

## Exercises 17      Definite integral

### Definite integral, area under a curve, consumer's/producer's surplus

#### Objectives

- be able to determine the definite integral of a constant/basic power/basic exponential function.
- be able to determine the area between the graph of a basic power function and the abscissa.
- be able to determine the consumer's/producer's surplus if the demand and supply functions are basic power functions.

#### Problems

17.1 Calculate the definite integrals below:

a) $\int_3^4 (2x - 5) dx$	b) $\int_0^1 (x^3 + 2x) dx$	c) $\int_{-5}^{-3} \left(\frac{x^2}{2} - 4\right) dx$
d) $\int_2^4 \left(x^3 - \frac{x^2}{2} + 3x - 4\right) dx$	e) $\int_{-2}^2 \left(2x^2 - \frac{x^4}{8}\right) dx$	f) $\int_{-1}^1 e^x dx$

17.2 Determine the area between the graph of the function and the x-axis on the interval where the graph of f is above the x-axis, i.e. where  $f(x) \geq 0$ .

a) $f(x) = -x^2 + 1$	b) $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 2x$
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17.3 The demand function for a product is  $p = f(x) = 100 - 4x^2$ .  
If the equilibrium quantity is 4 units, what is the consumer's surplus?

17.4 The demand function for a product is  $p = f(x) = 34 - x^2$ .  
If the equilibrium price is \$9, what is the consumer's surplus?

17.5 The demand function for a certain product is  
 $p = f(x) = 81 - x^2$   
and the supply function is  
 $p = g(x) = x^2 + 4x + 11$ .  
Find the equilibrium point and the consumer's surplus there.

17.6 Suppose that the supply function for a good is  $p = g(x) = 4x^2 + 2x + 2$ .  
If the equilibrium price is \$422, what is the producer's surplus?

17.7 Find the producer's surplus for a product if its demand function is  
 $p = f(x) = 81 - x^2$   
and its supply function is  
 $p = g(x) = x^2 + 4x + 11$

17.8 The demand function for a certain product is  
 $p = f(x) = 144 - 2x^2$   
and the supply function is  
 $p = g(x) = x^2 + 33x + 48$   
Find the producer's surplus at the equilibrium point.

### Answers

17.1 a)  $\int_3^4 (2x - 5) dx = [x^2 - 5x]_3^4 = (4^2 - 5 \cdot 4) - (3^2 - 5 \cdot 3) = 2$

b)  $\int_0^1 (x^3 + 2x) dx = \left[ \frac{x^4}{4} + x^2 \right]_0^1 = \left( \frac{1^4}{4} + 1^2 \right) - \left( \frac{0^4}{4} + 0^2 \right) = \frac{5}{4}$

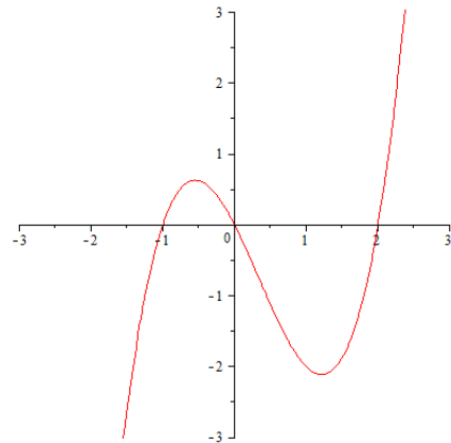
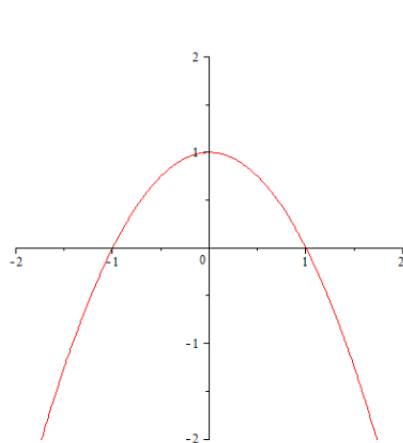
c)  $\int_{-5}^{-3} \left( \frac{x^2}{2} - 4 \right) dx = \left[ \frac{x^3}{6} - 4x \right]_{-5}^{-3} = \left( \frac{(-3)^3}{6} - 4 \cdot (-3) \right) - \left( \frac{(-5)^3}{6} - 4 \cdot (-5) \right) = \frac{25}{3}$

d)  $\int_2^4 \left( x^3 - \frac{x^2}{2} + 3x - 4 \right) dx = \left[ \frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{3x^2}{2} - 4x \right]_2^4 = \left( \frac{4^4}{4} - \frac{4^3}{6} + \frac{3 \cdot 4^2}{2} - 4 \cdot 4 \right) - \left( \frac{2^4}{4} - \frac{2^3}{6} + \frac{3 \cdot 2^2}{2} - 4 \cdot 2 \right) = \frac{182}{3}$

e)  $\int_{-2}^2 \left( 2x^2 - \frac{x^4}{8} \right) dx = \left[ \frac{2x^3}{3} - \frac{x^5}{40} \right]_{-2}^2 = \left( \frac{2 \cdot 2^3}{3} - \frac{2^5}{40} \right) - \left( \frac{2 \cdot (-2)^3}{3} - \frac{(-2)^5}{40} \right) = \frac{136}{15}$

f)  $\int_{-1}^1 e^x dx = [e^x]_{-1}^1 = e^1 - e^{-1} = e - \frac{1}{e}$

17.2 a)  $A = \int_{-1}^1 (-x^2 + 1) dx = \left[ -\frac{x^3}{3} + x \right]_{-1}^1 = \frac{4}{3}$       b)  $A = \int_{-1}^0 (x^3 - x^2 - 2x) dx = \left[ \frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{x^3}{3} - x^2 \right]_{-1}^0 = \frac{5}{12}$



#### Hints:

- First, find the positions  $x$  where the graph of  $f$  intersects the  $x$ -axis, i.e. where  $f(x) = 0$
- Then, find the interval on which the graph of  $f$  is above the  $x$ -axis, i.e. where  $f(x) \geq 0$

17.3	Consumer's surplus	CS = \$170.67
17.4	Consumer's surplus	CS = \$83.33
17.5	Equilibrium quantity	$x = 5$
	Equilibrium price	$p = \$56$
	Consumer's surplus	CS = \$83.33
17.6	Producer's surplus	PS = \$2766.67
17.7	Producer's surplus	PS = \$133.33
17.8	Producer's surplus	PS = \$103.34