

# Math 53 Lecture: Theorems for Definite Integrals

Lecturer: Jose Maria L. Esaner IV, Ph.D.  
Lecture 17

We present properties of the definite integrals that contributed in the foundation of integral calculus. Evaluation of definite integrals follow from the second fundamental theorem of calculus.

**Theorem 1** *If the function  $f$  and  $g$  are integrable on the closed interval  $[a, b]$  and if  $f(x) \geq g(x)$  for all  $x$  in  $[a, b]$ , then*

$$\int_a^b f(x) \, dx \geq \int_a^b g(x) \, dx.$$

**Theorem 2** *Suppose that the function  $f$  is continuous on the closed interval  $[a, b]$ . If  $m$  and  $M$  are the absolute minimum and absolute maximum values, respectively, of  $f$  on  $[a, b]$  so that  $m \leq f(x) \leq M$  for  $a \leq x \leq b$ , then*

$$m(b - a) \leq \int_a^b f(x) \, dx \leq M(b - a).$$

**Theorem 3 (Mean Value Theorem for Integrals)** *If the function is continuous on the closed interval  $[a, b]$ , there exists a number  $c \in [a, b]$  such that*

$$\int_a^b f(x) \, dx = f(c)(b - a).$$

**Definition 1 (Average Value of a Function)** *If the function  $f$  is integrable on the closed interval  $[a, b]$ , then the average value of  $f$  on  $[a, b]$  is*

$$\frac{\int_a^b f(x) \, dx}{b - a}.$$

**Theorem 4 (First Fundamental Theorem of Calculus)** *Let  $f$  be a continuous function on  $[a, b]$  and let  $x$  be any number in  $[a, b]$ . If  $F$  is a function defined by*

$$F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) \, dt$$

then

$$F'(x) = f(x) \iff \frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x f(t) \, dt = f(x).$$

**Theorem 5 (Second Fundamental Theorem of Calculus)** *Let  $f$  be a continuous function on  $[a, b]$  and let  $F$  be a function such that*

$$F'(x) = f(x) \quad \forall x \in [a, b].$$

Then

$$\int_a^b f(t) \, dt = F(b) - F(a).$$

**Exercises:**

1. Perform the following:

(a)  $\int \left( \sqrt[4]{x+1} - \frac{x^2+1}{\sqrt{x}} \right) dx$

(b)  $\int \sec^3 x \sin 2x dx$

(c)  $\int \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{1-x}} dx$

(d)  $\int \frac{1-2\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x}(3+2\sqrt{x})^3} dx$

2. Evaluate the following definite integrals:

(a)  $\int_0^1 (3x^2 + 2\sqrt{x} + 3\sqrt[3]{x}) dx$

(b)  $\int_{-1}^0 (x+1)^3 dx$

(c)  $\int_{-1}^2 (3x^2 + 2x + 4) dx$

(d)  $\int_1^4 \frac{x^2-1}{\sqrt{x}} dx$

(e)  $\int_0^\pi \sin^2 x \cos x dx$

(f) \*  $\int_{-2}^2 |1-x| dx$

(g) \*  $\int_{-3}^3 |3x-2| dx$

(h) \*  $\int_0^6 \sqrt{6x-x^2} dx$

3. Use properties of integrals to establish each inequality without evaluating the integrals involved:

(a)  $1 \leq \int_0^1 \sqrt{1+x^2} dx \leq \int_0^1 \sqrt{1+x} dx$

(b)  $\int_1^2 \sqrt{1+x} dx \leq \int_1^2 \sqrt{1+x^3} dx \leq \sqrt{10}$

(c)  $\int_0^2 \sin \sqrt{x} dx \leq 2$

4. Given an upper bound and a lower bound for the following definite integrals:

(a)  $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+x} dx$

(b)  $\int_4^9 \frac{1}{1+\sqrt{x}} dx$

(c)  $\int_0^{\pi/6} \cos^2 x dx$

(d)  $\int_0^{\pi/4} \sqrt{16+2\sin^2 x} dx$