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## **5.4 Further Integration**

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## 5.4.1 Integrating Special Functions

## Integrating Trig Functions

#### How do lintegrate sin and cos?

• The antiderivatives for sine and cosine are

$$\int \sin x \, dx = -\cos x + c$$
$$\int \cos x \, dx = \sin x + c$$

where *C* is the **constant** of **integration** 

- These are given in the **formula booklet**
- For the linear function ax + b, where a and b are constants,

$$\int \sin (ax+b) \, dx = -\frac{1}{a} \cos (ax+b) + c$$
$$\int \cos (ax+b) \, dx = \frac{1}{a} \sin (ax+b) + c$$

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- For calculus with trigonometric functions angles must be measured in radians
  - Ensure you know how to change the angle mode on your GDC

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## Worked example

<sup>a)</sup> Find, in the form 
$$F(x) + c$$
, an expression for each integral  
<sup>b)</sup>  $\int \cos x \, dx$   
<sup>ii)</sup>  $\int 3\sin(2x + \frac{\pi}{3}) \, dx$   
<sup>iii)</sup>  $\int (2\sin(4x) - 3\cos(2x)) \, dx$   
<sup>i</sup>  $\int \cos x \, dx = \sin x + c$   
<sup>i</sup>  $I = \int 3\sin(2x + \frac{\pi}{3}) \, dx = 3 \int \sin(2x + \frac{\pi}{3}) \, dx$   
 $= 3 \left[ -\frac{1}{2}\cos(2x + \frac{\pi}{3}) \right] + c$   
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b) The graph of y = F(x) + c for question (a) part (ii) passes through the point with coordinates  $\left(\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5}{2}\right)$ .



Find the value of  $\, \mathcal{C}. \,$ 

$$fart(Q)(ii) I = -\frac{3}{2}\cos(2x + \frac{\pi}{3}) + c$$
  

$$\therefore \frac{5}{2} = -\frac{3}{2}\cos(2x \frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{3}) + c$$
  

$$\frac{5}{2} = \frac{3}{2} + c$$
  

$$\therefore c = 1$$

Integrating e^x & 1/x

How dolintegrate exponentials and 1/x?

• The antiderivatives involving  $e^x$  and  $\ln x$  are

$$\int e^{x} dx = e^{x} + c$$
$$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x| + c$$

where **C** is the **constant** of **integration** 

• These are given in the **formula booklet** • For the **linear** function (ax + b), where **a** and **b** are constants, **for the linear** function (ax + b), where **a** and **b** are constants, **for the linear** function (ax + b), where **a** and **b** are constants, **for the linear** function (ax + b), where **a** and **b** are constants, **for the linear** function (ax + b), where **a** and **b** are constants, **for the linear** function (ax + b), where **a** and **b** are constants, **for the linear** function (ax + b), where **a** and **b** are constants, **for the linear** function (ax + b), where **a** and **b** are constants, **for the linear** function (ax + b), where **a** and **b** are constants, **for the linear** function (ax + b), where **a** and **b** are constants, **for the linear** function (ax + b), where **a** and **b** are constants, **for the linear** function (ax + b), where **a** and **b** are constants, **for the linear** function (ax + b), where **a** and **b** are constants, **for the linear** function (ax + b), where **a** and **b** are constants, **for the linear** function (ax + b), where **a** and **b** are constants, **for the linear** function (ax + b), where **a** and **b** are constants, **for the linear** function (ax + b), where **a** and **b** are constants, **for the linear** function (ax + b), where **a** and **b** are constants, **for the linear** function (ax + b), where **a** and **b** are constants, **for the linear** function (ax + b), where **a** and **b** are constants, **for the linear** function (ax + b), where **a** and **b** are constants, **for the linear function (ax + b), where <b>a** and **b** are constants, **for the linear function (ax + b), where <b>a** and **b** are constants, **for the linear function (ax + b), where <b>a** and **b** are constants, **for the linear function (ax + b), where <b>a** are constants, **for the linear function (ax + b), where <b>a** are constants, **for the linear function (ax + b), where <b>for the linear function (ax + b), where <b>for the linear function (ax + b), where <b>for the linear fun** 

It follows from the last result that

$$\int \frac{a}{ax+b} \, \mathrm{d}x = \ln|ax+b| + c$$

- which can be deduced using Reverse Chain Rule
- With **In**, it can be useful to write the constant of integration, *C*, as a logarithm
  - using the laws of logarithms, the answer can be written as a single term

