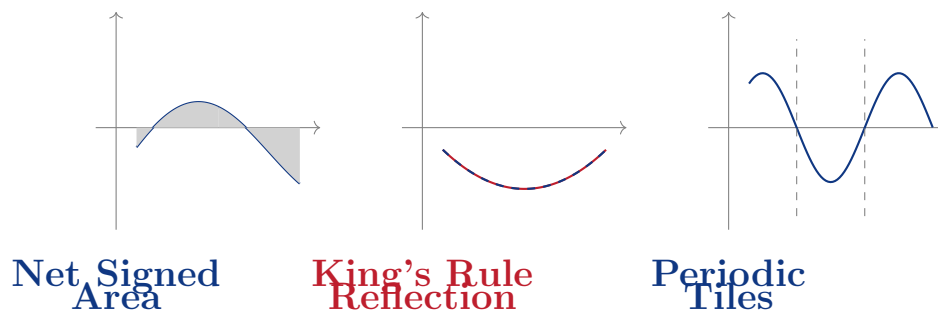




Definite Integration Capsule

Comprehensive Formula Reference for IIT JEE Advanced

Modules: Foundation & Direct Calculus • Symmetry & King/Queen Toolbox • Periodicity & Infinite Sums • Leibniz, Estimation & Reduction

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($a + b - x$)? | Periodic Tile? | Piecewise/GIF? | Leibniz? |
Wallis/Recurrence?**

MODULE 1: FOUNDATION, DIRECT CALCULUS & ELEMENTARY TRANSFORMS

0.1 1. Definite Integral as Net Signed Area & Root Existence Theorem

WHEN IT CLICKS:

Curve profile is geometric, or integral value equals 0 to detect roots.

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = (\text{Area above } x\text{-axis}) - (\text{Area below } x\text{-axis})$$

Limit Swap: $\int_b^a f(x) dx = - \int_a^b f(x) dx$

Root Theorem: If $f(x)$ is continuous on $[a, b]$ and $\int_a^b f(x) dx = 0$, then $f(x) = 0$ has at least one root in (a, b) .

Intuition

Algebraic net area. A zero net integral of a continuous curve guarantees at least one x -axis crossing.

Q: If $\frac{C_1}{1} + \frac{C_2}{1} + \frac{C_3}{1} = 0$, prove $C_2x^2 + C_1x + C_0 = 0$ has at least one root in $(0, 1)$.

App: Notice

$$\int_0^1 (C_2x^2 + C_1x + C_0) dx = \left[\frac{C_2x^3}{3} + \frac{C_1x^2}{2} + C_0x \right]_0^1 = \frac{C_2}{3} + \frac{C_1}{2} + C_0 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{root exists in } (0, 1).$$

0.2 2. Core Properties: Dummy Variable, Limit Reversal & Interval Additivity

WHEN IT CLICKS:

Given discrete integral values, inverted boundaries, or a chain of consecutive limits.

(P-1) $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b f(t) dt$

$$(P-2) \quad \int_a^b f(x) dx = - \int_b^a f(x) dx$$

$$(P-3) \quad \int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^c f(x) dx + \int_c^b f(x) dx$$

Intuition

Variable of integration is dummy. Additivity connects segmented subintervals into one complete path.

Q: If $f'(x) = \frac{e^{\sin x}}{x}$ ($x > 0$) and $\int_1^4 \frac{2e^{\sin(x^2)}}{x} dx = f(k) - f(1)$, find k .

App: Multiply num/den by x :

$$I = \int_1^4 \frac{e^{\sin(x^2)}}{x^2} \cdot 2x dx \xrightarrow{x^2=t} \int_1^{16} \frac{e^{\sin t}}{t} dt = \int_1^{16} f'(t) dt = f(16) - f(1) \Rightarrow k = 16.$$

0.3 3. Direct FCT & Antiderivatives Across Piecewise Partitions

WHEN IT CLICKS:

The integrand changes analytic definition at internal partition boundaries.

Intuition

Never apply a single antiderivative formula across a transition point. Integrate each continuous branch independently.

