

EE320 Chapter 10

Integration and Its Application

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1 Terminology

Integration = anti-derivative or inverse of differentiation

$$y = F(x) \Rightarrow F(x) = \int F'(x)dx + c$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = F'(x)$$

Indefinite integral

If we integrate $f(x)$ where values of x are not given, we have to integrate without a limit. (i.e. to find indefinite integral)

A symbol for integrating a function $f(x)$ is

$$\int f(x)dx = F(x) + c \Leftrightarrow F'(x) = f(x)$$

where

\int	is	integral sign
$f(x)$	is	integrand
c	is	constant of integration
dx	indicates	the variable involved in the integration

Note function does not have a unique integral

ex. Given a function $f(x) = 3x^2$, a possible result from integration of $f(x)$ is that: $F(x) = x^3 + 1$, $x^3 + 7$, $x^3 + c$

2 Basic Rules for Integration

$$\text{I) } \int x^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1}x^{n+1} + c, \quad n \neq -1$$

$$\text{II) } \int e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a}e^{ax} + c$$

$$\Rightarrow \int a^{bx} dx = \frac{1}{b \ln a} a^{bx} + c$$

$$\Rightarrow \int f(x)e^{f(x)} dx = e^{f(x)} + c$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} dx = \ln|f(x)| + c, \quad f(x) \neq 0$$

$$\text{III) } \int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x| + c$$

$$\text{IV) } \int [f(x) \pm g(x)] dx = \int f(x) dx \pm \int g(x) dx$$

$$\text{V) } \int a f(x) dx = a \int f(x) dx$$

ex.

$$\begin{aligned}
 1. \int \frac{1}{x^3} dx &= -\frac{1}{2x^2} + c \\
 2. \int \sqrt{x} \sqrt{x} \sqrt{x} dx &= \frac{8}{15} x^{\frac{15}{8}} + c \\
 3. \int (3x^4 + 5x^2 - 2) dx &= \frac{3}{5} x^5 + \frac{5x^3}{3} - 2x + c \\
 4. \int e^{3x} - e^{2x} + e^x dx &= \frac{e^{3x}}{3} - \frac{e^{2x}}{2} + e^x + c \\
 5. \int \frac{(y-2)^2}{\sqrt{y}} dy &= \frac{2}{5} y^{\frac{5}{2}} - \frac{8}{3} y^{\frac{3}{2}} + 8y^{\frac{1}{2}} + c \\
 6. \int 2^x dx &= \frac{1}{\ln 2} 2^x + c
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{VI) } \int f(u) \frac{du}{dx} dx = \int f(u) du = F(u) + c$$

ex. $\int (ax + b)^P dx$

$$\text{VII) } \int v du = uv - \int u dv \quad \text{“Integration by parts”}$$

ex. $\int x e^x dx$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \text{let } v &= x \Rightarrow dv = dx \\
 u &= e^x \Rightarrow du = e^x dx
 \end{aligned}$$

Initial-Value Theorem

$$\int f(x)dx = F(x) + c$$

If we have an initial condition, we can determine the value of c .

ex. 1. Find $F(x)$ if $F'(x) = \frac{1}{2} - 2x$ and $F(0) = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\int \frac{1}{2} - 2x dx =$$

$$F(0) =$$

2. Find $F(x)$ if $F'(x) = x(1 - x^2)$ and $F(1) = \frac{5}{12}$

$$\int x(1 - x^2) dx =$$

$$F(0) =$$

Application 1: Derivation of TR from MR

$$TR = \int MR(Q) dQ$$

ex. Given $MR = 10 - Q$, find TR.

$$TR = \int 10 - Q dQ =$$

Suppose at $Q = 0$, $TR = 0 \Rightarrow c = 0 \therefore TR =$

Application 2: Derivation of TC from MC

$$TC = \int MC(Q) dQ$$

ex. Given $MC = 2e^{0.2Q}$, $C_F = 90$, find TC.