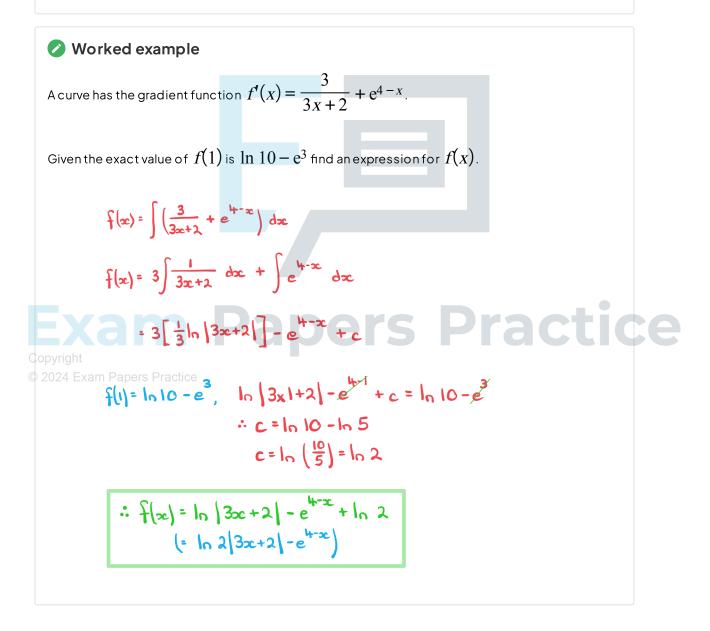
$$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln |x| + \ln k = \ln k |x|$$
 where k is a constant

• This is similar to the special case of **differentiating**  $\ln(ax + b)$  when b = 0



## 😧 Exam Tip

- Make sure you have a copy of the formula booklet during revision but don't try to remember everything in the formula booklet
  - However, do be familiar with the **layout** of the formula booklet
    - You'll be able to quickly locate whatever you are after
    - You do not want to be searching every line of every page!
  - For formulae you think you have remembered, use the booklet to double-check





## 5.4.2 Techniques of Integration

## Integrating Composite Functions (ax+b)

#### What is a composite function?

- A composite function involves one function being applied after another
- A composite function may be described as a "function of a function"
- This Revision Note focuses on one of the functions being linear i.e. of the form ax + b

## How dolintegrate linear (ax+b) functions?

- A linear function (of X) is of the form ax + b
- The special cases for trigonometric functions and exponential and logarithm functions are

$$\int \sin(ax+b) \, \mathrm{d}x = -\frac{1}{a}\cos(ax+b) + c$$

$$\int \cos(ax+b) \, \mathrm{d}x = \frac{1}{a}\sin(ax+b) + c$$

• 
$$\int e^{ax+b} dx = \frac{1}{a}e^{ax+b} + c$$

$$\int \frac{1}{ax+b} \, \mathrm{d}x = \frac{1}{a} \ln|ax+b| + c$$

There is one more special case

$$\int (ax+b)^n \, dx = \frac{1}{a(n+1)} (ax+b)^{n+1} + c \text{ where } n \in \mathbb{Q}, n \neq -1$$

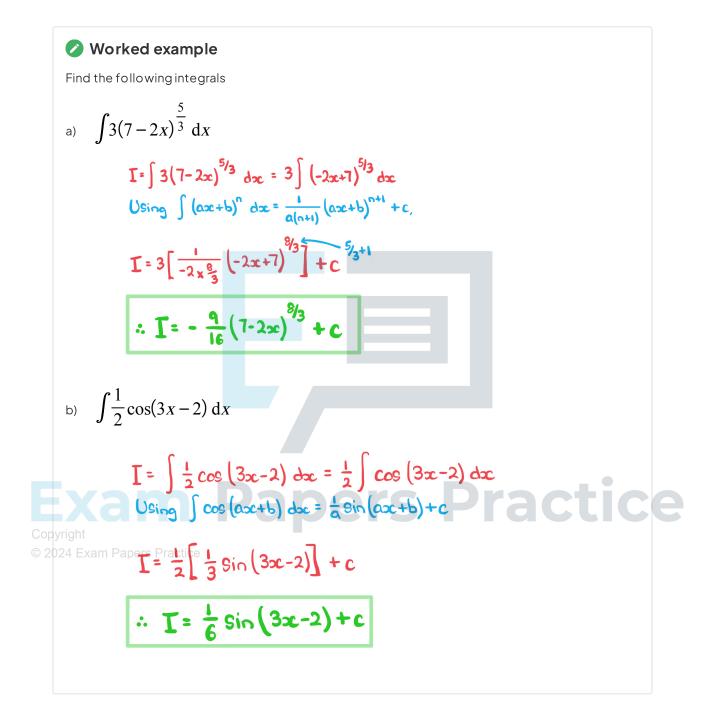
© 20 94 C, in all cases, is the constant of integration

- All the above can be deduced using **reverse chain rule** 
  - However, spotting them can make solutions more efficient

## 😧 Exam Tip

- Although the specific formulae in this revision note are NOT in the **formula booklet** 
  - almost all of the information you will need to apply reverse chain rule is provided
  - make sure you have the formula booklet open at the right page(s) and practice using it