Q: If $f(x) = x$ ($x < 1$) and $\sin x$ ($x \geq 1$), evaluate $\int_0^\pi f(x) dx$.

App: Split at $x = 1$:

$$I = \int_0^1 x dx + \int_1^\pi \sin x dx = \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^1 + [-\cos x]_1^\pi = \frac{1}{2} + (-(-1) + \cos 1) = \frac{3}{2} + \cos 1.$$

0.4 4. First Principle: Definite Integral as Limit of a Sum

WHEN IT CLICKS:

Question asks to evaluate $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ via first principles or as an explicit n -strip sum.

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} f(a + rh) = (b - a) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} f\left(a + r \frac{b-a}{n}\right), \quad h = \frac{b-a}{n}$$

Intuition

Total area equals sum of n infinitesimal rectangles. Apply standard polynomial sum formulas ($\sum r$, $\sum r^2$).

Q: Evaluate $\int_0^2 (x^2 + 1) dx$ using first principles (limit of a sum).

App: $a = 0$, $b = 2$, $h = \frac{2}{n}$:

$$I = 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} \left[\left(\frac{2r}{n} \right)^2 + 1 \right] = 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[1 + \frac{4}{n^3} \cdot \frac{n(n-1)(2n-1)}{6} \right] = 2 \left(1 + \frac{4}{3} \right) = \frac{14}{3}.$$

0.5 5. Integration by Substitution & Simultaneous Limit Transformation

WHEN IT CLICKS:

Integrand contains a composite function $g(x)$ paired with its differential $g'(x) dx$.

$$\int_a^b f(g(x)) g'(x) dx = \int_{g(a)}^{g(b)} f(t) dt$$

Limits: $x = a \Rightarrow t = g(a)$, $x = b \Rightarrow t = g(b)$

Intuition

Never back-substitute to x in definite integration; evaluate fully in t using the transformed boundaries.

Q: Evaluate $\int_\alpha^\beta \frac{dx}{\sqrt{(x-\alpha)(\beta-x)}}$ where $\beta > \alpha$.

App: Put $x = \alpha \cos^2 \theta + \beta \sin^2 \theta \Rightarrow dx = 2(\beta - \alpha) \sin \theta \cos \theta d\theta$. Limits: $\theta \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$:

$$I = \int_0^{\pi/2} 2 d\theta = \pi.$$

0.6 6. Wallis Formula (Single & Dual Trig Powers on $[0, \pi/2]$)

WHEN IT CLICKS:

Integrand contains pure powers $\sin^n x$, $\cos^n x$ or products $\sin^m x \cos^n x$ over $[0, \pi/2]$.

(a)

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^n x \, dx = \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^n x \, dx = \frac{(n-1)(n-3)(n-5)\cdots}{n(n-2)(n-4)\cdots} K, \quad K = \begin{cases} \pi/2 & n \text{ even} \\ 1 & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

(b)

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^m x \cos^n x \, dx = \frac{[(m-1)(m-3)\cdots][(n-1)(n-3)\cdots]}{(m+n)(m+n-2)(m+n-4)\cdots} K, \quad K = \begin{cases} \pi/2 & \text{both } m, n \text{ even} \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Intuition

Count down in steps of 2 in numerator and denominator until reaching 1 or 2. Multiply by $\pi/2$ only when all powers are even!

Q: Evaluate $\int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \sin^4 x \cos^6 x \, dx$.

App: Integrand is even $\Rightarrow$

$$2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^4 x \cos^6 x \, dx = 2 \cdot \frac{(3 \cdot 1)(5 \cdot 3 \cdot 1)}{10 \cdot 8 \cdot 6 \cdot 4 \cdot 2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{3\pi}{256}.$$

MODULE 2: SYMMETRY, REFLECTION & THE KING / QUEEN TOOLBOX

0.7 7. Even/Odd Parity Test on Symmetric Limits $[-a, a]$ (P-4)

WHEN IT CLICKS:

Integration limits are symmetric: $[-a, a]$. Always test $f(-x)$ before doing algebra!

$$\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = \begin{cases} 0 & f(-x) = -f(x) \text{ (odd)} \\ 2 \int_0^a f(x) dx & f(-x) = f(x) \text{ (even)} \end{cases}$$

Intuition

Odd functions cancel identically across the origin. If integrand is odd, the answer is 0 immediately.

