

Ex1: Evaluate the following indefinite integrals:

$$a) I = \int \sqrt{\frac{x^3 - 3}{x^8}} dx, \quad b) J = \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} e^{-\sqrt{x}}} \sec^2(e^{\sqrt{x}} + 1) dx$$

Ex2 Evaluate $\int_a^b (2x+1) dx$ as the limit of Riemann sum.

Use a partition that subdivides $[a, b]$ into n subintervals of equal width. Work with the right endpoint of each subinterval.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ex1: } a) I &= \int \sqrt{\frac{1}{x^8} - \frac{3}{x^{11}}} dx = \int \sqrt{\frac{1}{x^8}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{3}{x^3}} dx \\ &= \int \frac{1}{x^4} \sqrt{1 - \frac{3}{x^3}} dx. \quad \text{Let } t = 1 - \frac{3}{x^3}. \quad \text{Then} \end{aligned}$$

$$dt = \frac{9}{x^4} dx. \quad \text{So } \frac{1}{x^4} dx = \frac{1}{9} dt. \quad \text{Thus:}$$

$$I = \int \frac{1}{9} \sqrt{t} dt = \frac{2}{27} t^{3/2} + C = \frac{2}{27} \left(1 - \frac{3}{x^3}\right)^{3/2} + C$$

$$b) \text{ Let } t = e^{\sqrt{x}} + 1. \quad \text{Then } dt = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} e^{\sqrt{x}} dx. \quad \text{So}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} e^{-\sqrt{x}}} dx &= 2 dt. \quad \text{Hence: } J = \int 2 \sec^2(t) dt \\ &= 2 \tan t + C = 2 \tan(e^{\sqrt{x}} + 1) + C \end{aligned}$$

Ex2: We consider the following partition of $[a, b]$:

$$P = \left\{ a, a + \frac{b-a}{n}, a + 2\frac{b-a}{n}, \dots, a + k\frac{b-a}{n}, \dots, b \right\}$$

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The Riemann sum is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} S_P &= \sum_{k=1}^n \left[2\left(a + k\frac{b-a}{n}\right) + 1 \right] \frac{b-a}{n} \\ &= 2a\frac{b-a}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n 1 + 2\left(\frac{b-a}{n}\right)^2 \sum_{k=1}^n k + \frac{b-a}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n 1 \\ &= 2a(b-a) + 2\left(\frac{b-a}{n}\right)^2 \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + b-a \end{aligned}$$

We take the limit when $n \rightarrow +\infty$ i.e. $\|P\| = \frac{b-a}{n} \rightarrow 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} S_P &= 2a(b-a) + (b-a)^2 + b-a \\ &= (b-a)[2a + b - a + 1] = (b-a)(b+a+1) \\ &= (b-a)(b+a) + b-a \\ &= (b^2 - a^2) + (b-a) \end{aligned}$$