## **Reverse Chain Rule**

## What is reverse chain rule?

- The **Chain Rule** is a way of differentiating two (or more) functions
- Reverse Chain Rule (RCR) refers to integrating by inspection
  - spotting that chain rule would be used in the reverse (differentiating) process

## How dolknow when to use reverse chain rule?

- Reverse chain rule is used when we have the product of a composite function and the derivative of its second function
- Integration is trickier than differentiation; many of the shortcuts do not work

• For example, in general 
$$\int e^{f(x)} dx \neq \frac{1}{f'(x)} e^{f(x)}$$

- However, this result is true if f(x) is linear (ax + b)
- Formally, in function notation, reverse chain rule is used for integrands of the form

$$I = \int g'(x) f(g(x)) \, \mathrm{d}x$$

- this does not have to be strictly true, but 'algebraically' it should be
  - if coefficients do not match 'adjust and compensate' can be used
    - e.g.  $5x^2$  is not quite the derivative of  $4x^3$ 
      - the algebraic part  $(X^2)$  is 'correct'
      - but the coefficient 5 is 'wrong'
      - use 'adjust and compensate' to 'correct'it

A particularly useful instance of reverse chain rule to recognise is

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- $I = \int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} \, dx = \ln |f(x)| + c$
- i.e. the **numerator** is (almost) the **derivative** of the **denominator**
- 'adjust and compensate' may need to be used to deal with any coefficients
  - e.g.

$$I = \int \frac{x^2 + 1}{x^3 + 3x} \, dx = \frac{1}{3} \int 3 \frac{x^2 + 1}{x^3 + 3x} \, dx = \frac{1}{3} \int \frac{3x^2 + 3}{x^3 + 3x} \, dx = \frac{1}{3} \ln |x^3 + 3x| + c$$

## How do lintegrate using reverse chain rule?

- If the product **can** be identified, the **integration** can be done "by **inspection**"
  - there may be some "adjusting and compensating" to do
- Notice a lot of the "adjust and compensate method" happens mentally



• this is indicated in the steps below by quote marks

#### STEP 1

Spot the 'main' function

e.g. 
$$I = \int x(5x^2 - 2)^6 dx$$
  
"the main function is  $(\dots)^6$  which would come from  $(\dots)^7$ ."

## STEP 2

**'Adjust'** and **'compensate'** any coefficients required in the integral e.g. " ( ... )<sup>7</sup> would differentiate to 7( ... )<sup>6</sup>" "chain rule says multiply by the derivative of  $5x^2 - 2$ , which is 10x"

"there is no '7' or '10' in the integrand so adjust and compensate"

$$I = \frac{1}{7} \times \frac{1}{10} \times \int 7 \times 10 \times x(5x^2 - 2)^6 \, \mathrm{d}x$$

STEP 3

Integrate and simplify

e.g. 
$$I = \frac{1}{7} \times \frac{1}{10} \times (5x^2 - 2)^7 + c$$
  
 $I = \frac{1}{70} (5x^2 - 2)^7 + c$ 

• Differentiation can be used as a means of checking the final answer

After some practice, you may find Step 2 is not needed

Copyright Do use it on more awkward questions (negatives and fractions!)

© 2024 If the product **cannot** easily be identified, use **substitution** 

## 💽 Exam Tip

- Before the exam, practice this until you are confident with the pattern and do not need to worry about the formula or steps anymore
  - This will save time in the exam
- You can always check your work by differentiating, if you have time



## **Worked example**

A curve has the gradient function  $f'(x) = 5x^2 \sin(2x^3)$ .

Given that the curve passes through the point (0, 1), find an expression for f(x).

$$f(x) = \int 5x^{2} \sin(2x^{3}) dx$$

$$f(x) = 5 \int x^{2} \sin(2x^{3}) dx$$
Take 5 out as a factor
This is a product, almost in the form  $g'(x) f(g(x))$ 
STEP 1: Spot the 'main' function
$$f(x) = \int x^{2} \sin(2x^{3}) dx$$
STEP 2: 'Adjust and compensate' coefficients
$$f'(x) = \int x^{2} \cos(2x^{3}) dx$$
STEP 3: Integrate and simplify
$$f(x) = -\frac{5}{6} \cos(2x^{3}) + c$$



## Substitution: Reverse Chain Rule

## What is integration by substitution?

- When reverse chain rule is difficult to spot or awkward to use then **integration** by **substitution** can be used
  - substitution simplifies the integral by defining an alternative variable (usually U) in terms of the original variable (usually X)
  - everything (including "dX" and limits for definite integrals) is then substituted which makes the integration much easier

## How do lintegrate using substitution?

#### STEP 1

Identify the substitution to be used - it will be the secondary function in the composite function