Q: Evaluate $\int_{-1/2}^{1/2} \cos x \cdot \ln\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right) dx$.

App:

$$f(-x) = \cos(-x) \ln\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right) = \cos x \left[-\ln\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)\right] = -f(x).$$

Strictly odd on $[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}] \Rightarrow I = 0$.

0.8 8. Parity of Composite Products, Determinants & Higher Derivatives

WHEN IT CLICKS:

Integrand has a determinant or $f(x), f'(x), f''(x)$ with known parity of f on $[-a, a]$.

$$\text{Even} \times \text{Even} = \text{Even} \quad | \quad \text{Odd} \times \text{Odd} = \text{Even} \quad | \quad \text{Odd} \times \text{Even} = \text{Odd}$$

Derivatives: If $f(x)$ is odd $\Rightarrow f'(x)$ is even $\Rightarrow f''(x)$ is odd.

Intuition

Evaluate composite parity directly without expanding.

Q: If $f(x)$ is an odd determinant, find $\int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} (x^2 + 1)[f(x) + f''(x)] dx$.

App: $f(x)$ is odd $\Rightarrow f''(x)$ is odd $\Rightarrow f(x) + f''(x)$ is odd. Multiplying by even $(x^2 + 1)$ yields an odd integrand $\Rightarrow I = 0$.

0.9 9. King's Property: Interval Reflection $x \rightarrow a + b - x$ (P-5)

WHEN IT CLICKS:

Integrand has complementary pairs $\left(\frac{\sin x}{\cos x}, \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{a+b-x}}\right)$ that swap upon reflection.

$$I = \int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b f(a+b-x) dx \Rightarrow 2I = \int_a^b [f(x) + f(a+b-x)] dx$$

Special case: $\int_0^a f(x) dx = \int_0^a f(a-x) dx$

Intuition

Reflection produces a twin integral. Adding $I + I$ collapses complicated numerators/denominators to 1.

Q: Evaluate $I = \int_2^3 \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{5-x} + \sqrt{x}} dx$.

App: $a + b = 5 \Rightarrow x \rightarrow 5 - x$. Transformed: $I = \int_2^3 \frac{\sqrt{5-x}}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{5-x}} dx$. Adding gives $2I = \int_2^3 1 dx = 1 \Rightarrow I = \frac{1}{2}$.

0.10 10. King's Multiplier Elimination Trick: Removing the “ x ” Factor

WHEN IT CLICKS:

An algebraic factor x is multiplied to a symmetric expression: $\int_a^b xf(x) dx$ where $f(a+b-x) = f(x)$.

$$\int_a^b xf(x) dx = \frac{a+b}{2} \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

For $[0, \pi]$: $\int_0^\pi xf(\sin x) dx = \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^\pi f(\sin x) dx$

Intuition

Linear multiplier x prevents direct integration. King's reflection replaces x with $(a + b - x)$, canceling x upon addition.

Q: Evaluate $I = \int_0^\pi \frac{x \sin x}{1 + \cos^2 x} dx$.

App: Apply King's $x \rightarrow \pi - x$:

$$2I = \pi \int_0^\pi \frac{\sin x}{1 + \cos^2 x} dx \Rightarrow I = \frac{\pi}{2} [-\tan^{-1}(\cos x)]_0^\pi = \frac{\pi^2}{4}.$$

0.11 11. Queen's Property: Upper Limit Halving / $2a$ Rule (P-6)**WHEN IT CLICKS:**

Upper limit is $2a$ (e.g. $\pi, 2\pi$) and you wish to halve the interval to a (e.g. $\pi/2$).

$$\int_0^{2a} f(x) dx = \begin{cases} 2 \int_0^a f(x) dx & \text{if } f(2a - x) = f(x) \\ 0 & \text{if } f(2a - x) = -f(x) \end{cases}$$

Intuition

Tests mirror symmetry around midpoint $x = a$. Halves the limit and doubles the integral.

