

INTEGRALS: WHAT THEY MEAN

- 1) Explain in your own words what “the integral of a function” actually means...
- ...for a graph of the function.
 - ...regarding the rate of change of the function.
 - ...for a physical situation represented by a function (pick your own example).

2) The mathematical definition of the integral is

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \sum f(x_n) \cdot \Delta x$$

What does each piece of this definition mean?

How does it compare to your descriptions in questions 1a, 1b, and 1c?

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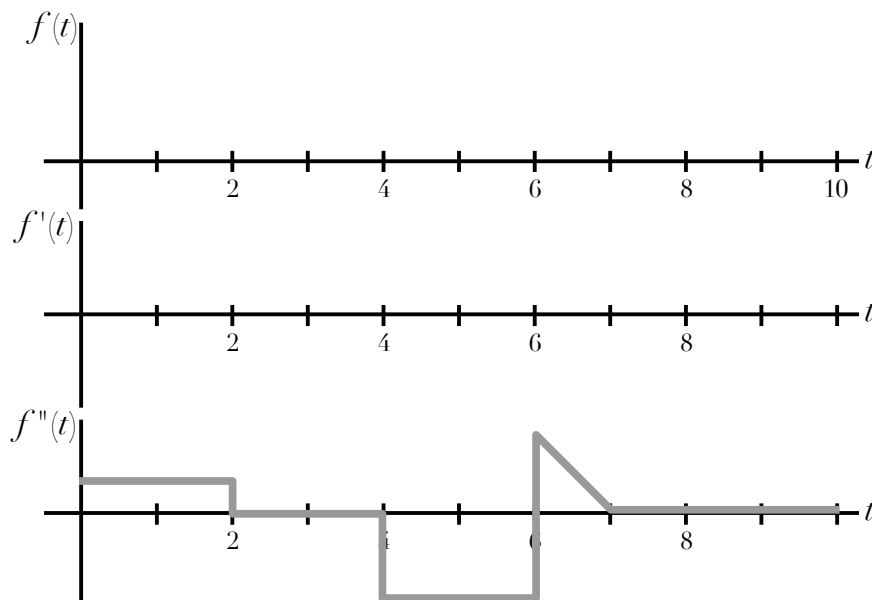
$$\int \left(\frac{d}{dx} f(x) \right) dx =$$

5) Describe the difference between a *definite* integral and an *indefinite* integral.

One of them always includes a “+ c”; what does this mean, and why is it necessary?

6) What does it mean when the value of a definite integral is zero? ...positive? ...negative?

7) Given this graph of the *second* derivative of some mystery function, sketch possible graphs of the function’s first derivative and the function itself.



INTEGRALS: CALCULATIONS

Given this graph of $f(t)$, evaluate each definite integral. (Hint: think geometrically!)

8) $\int_0^2 f(t) dt =$

9) $\int_1^3 f(t) dt =$

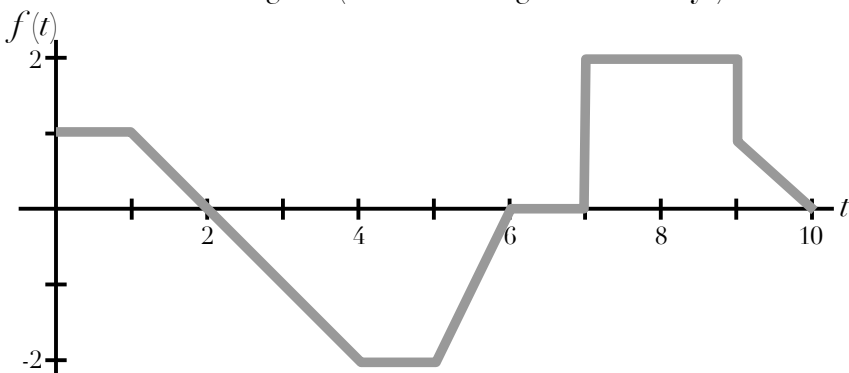
10) $\int_{10}^7 f(t) dt =$

11) $\int_7^2 f(t) dt =$

12) $\int_0^{10} f(t) dt =$

13) $\int_0^{10} (f(t)+5) dt =$

14) $\int_0^{10} (-3 \cdot f(t)) dt =$



Evaluate the following integrals:

15) $\int 0 dt =$

16) $\int -5 dt =$

17) $\int_1^3 (9t^2 + 4t - 6) dt =$

18) $\int_0^{\infty} e^{-3t} dt =$

19) $\int \left(\frac{1}{t^2} + \frac{1}{t} \right) dt =$

20) $\int_0^2 \sqrt{4t+1} dt =$

21) $\int \frac{5}{3t-4} dt =$

22) $\int t \cdot e^{5t^2} dt =$

23) Suppose that all you know about a function is that its derivative is 3 more than 5 times its own value: $\frac{dy}{dt} = 5y + 3$. Use integrals to find the function y . (Hint: multiply by dt .)