So 
$$g(x)$$
 in  $f(g(x))$  and  $u = g(x)$ 

#### STEP 2

Differentiate the substitution and rearrange

## d*u*

 $\frac{dx}{dx}$  can be treated like a fraction

(i.e. "multiply by dx" to get rid of fractions)

## STEP 3

Replace all parts of the integral



All x terms should be replaced with equivalent u terms, including  $\mathrm{d}x$ 

If finding a **definite integral** change the limits from X-values to U-values to o

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substitute X back in

#### or

evaluate the definte integral using the  $\,u$  limits (either using a GDC or manually)

## STEP 5

Find C, the constant of integration, if needed

- For **definite integrals**, a GDC should be able to process the integral without the need for a substitution
  - be clear about whether working is required or not in a question

## 🖸 Exam Tip

• Use your GDC to check the value of a definite integral, even in cases where working needs to be shown



## 🖉 Worked example

a) Find the integral

$$\int \frac{6x+5}{(3x^2+5x-1)^3} \, \mathrm{d}x$$

STEP 1: Identify the substitution The <u>composite</u> function is  $(3x^2+5x-1)^3$ The <u>secondary</u> function of this is  $3x^2+5x-1$   $\therefore$  Let  $v = 3x^2+5x-1$ STEP 2: Differentiate v and rearrange  $\frac{dv}{dv} = 6x+5$   $\frac{dv}{dx} = 6x+5$   $\frac{dv}{dv} = (6x+5) dx$ STEP 3: Replace all parts of the integral  $I = \int \frac{6x+5}{(3x^2+5x-1)^2} dx = \int \frac{dv}{v^3}$ 

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(STEP 5 not needed, evaluating c is not required)  $I = u^2 + c$ 

$$-2$$
  
I =  $-\frac{1}{2}(3x^2+5x-1)^{-2}+c$ 

$$\stackrel{:}{=} \frac{-1}{2(3x^2+5x-1)^2} + c$$

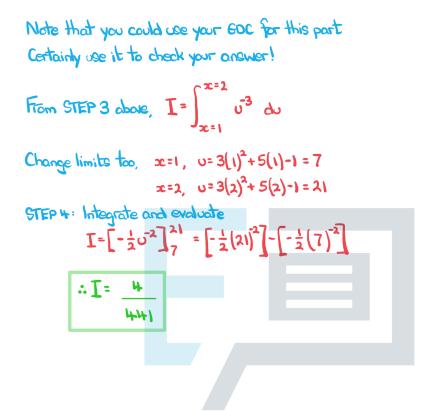
b) Evaluate the integral

$$\int_{1}^{2} \frac{6x+5}{(3x^2+5x-1)^3} \, \mathrm{d}x$$

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giving your answer as an exact fraction in its simplest terms.



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## 5.4.3 Definite Integrals

## **Definite Integrals**

## What is a definite integral?

$$\int_{a}^{b} \mathbf{f}(x) \, dx = \left[\mathbf{F}(x)\right]_{a}^{b} = \mathbf{F}(b) - \mathbf{F}(a)$$

- This is known as the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus
- *a* and *b* are called limits
  - *a* is the lower limit
  - **b**is the upper limit
- f(x) is the integrand
- F(x) is an **antiderivative** of f(x)
- The constant of integration ("+c") is not needed in definite integration
  - "+c" would appear alongside both F(a) and F(b)
  - subtracting means the "+c"'s cancel

## How do I find definite integrals analytically (manually)?

#### STEP 1

Give the integral a name to save having to rewrite the whole integral every time If need be, rewrite the integral into an integrable form

## Exam $PaI=\int_{a}^{b}f(x) dx$ Practice

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Integrate without applying the limits; you will not need "+c" Notation: use square brackets [] with limits placed at the end bracket

STEP 3 Substitute the limits into the function and evaluate

## 😧 Exam Tip

 If a question does not state that you can use your GDC then you must show all of your working clearly, however it is always good practice to check you answer by using your GDC if you have it in the exam





a) Show that

$$\int_{2}^{4} 3x(x^2 - 2) \, \mathrm{d}x = 144$$

STEP 1: Nome the integral and rewrite into an integratable form  

$$I = \int_{x}^{b} (3x^{3} - 6x) dx$$
STEP 2: Integrate  

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{4}x^{b} - 3x^{2} \end{bmatrix}_{2}^{b}$$
STEP 3: Evaluate  

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{4}(b)^{b} - 3(b)^{2} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{4}(2)^{b} - 3(2)^{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$I = Ibb + 0$$

$$\therefore \int_{x}^{b} 3x(x^{2} - 2) = Ibb + b$$
b) Use your GDC to evaluate  

$$\int_{0}^{1} 3e^{x^{2} \sin x} dx$$
Practice

giving your answer to three significant figures.