Q: Evaluate $I = \int_0^\pi \cot x \cos 2x dx$.

App: $2a = \pi$. Check $f(\pi - x) = \cot(\pi - x) \cos(2\pi - 2x) = -\cot x \cos 2x = -f(x) \Rightarrow I = 0$ immediately by Queen's rule.

0.12 12. Standard Log-Trigonometric Benchmark & Fourier Invariance**WHEN IT CLICKS:**

Log-trigonometric forms appearing over domain $[0, \pi/2]$ or reducible via King's property.

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \ln(\sin x) dx = \int_0^{\pi/2} \ln(\cos x) dx = -\frac{\pi}{2} \ln 2 \quad \Bigg| \quad \int_0^{\pi/2} \ln(\tan x) dx = 0$$

Intuition

Adding sine/cosine twins produces $\ln\left(\frac{\sin 2x}{2}\right)$. Using substitution $2x = t$ yields self-similar equation $2I = I - \frac{\pi}{2} \ln 2$.

Q: Evaluate $I = \int_0^{\pi/2} (2 \ln \sin x - \ln \sin 2x) dx$.

App: Expand $\ln \sin 2x = \ln 2 + \ln \sin x + \ln \cos x \Rightarrow$

$$I = \int_0^{\pi/2} [\ln \sin x - \ln \cos x - \ln 2] dx = 0 - \frac{\pi}{2} \ln 2 = -\frac{\pi}{2} \ln 2.$$

MODULE 3: PERIODICITY, PIECEWISE DISCONTINUITY & INFINITE SUMS

0.13 13. Periodic Functions — The Complete Toolbox (P-7 / Jack's Property)

WHEN IT CLICKS:

Integrand is periodic with fundamental period T : $f(x+T) = f(x)$ ($|\sin x| \rightarrow \pi$, $\{x\} \rightarrow 1$, $\sin^2 x \rightarrow \pi$).

- (i) $\int_0^{nT} f(x) dx = n \int_0^T f(x) dx$
- (ii) $\int_a^{a+nT} f(x) dx = n \int_0^T f(x) dx$ (independent of a)
- (iii) $\int_{a+nT}^{b+nT} f(x) dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx$
- (iv) $\int_{mT}^{nT} f(x) dx = (n-m) \int_0^T f(x) dx$
- (v) $\int_{nT}^{a+nT} f(x) dx = \int_0^a f(x) dx$
- (vi) $\int_a^{b+nT} f(x) dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx + n \int_0^T f(x) dx$

Intuition

Count number of fundamental periodic tiles. Shifted base bounds cancel identically across complete periods.

Q: Evaluate $I = \int_{-3}^5 e^{\{x\}} dx$ where $\{x\}$ is the fractional part function.

App: $\{x\}$ has period $T = 1$. Span on $[-3, 5]$ is $5 - (-3) = 8$ complete periods $\Rightarrow I = 8 \int_0^1 e^x dx = 8(e - 1)$.

0.14 14. Modulus Integrands $|g(x)|$ & Zero-Crossing Sign Partitioning

WHEN IT CLICKS:

Integrand contains $|g(x)|$ or trigonometric absolute values $|\sin x|$, $|\cos x|$.

Locate roots $g(x) = 0$ inside $[a, b]$:

$$\int_a^b |g(x)| dx = \int_a^c -g(x) dx + \int_c^b g(x) dx \quad [g(x) \leq 0 \text{ on } [a, c], g(x) \geq 0 \text{ on } [c, b]]$$

Intuition

Find all roots where sign flips. Strip modulus bars with appropriate $\pm$ signs for each interval.

Q: Evaluate $I = \int_0^{16\pi/3} |\sin x| dx$.