$$TC(Q) =$$

$$TC(0) =$$

Application 3: Derivation of Profit function from MR-MC

$$\Pi'(Q) = \text{Marginal profit} = \text{MR-MC}$$

$$\Pi = \int \Pi'(Q) dQ$$

ex. Given $\text{MR} = 50 - 2Q$, $\text{MC} = 10 + Q$, find total profit when $Q = 10$.
Assume there is no fixed cost: $\Pi(10) = ?$

$$\Pi'(Q) =$$

$$\int \Pi'(Q) dQ =$$

$$\text{If } Q = 0, \text{TR} = 0, \text{TC} = 0 \Rightarrow \Pi(Q) = 0 \Rightarrow c = 0$$

$$\therefore \Pi(Q) =$$

Application 4: Derivation of Utility function from MU

$$U(x) = \int MU(x) dx$$

ex. Given $MU(x) = \frac{5}{3\sqrt{x}}$, find $U(x)$.

$$U(x) =$$

Application 5: Derivation of Consumption/Saving function from marginal propensity function

ex. Given marginal propensity to save: $S'(Y) = 0.3 - 0.1Y^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ and $S(81) = 0$, find saving and consumption function

$$S(Y) =$$

$$S(Y) =$$

$$S(81) =$$

$$\therefore S(Y) =$$

$$\text{For } C(Y), C = Y - S =$$

3 Definite Integrals

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

$$\text{ex. } \int_0^2 5x^2 dx =$$

$$\int_0^1 ax^b dx =$$

Area and definite integral

The area under the graph of a continuous and nonnegative function $f(x)$ over the interval $[a,b]$ is $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ or

$$\text{Area } A = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n [f(x_i) - \Delta x] = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

Properties of Definite Integrals

$$1. \int_a^b f(x) dx = - \int_b^a f(x) dx$$

$$2. \int_a^a f(x) dx = 0$$

$$3. \int_a^c f(x) dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx + \int_b^c f(x) dx, \quad (a < b < c)$$

$$4. \int_a^b -f(x) dx = - \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

$$5. \int_a^b \alpha f(x) dx = \alpha \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

$$6. \int_a^b [f(x) + g(x)] dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx + \int_a^b g(x) dx$$

$$7. \int_{x=a}^{x=b} v du = uv \Big|_{x=a}^{x=b} - \int_{x=a}^{x=b} v du$$

ex.

$$1. \int_0^5 (x + x^2) dx =$$

$$2. \int_2^4 x^2 \left(\frac{1}{3}x^3 + 1\right) dx =$$

$$3. \int_{-2}^2 e^x - e^{-x} dx =$$

$$4. \int_e^6 \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{1+x}\right) dx =$$

$$5. \int_{-2}^3 |x + 1| dx =$$

Application: Capital Formation and Investment Functions

Definition : $K(t)$ = capital stock at t

$\frac{d}{dt}K(t)$ = rate of capital formation

$I(t)$ = rate of net investment flow at t

$$\frac{d}{dt}K(t) \equiv I(t) \Rightarrow \int I(t)dt = \int \frac{dK}{dt}dt = K(t)$$

Gross investment $\equiv I_g(t) = I(t) + \delta K(t)$

Capital formation during a time interval $[a,b] = \int_a^b I(t) dt = K(t) \Big|_a^b$

ex. Suppose net investment flow is $I(t) = 3t^{\frac{1}{2}}$ and the initial capital stock at $t = 0$ is $K = 25$. What is $K(t)$ during $[1,4]$?

Application: Consumer and Producer Surpluses

$$\text{CS} = \int_0^{Q^*} D(Q) - P^* \, dQ = \int_{P^*}^{P\text{-intercept}} D(Q) \, dP$$

$$\text{PS} = \int_0^{Q^*} P^* - S(Q) \, dQ = \int_{P\text{-intercept}}^{P^*} S(Q) \, dP$$

ex. $S(P) = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}P$

$$D(P) = \frac{25}{2} - \frac{1}{2}P$$

Find PS , CS and total welfare

ex. If the demand changes to $D(P) = \frac{30}{2} - \frac{1}{2}P$, ΔCS and ΔPS ?

ex. If the demand does not change and government imposes \$ 4 per unit tax on producer instead,

Application: First-Degree Price discrimination or Perfect Price discrimination

Monopolist charges the maximum price for each unit of output sold.

ex. Suppose that a monopolist faces a demand function $P = 24 - Q$, and $MC = 4 + 3Q$. Find CS and PS at profit-maximized Q^*

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