Using GDC,  

$$\int_{0}^{1} 3e^{x^{2} \sin x} dx = 3.872.957...$$
  
 $\therefore \int_{0}^{1} 3e^{x^{2} \sin x} dx = 3.67 \quad (3 \text{ s.f.})$ 



## **Properties of Definite Integrals**

## Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

$$\int_{a}^{b} \mathbf{f}(x) \, dx = \left[\mathbf{F}(x)\right]_{a}^{b} = \mathbf{F}(b) - \mathbf{F}(a)$$

- Formally,
  - f(x) is **continuous** in the interval  $a \le x \le b$
  - F(x) is an **antiderivative** of f(x)

## What are the properties of definite integrals?

- Some of these have been encountered already and some may seem obvious ...
  - taking **constant** factors outside the integral

• 
$$\int_{a}^{b} kf(x) dx = k \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx$$
 where  $k$  is a constant

useful when fractional and/or negative values involved

integrating term by term

- 
$$\int_{a}^{b} [f(x) + g(x)] dx = \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx + \int_{a}^{b} g(x) dx$$

• the above works for subtraction of terms/functions too

equal upper and lower limits

$$\int_{a}^{a} f(x) \, dx = 0$$

- on evaluating, this would be a value, subtract itself!
- swapping limits gives the same, but negative, result

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = -\int_{b}^{a} f(x) dx \text{ ers Practice}$$

compare 8 subtract 5 say, with 5 subtract 8 ...

Splitting the interval

• 
$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = \int_{a}^{c} f(x) dx + \int_{c}^{b} f(x) dx$$
 where  $a \le c \le b$ 

- this is particularly useful for areas under multiple curves or areas under the X-axis
- horizontal translations

• 
$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = \int_{a-k}^{b-k} f(x+k) dx$$
 where k is a constant

• the graph of  $y = f(x \pm k)$  is a horizontal translation of the graph of y = f(x)(f(x + k) translates left, f(x - k) translates right)

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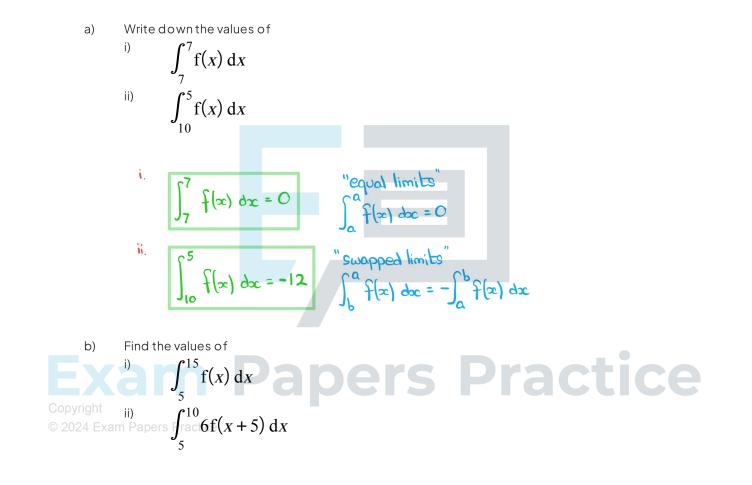
• Learning the properties of definite integrals can help to save time in the exam



**Worked example** 

f(x) is a continuous function in the interval  $5 \le x \le 15$ .

It is known that 
$$\int_{5}^{10} f(x) dx = 12$$
 and that  $\int_{10}^{15} f(x) dx = 5$ .





$$I = \int_{5}^{16} f(x) dx = \int_{5}^{10} f(x) dx + \int_{10}^{16} f(x) dx = 12 + 5 = 17$$

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = \int_{a}^{c} f(x) dx + \int_{c}^{a} f(x) dx$$

$$\therefore \int_{5}^{15} f(x) dx = 17$$

$$II = \int_{5}^{10} 6f(x+5) = 6 \int_{5}^{10} f(x+5) dx$$

$$I = 6 \int_{5+5}^{10+5} f(x) dx$$

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$$I = 6 \int_{0}^{10+5} f(x) dx = 6 \times 5 = 30$$

$$I = 6 \int_{10}^{10} f(x) dx = 30$$

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## 5.4.4 Further Applications of Integration