App: $|\sin x|$ has period π . Decompose:

$$I = \int_0^{5\pi} |\sin x| dx + \int_{5\pi}^{5\pi+\pi/3} |\sin x| dx = 5 \int_0^{\pi} \sin x dx + \int_0^{\pi/3} \sin x dx = 5(2) + [1 - \cos(\pi/3)] = \frac{21}{2}.$$

0.15 15. Greatest Integer $[g(x)]$ & Fractional Part $\{x\}$ Step Integrals

WHEN IT CLICKS:

Floor function $[g(x)]$ or fractional part $\{x\} = x - [x]$ appears in the integrand.

Find all points where $g(x) = k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Break $[a, b]$ into intervals where $[g(x)]$ is constant:

$$\int [g(x)] dx = \sum k_i \cdot \Delta x_i$$

Intuition

$[g(x)]$ is piecewise constant between integer transition points. Calculate area as sum of flat slabs.

Q: Evaluate $I = \int_1^2 (x^2 + [x^2]^2) dx$.

App: For $x \in [1, 2] \Rightarrow x^2 \in [1, 4]$. Transitions at $x = 1, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, 2$:

$$I = \int_1^{\sqrt{2}} (x^2 + 1^2) dx + \int_{\sqrt{2}}^{\sqrt{3}} (x^2 + 2^2) dx + \int_{\sqrt{3}}^2 (x^2 + 3^2) dx.$$

0.16 16. Sum of Infinite Series via Definite Integration (Limit of a Sum)

WHEN IT CLICKS:

Infinite series limit containing terms in r/n as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{r=\phi_1(n)}^{\phi_2(n)} \frac{1}{n} f\left(\frac{r}{n}\right) = \int_A^B f(x) dx$$

Replacements: $\frac{r}{n} \rightarrow x$, $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow dx$, $A = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\phi_1(n)}{n}$, $B = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\phi_2(n)}{n}$

Intuition

Factor out $1/n$ as differential dx , group remaining terms as $r/n = x$, determine limits from boundary indices.

Q: Evaluate $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{r}{n^2} \sec^2(r^2/n^2)$.

App: Factor $1/n$:

$$\lim \sum \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{r}{n}\right) \sec^2\left(\frac{r^2}{n^2}\right) = \int_0^1 x \sec^2(x^2) dx \xrightarrow{x^2=t} \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \sec^2 t dt = \frac{\tan 1}{2}.$$

0.17 17. Series Conversion with Extended Bounds (kn terms) & Radical Forms

WHEN IT CLICKS:

Series index runs up to kn terms (e.g. $3n, 4n$) or has $\sqrt{n}, \sqrt{r}$ structures.

Rule: Upper limit is not always 1! If sum index runs to kn :

$$B = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{r_{\max}}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{kn}{n} = k \quad (\text{ensured denominator is scaled to pure } r/n)$$

Intuition

Always calculate upper limit from max index $r_{\max}/n$. Never default to integrating on $[0, 1]$ without checking.

Q: Evaluate $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{4n} \right]$.

App: Write as $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{r=1}^{3n} \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{1+r/n}$. Lower limit = 0, Upper = $3n/n = 3$:

$$I = \int_0^3 \frac{dx}{1+x} = [\ln(1+x)]_0^3 = \ln 4.$$

0.18 18. Involution & Reciprocal Inversion Symmetry ($x \rightarrow 1/t$)

WHEN IT CLICKS:

Reciprocal limits $[\sin \theta, \csc \theta]$, $[a, 1/a]$, or functional relation $f(1/x) + x^2 f(x) = 0$.

Transformation: Substitute $x = \frac{1}{t} \Rightarrow dx = -\frac{1}{t^2} dt$. Boundaries invert:

$$\int_a^{1/a} \rightarrow -\int_{1/a}^a = \int_{1/a}^a$$

$$I = \int_a^{1/a} f(x) dx = \int_{1/a}^a f\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \frac{dt}{t^2} \quad \left(\text{Jacobian factor } \frac{1}{t^2} \text{ balances internal quadratic terms} \right)$$

Intuition

Inversion pairs x with $1/x$. Combined with functional equations, produces $I = -I \Rightarrow 2I = 0 \Rightarrow I = 0$.

Q: If $f(1/x) + x^2 f(x) = 0$ ($x \neq 0$), evaluate $I = \int_{\sin \theta}^{\csc \theta} f(x) dx$.

