x

Properties of definite integrals

$$\int_a^a f = 0$$

$$\int_b^a f = -\int_a^b f$$

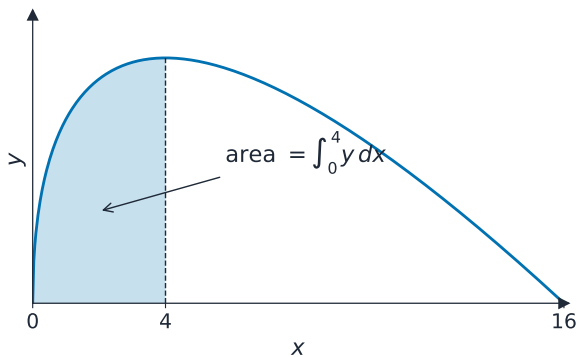
$$\int_a^b kf = k \int_a^b f$$

$$\int_a^b (f \pm g) = \int_a^b f \pm \int_a^b g$$

$$\int_a^c f + \int_c^b f = \int_a^b f$$

The last one – **splitting at an interior point** – lets you build a total from pieces read off a graph.

The Fundamental Theorem and Evaluating Integrals



A definite integral is the signed area between the curve and the x-axis

The theorem, and one algebraic tool

Part 1

The **fundamental theorem of calculus**: if $F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$ then $F'(x) = f(x)$ – differentiation undoes accumulation.

Part 2

$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$ for any antiderivative F – which is what makes a definite integral computable.

With a chain rule

If the upper limit is $g(x)$, then the derivative is $f(g(x)) g'(x)$.

Polynomial long division

Polynomial long division first when the integrand is an improper rational function – the quotient integrates directly, and only the remainder needs more work.

The two parts say the same thing twice: accumulation and rate are inverse operations.

Evaluating an integral – the second part of the FTC

If $F' = f$, then

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

Find **any antiderivative** 原函数, then subtract its values at the limits.

Net change: $\int_a^b g'(t) dt = g(b) - g(a)$, so
 $g(5) = g(0) + \int_0^5 g'$.

Evaluate $\int_1^3 (2x + 1) dx$

An antiderivative is $F(x) = x^2 + x$:

$$F(3) - F(1) = (9 + 3) - (1 + 1) = 10.$$

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Antiderivatives

Antiderivatives and indefinite integrals

An **indefinite integral** 不定积分 is the **family** of all antiderivatives:

$$\int f(x) dx = F(x) + C.$$

Never drop the **constant of integration** 积分常数.

$$\int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C \quad (n \neq -1)$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln |x| + C$$

$$\int e^x dx = e^x + C$$

$$\int \cos x dx = \sin x + C$$

u -substitution – reversing the chain rule

Choose an inside function $u = g(x)$, so $du = g'(x) dx$:

$$\int f(g(x))g'(x) dx = \int f(u) du.$$

Look for a function **and its derivative** both present.

Evaluate $\int 2x \cos(x^2) dx$

Inside is $u = x^2$, and $du = 2x dx$ is **already there**:

$$\int \cos u du = \sin u + C = \sin(x^2) + C.$$

Spotting that $2x$ is exactly $\frac{du}{dx}$ is the whole trick.

For a **definite** integral: change the limits to u -values, or convert back to x first.

Selecting Techniques for Antidifferentiation

A skill topic: match the integral to a method.

Try a basic antiderivative first; look for a u -substitution (an inside function whose derivative is also present); use algebra (division, completing the square).

Reshaping an integrand, and choosing a technique

Two algebraic set-up moves:

- **long division** 多项式长除法 when the top degree $\geq$ the bottom
- **completing the square** 配方法 to reach an arctangent or log form

try a **basic** antiderivative



look for a u -**substitution**



reshape with **algebra**

Naming the structure first prevents wasted effort.

Exam tips

- Integration is antidifferentiation; use the **power rule** $\int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C$ and don't forget the $+C$.
- The **Fundamental Theorem** links the two: $\int_a^b f(x) dx = f(b) - f(a)$, and $\frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x f(t) dt = f(x)$.
- Approximate a definite integral with **Riemann sums** or the trapezoidal rule from a table of values.
- A definite integral is a signed area (below the axis counts negative); split at sign changes for total area.
- Use **u-substitution** and remember to change the limits (or back-substitute) accordingly.

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Recap

Unit 6 – key takeaways

1

Accumulation

signed area under a rate graph is the total change

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Riemann sums

left, right, midpoint, trapezoid – and say over or under

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The FTC

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x f = f(x) \text{ and } \int_a^b f = F(b) - F(a)$$

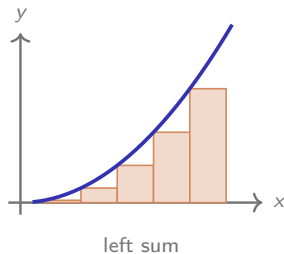
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u -substitution

spot a function and its derivative;
never drop $+C$

Check yourself

- 1 For an increasing f , is a left sum an over- or underestimate?
- 2 What is $\frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x f(t) dt$?
- 3 Evaluate $\int_1^3 (2x + 1) dx$.
- 4 In $\int 2x \cos(x^2) dx$, what is u ?



Answers 1. underestimate 2. $f(x)$ 3. 10 4. $u = x^2$