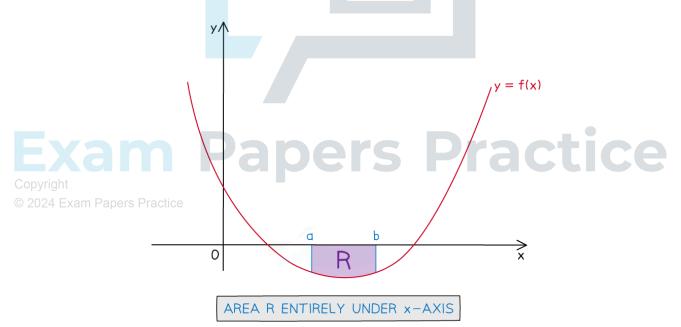
## **Negative Integrals**

- The area under a curve may appear **fully** or **partially** under the x-axis
  - This occurs when the function f(x) takes **negative** values within the boundaries of the area
- The definite integrals used to find such areas
  - will be **negative** if the area is **fully** under the *X*-axis
  - possibly negative if the area is partially under the X-axis
    - this occurs if the negative area(s) is/are greater than the positive area(s), their sum will be negative
- When using a GDC use the modulus (absolute value) function so that all definite integrals have a positive value

$$A = \int_{a}^{b} |y| \, \mathrm{d}x$$

This is given in the formula booklet

## How do I find the area under a curve when the curve is fully under the x-axis?



#### STEP1

Write the expression for the definite integral to find the area as usual This may involve finding the lower and upper limits from a graph sketch or GDC and f(x) may need to be rewritten in an integrable form

#### STEP 2

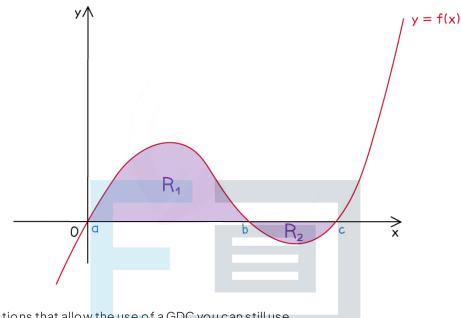
The answer to the definite integral will be negative



Area must always be positive so take the modulus (absolute value) of it

e.g. If I = -36 then the area would be 36 (square units)

#### How do I find the area under a curve when the curve is partially under the x-axis?



$$A = \int_{a}^{c} |f(x)| \, \mathrm{d}x$$

To find the area analytically (manually) use the following method

#### STEP 1

Split the area into parts - the area(s) that are above the x-axis and the area(s) that are below the x-axis

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Write the expression for the definite integral for each part (give each part a name,  $I_{1}$ ,  $I_{2}$ , etc) This may involve finding the lower and upper limits of each part from a graph sketch or a GDC, finding the roots of the function (i.e. where f(x) = 0) and rewriting f(x) in an integrable form

#### STEP 3

Find the value of each definite integral separately

#### STEP 4

Find the area by summing the modulus (absolute values) of each integral (Mathematically this would be written  $A = |I_1| + |I_2| + |I_3| + ...$ )

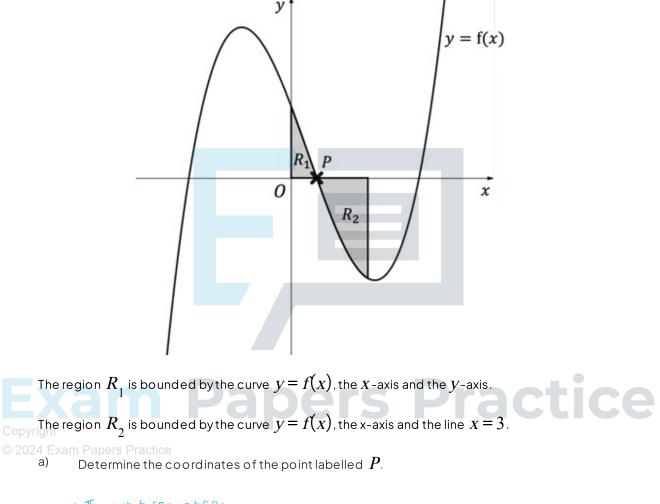
## 💽 Exam Tip

• If no diagram is provided, quickly sketch one so that you can see where the curve is above and below the x - axis and split up your integrals accordingly



## Worked example

The diagram below shows the graph of y = f(x) where f(x) = (x+4)(x-1)(x-5).



a) The x-coordinate of P is a root of f(x) f(x)=0 (x+4)(x-1)(x-5)=0 x=-4, x=1, x=5Clearly from the graph, x=1 at point P  $\therefore P(1, 0)$ 

b)



- i) Find a definite integral that would help find the area of the shaded region  $R_2$  and briefly explain why this would **not** give the area of the region  $R_2$ .
- ii) Find the exact area of the shaded region  $R_2^{}$ .