App: Put $x = \frac{1}{t}$:

$$I = \int_{\csc \theta}^{\sin \theta} f\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \left(-\frac{1}{t^2}\right) dt = \int_{\sin \theta}^{\csc \theta} \frac{f(1/t)}{t^2} dt = -\int_{\sin \theta}^{\csc \theta} f(t) dt = -I \Rightarrow I = 0.$$

MODULE 4: LEIBNIZ DIFFERENTIATION, ESTIMATION & REDUCTION FORMULAE

0.19 19. Newton–Leibniz Theorem (Differentiating Variable Limit Integrals)

WHEN IT CLICKS:

Integral has variable bounds in x : $F(x) = \int_{g(x)}^{h(x)} f(t) dt$. Required for derivatives, extrema, or $0/0$ limits.

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\int_{g(x)}^{h(x)} f(t) dt \right] = f(h(x)) \cdot h'(x) - f(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$

(Upper bound derivative $\times$ upper $-$ lower derivative $\times$ lower)

Intuition

Do not integrate $f(t)$. The derivative instantly removes the integral sign by evaluating at the variable limits.

Q: Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\int_0^{x^2} \sin \sqrt{t} \tan \sqrt{t} dt}{x^4}$.

App: Form is $\frac{0}{0}$. Apply L'Hôpital + Leibniz:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin x \tan x \cdot 2x}{4x^2} = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{\sin x}{x} \right) \left(\frac{\tan x}{x} \right) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

0.20 20. Parametric Differentiation (Feynman's Rule) & Function Recovery

WHEN IT CLICKS:

Integrand contains a secondary parameter b with stubborn logs in denominator like $\int_0^1 \frac{x^b - 1}{\ln x} dx$.

$$(a) \quad \frac{d}{db} \left[\int_a^c f(x, b) dx \right] = \int_a^c \frac{\partial f(x, b)}{\partial b} dx$$

$$(b) \text{ Inverse: If } g(x) = f^{-1}(x) \Rightarrow g''(x) = -\frac{f''(x)}{[f'(x)]^3}$$

Intuition

Differentiating w.r.t. parameter b eliminates $\ln x$ in denominator. Integrate back in parameter space.

Q: Evaluate $I(b) = \int_0^1 \frac{x^b - 1}{\ln x} dx$ for $b > -1$.

App: Differentiate w.r.t. b : $I'(b) = \int_0^1 \frac{x^b \ln x}{\ln x} dx = \int_0^1 x^b dx = \frac{1}{b+1} \Rightarrow I(b) = \ln(b+1) + C$.
Since $I(0) = 0 \Rightarrow I(b) = \ln(b+1)$.

0.21 21. Estimation by Range & Monotonic Extrema ($m(b-a) \leq I \leq M(b-a)$)

WHEN IT CLICKS:

Integral cannot be computed analytically; question asks for strict numeric bounds on $[a, b]$.

$$m(b-a) \leq \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq M(b-a), \quad \text{where } m = \min_{[a,b]} f(x), \quad M = \max_{[a,b]} f(x)$$

Intuition

Find global extrema m, M on $[a, b]$ (check endpoints & $f'(x) = 0$). Multiply by interval length $(b-a)$.

Q: Prove that $4 \leq \int_1^3 \sqrt{3+x^3} dx \leq 2\sqrt{30}$.

App: $f(x) = \sqrt{3+x^3}$ is strictly increasing on $[1, 3] \Rightarrow m = f(1) = 2, M = f(3) = \sqrt{30}$. Width $b-a = 2 \Rightarrow 2(2) \leq I \leq 2\sqrt{30} \Rightarrow 4 \leq I \leq 2\sqrt{30}$.

0.22 22. Inequality Comparison & Geometric Bounding (Rectangles & Triangles)

WHEN IT CLICKS:

Tighter bounds needed than flat rectangles, or comparing functions $f(x) \leq g(x)$ on $[a, b]$.

