

The integral as an Accumulator

Suppose at time = 2, an object traveling in a straight line has position $s(2) = 6$. The object is moving at a rate of $v(t) = 9\sin(2t)$. Find the position of the object at time = 4. So far, in order to calculate this we would do the following:

Knowing that $\frac{ds(t)}{dt} = v(t)$, we can conclude that $s(t) = \int v(t) dt$

$$s(t) = \int 9\sin(2t) dt = 9 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \int \sin(2t)(2 dt) = -\frac{9}{2} \cos(2t) + C$$

$$s(2) = -\frac{9}{2} \cos(4) + C \approx 2.9414 + C = 6$$

This allows us to find the value of C.

Therefore $C \approx 3.0586$

This gives a Function: $s(t) = -\frac{9}{2} \cos(2t) + 3.0586$

Finally, $s(4) \approx -\frac{9}{2} \cos(8) + 3.0586 \approx \boxed{3.71335}$.

Now Consider: $6 + \int_2^4 v(t) dt = 6 + \int_2^4 9\sin(2t) dt = 6 + \left[-\frac{9}{2} \cos(2t) \right]_2^4 = 6 - \frac{9}{2} [\cos(8) - \cos(4)] \approx \boxed{3.71335}$.

In general:

If $f(t)$ is differentiable on the interval $[a, b]$ and $f'(t) = g(t)$, then the amount of change in $f(t)$ on the

interval $[a, b]$ is $\int_a^b g(t) dt$

Example:

Snow is accumulating on a driveway at the rate of $r(t) = 2t^{0.01} + e^{t/5} ft^3 / \text{min}$.

Find the amount of snowfall during the time $t = 5$ min to $t = 11$ min.

Solution:

$$\int_5^{11} (2t^{0.01} + e^{t/5}) dt \approx \boxed{43.7828 ft^3}$$

1. Find the area bounded by $f(x) = x + 1$, $g(x) = x^2 + 2$, $x = 1$, $x = 3$

2. Find the volume generated by revolution of the above region about the x -axis.

3. Find the volume generated by revolution of the above region about the y -axis.

4. A 25-foot ladder leaning against a vertical wall has its base being pulled away at rate of 2 feet per minute. At what rate is the top of the ladder moving when its base is 15 feet from the wall?

5. $f(x) = \frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{10x^3}{3} + 16x^2 - 32x + 12$. Find the x -coordinate of the relative maximum. Justify your answer.

6. A particle has velocity $v(t) = 4t^4 - 5t^3 + 6t^2 + 2t + 1$. How much is the displacement from the time $t = 3$ to the time $t = 6$.