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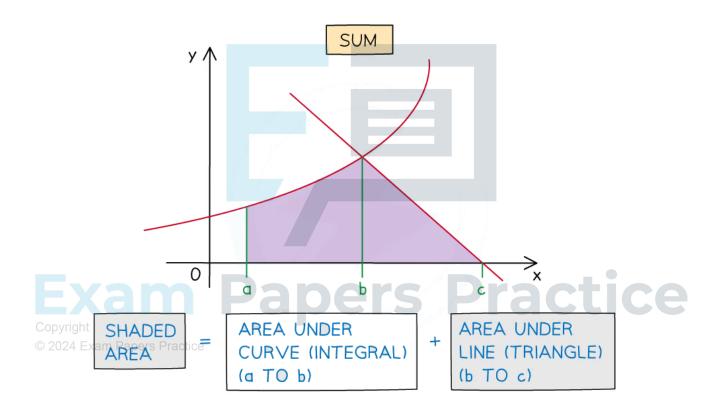
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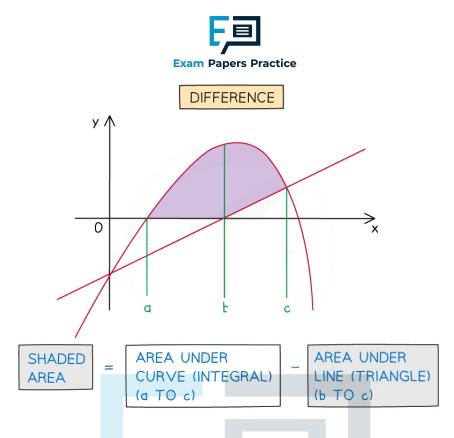
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## Area Between a Curve and a Line

- Areas whose boundaries include a curve and a (non-vertical) straight line can be found using integration
  - For an area under a curve a definite integral will be needed
  - For an **area** under a **line** the shape formed will be a **trapezium** or **triangle** 
    - **basic area formulae** can be used rather than a definite integral
    - (although a definite integral would still work)
- The area required could be the sum or difference of areas under the curve and line





## How do I find the area between a curve and a line?

#### STEP 1

If not given, sketch the graphs of the curve and line on the same diagram Use a GDC to help with this step

## STEP 2

Find the intersections of the curve and the line If no diagram is given this will help identify the area(s) to be found



## STEP 3

Determine whether the area required is the sum or difference of the area under the curve and Copyright the area under the line

© 2024 Ex Calculate the area under a curve using a integral of the form

$$\int_{a}^{b} y \, \mathrm{d}x$$

Calculate the area under a line using either  $A = \frac{1}{2}bh$  for a triangle or  $A = \frac{1}{2}h(a+b)$  for a

trapezium (y-coordinates will be needed)

## STEP 4

Evaluate the definite integrals and find their sum or difference as necessary to obtain the area required

## 💽 Exam Tip

- Add information to any diagram provided
- Add axes intercepts, as well as intercepts between lines and curves
- Mark and shade the area you're trying to find
- If no diagram is provided, sketch one!



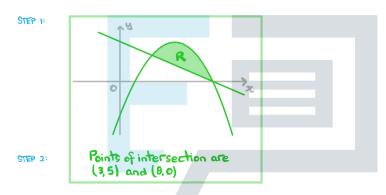
## Ø Worked example

The region R is bounded by the curve with equation  $y = 10x - x^2 - 16$  and the line with equation y = 8 - x.

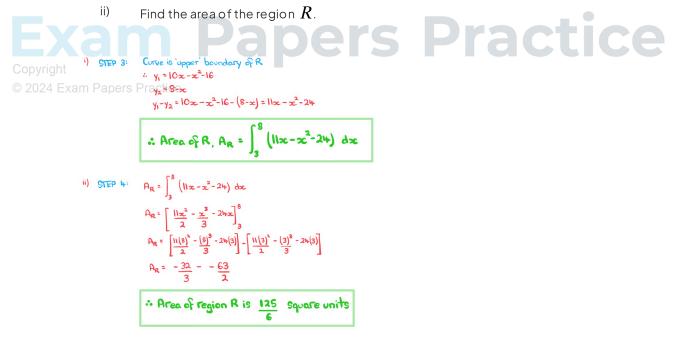
R lies entirely in the first quadrant.

a) Using your GDC, or otherwise, sketch the graphs of the curve and the line on the same diagram.

Identify and label the region R on your sketch and use your GDC to find the x-coordinates of the points of intersection between the curve and the line.



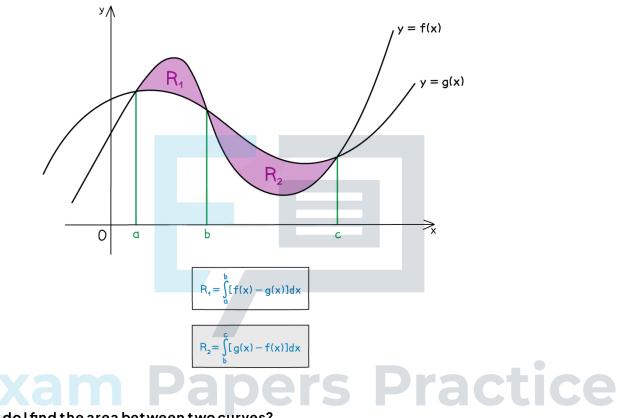
b) i) Write down an integral that would find the area of the region R.