- (a) $f(x) \leq g(x) \Rightarrow \int_a^b f dx \leq \int_a^b g dx$
- (b) $\left| \int_a^b f dx \right| \leq \int_a^b |f| dx$
- (c) $\text{Area}_{\text{rec}} < I < \text{Area}_{\text{rec}} + \text{Area}_{\text{tri}}$

Intuition

A secant triangle enclosing the convex curve provides a much tighter upper bound than a flat circumscribed rectangle.

Q: Estimate $\int_0^1 e^{x^2} dx$ using bounding rectangle and enclosing secant triangle.

App: Lower rectangle = $1(1) = 1$. Upper bound via triangle = Base Rec + Triangle = $1 + \frac{1}{2}(1)(e - 1) = \frac{e+1}{2} \Rightarrow 1 < \int_0^1 e^{x^2} dx < \frac{e+1}{2}$.

0.23 23. Trigonometric Reduction Recurrences ($\sin^n x, \tan^n x, \sin^m x \cos^n x$)

WHEN IT CLICKS:

Integral contains an integer power index n in trigonometric functions.

- (a) $I_n = \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^n x dx \Rightarrow I_n = \left(\frac{n-1}{n} \right) I_{n-2}$
- (b) $I_n = \int_0^{\pi/4} \tan^n x dx \Rightarrow I_n + I_{n-2} = \frac{1}{n-1}$
- (c) $I_{m,n} = \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^m x \cos^n x dx \Rightarrow I_{m,n} = \left(\frac{m-1}{m+n} \right) I_{m-2,n}$

Intuition

Factor $\tan^n x = \tan^{n-2} x (\sec^2 x - 1)$. Boundary terms evaluate directly to pure rational fractions.

Q: If $I_n = \int_0^{\pi/4} \tan^n x dx$, prove $I_n + I_{n-2} = \frac{1}{n-1}$.

App: $I_n = \int_0^{\pi/4} \tan^{n-2} x (\sec^2 x - 1) dx = \left[\frac{\tan^{n-1} x}{n-1} \right]_0^{\pi/4} - I_{n-2} \Rightarrow I_n + I_{n-2} = \frac{1}{n-1}$.

0.24 24. Algebraic Reduction & Polynomial Recurrence Relations

WHEN IT CLICKS:

Definite integral contains high power index n on polynomial factors $I_n = \int_0^1 (1 - x^k)^n dx$.

Integrate by parts: $u = (1 - x^k)^n$, $v = 1$:

$$I_n = [x(1 - x^k)^n]_0^1 + kn \int_0^1 x^k (1 - x^k)^{n-1} dx \Rightarrow (kn + 1)I_n = kn I_{n-1}$$

Intuition

Decompose x^k into $1 - (1 - x^k)$ to separate the integral into I_{n-1} and I_n , then solve for the ratio.

Q: If $I_n = \int_0^1 (1 - x^4)^n dx$, find the ratio I_n/I_{n-1} .

App: IBP: $I_n = 4n \int_0^1 [1 - (1 - x^4)](1 - x^4)^{n-1} dx = 4n(I_{n-1} - I_n) \Rightarrow (4n + 1)I_n = 4n I_{n-1} \Rightarrow$
 $\frac{I_n}{I_{n-1}} = \frac{4n}{4n + 1}.$

JEE Master Recall Loop

Step Check

1. **Symmetric Parity** $[-a, a]$ — test odd/even first, kill to 0 or double to $2 \int_0^a$
 2. **King's** $(a + b - x)$ / **Queen's Halving** — reflect limits, add twins
 3. **Periodic Tiles** — count complete periods, shift base bounds
 4. **Split Modulus/GIF** — break at zeros and integer transitions
 5. **Riemann Sums** — convert $1/n \rightarrow dx$, $r/n \rightarrow x$, compute $r_{\max}/n$ as upper limit
 6. **Leibniz / Wallis** — differentiate variable-limit integrals, or use power-reduction recurrences
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5-SEC CHECK (reread before finalising): Net Area? |
 Odd/Even Zero? | King's $(a + b - x)$? | Periodic Tile? |
 Piecewise/GIF? | Leibniz? | Wallis/Recurrence?