## Area Between 2 Curves

- Areas whose boundaries include two curves can be found by integration
  - The area between two curves will be the difference of the areas under the two curves
     both areas will require a definite integral
  - Finding points of intersection may involve a more awkward equation than solving for a curve and a line



## (How do I find the area between two curves?

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> If not given, sketch the graphs of both curves on the same diagram Use a GDC to help with this step

## STEP 2

Find the intersections of the two curves If no diagram is given this will help identify the area(s) to be found

## STEP 3

For each area (there may only be one) determine which curve is the 'upper' boundary For each area, write a definite integral of the form

$$\int_{a}^{b} (y_1 - y_2) \,\mathrm{d}x$$

where  $\boldsymbol{y}_1$  is the function for the 'upper' boundary and  $\boldsymbol{y}_2$  is the function for the 'lower'

boundary

Be careful when there is more than one region - the 'upper' and 'lower' boundaries will swap



#### STEP 4

Evaluate the definite integrals and sum them up to find the total area (Step 3 means no definite integral will have a negative value)

## 💽 Exam Tip

- If no diagram is provided sketch one, even if the curves are not accurate
- Add information to any given diagram as you work through a question
- Maximise use of your GDC to save time and maintain accuracy:
  - Use it to sketch the graphs and help you visualise the problem
  - Use it to find definite integrals

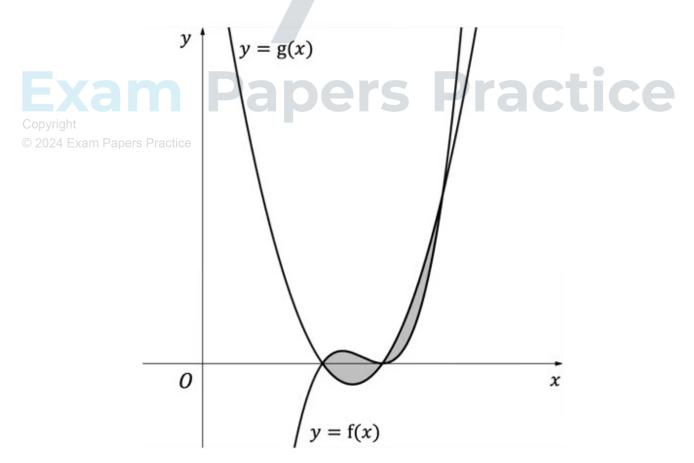
## Worked example

The diagram below shows the curves with equations y = f(x) and y = g(x) where

$$f(x) = (x-2)(x-3)^2$$

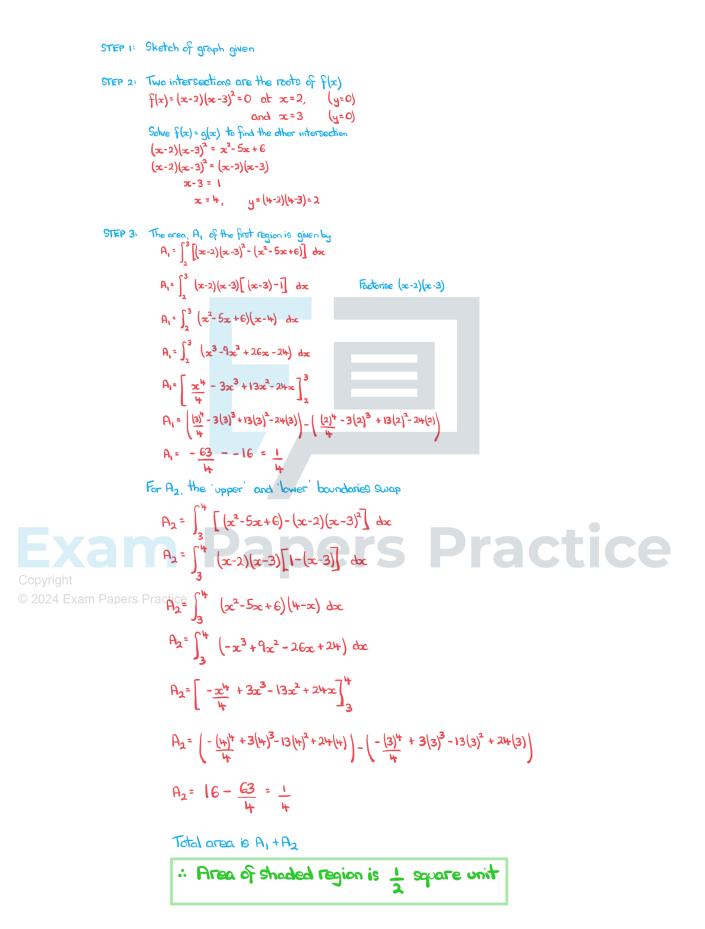
$$g(x) = x^2 - 5x + 6$$

Find the area of the shaded region.



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