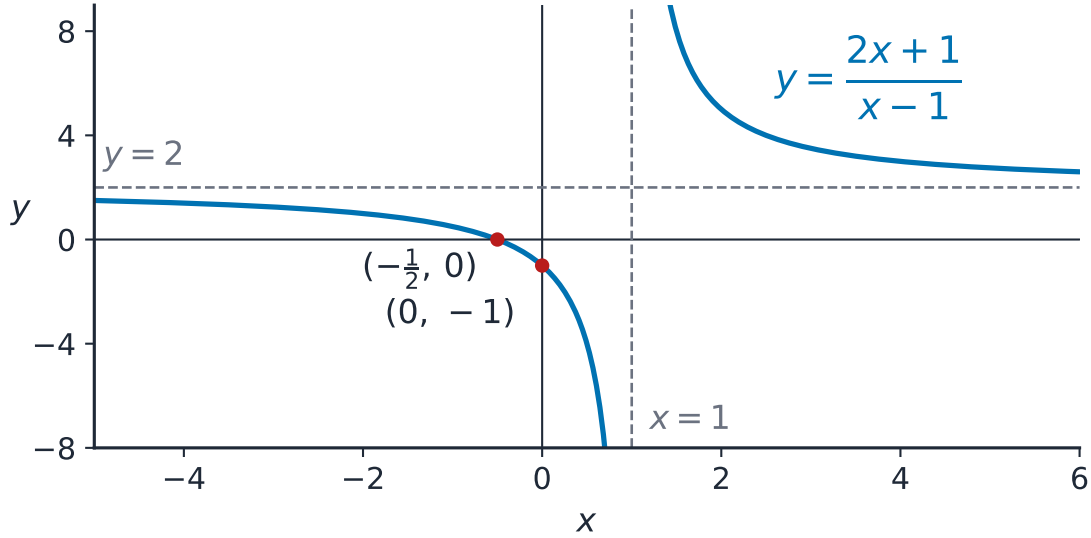
Exercise walk-through

3.6
Integration and numerical methods

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Figure: Algebra: rational expressions and functions



- Asymptotes first, then intercepts, then the two branches
- Read the axes and units first.

Integration: standard forms and recognition

- **Double angle** with $A = 3x$: $\cos 6x \equiv 1 - 2\sin^2 3x$, so $\sin^2 3x = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 6x)$:
- Check by differentiating: $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{6\cos 6x}{12} = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 6x) = \sin^2 3x$ ✓.
- The numerator is the derivative of the denominator ($f' = 6x$, $f = 3x^2 + 4$):
- Check: $\dfrac{d}{dx}\ln(3x^2 + 4) = \dfrac{6x}{3x^2 + 4}$ ✓. The powered form works the same way: with $u = 3x^2 + 4$ and $du = 6x\,dx$,

$$\int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)}\,dx = \ln|f(x)| + c \qquad \int f'(x)\big(f(x)\big)^n\,dx = \frac{\big(f(x)\big)^{n+1}}{n+1} + c \quad (n \neq -1)$$

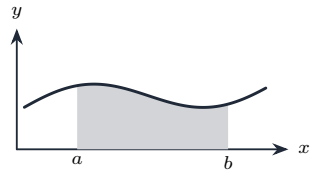
Numerical methods: sign changes and iteration

- **Sign change** : if f is continuous on $[a, b]$ and $f(a)f(b) < 0$, a root lies between a and b. Halve the interval to pin a root to any accuracy.
- **Iteration** : a rearrangement $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$ from a start value converges to a **fixed point** (or not — always check against a sign-change bound).
- Check the **iteration** converges: $|x_3 - x_2|$ small and the values settle toward 0.43 ✓.
- g is continuous, and the **sign change** between 0.4295 and 0.4305 brackets a root, so the root is 0.430 to 3 d.p. ✓.

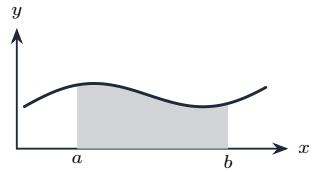
$$x_2 = \tfrac{1}{3}\arctan\left(\tfrac{3}{0.8}\right) = \tfrac{1}{3}\arctan(3.75) = 0.4367 \qquad x_4 = 0.4307 \text{ (4 d.p.)}$$

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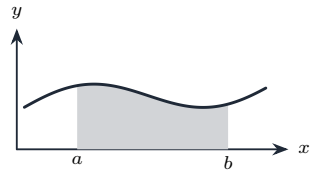


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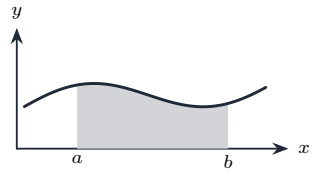
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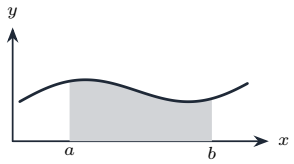


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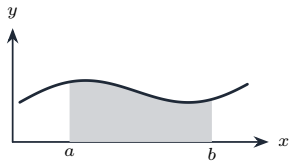
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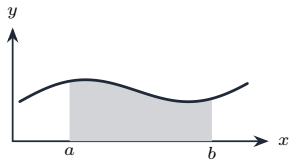


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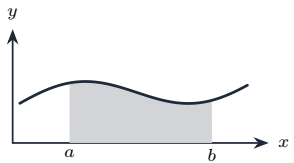
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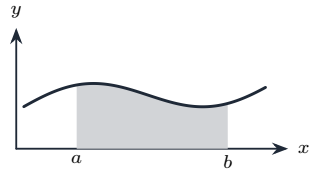


2.4 Numerator $= (x^2+2x+5)'$: $\ln(x^2+2x+5) + c$ (the quadratic is always positive, so no modulus needed).

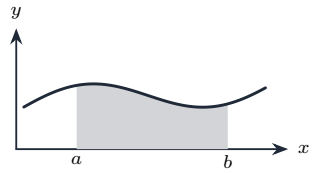
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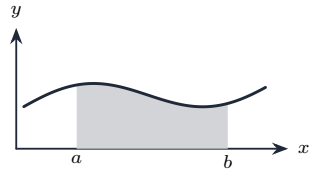


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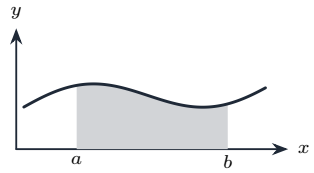
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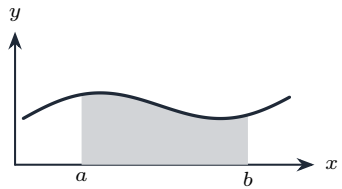
2.6 $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 1$: $f(0) = 1 > 0$, $f(1) = -1 < 0$; f is continuous (polynomial), and the sign change over $[0, 1]$ guarantees a root in $(0, 1)$.

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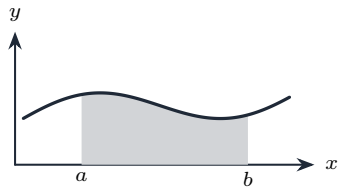


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$$\int \cos^2 2x\,dx = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{\sin 4x}{8} + c$$

Check: $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{4}{8}\cos 4x = \frac{1}{2}(1+\cos 4x) = \cos^2 2x$ ✓. (b) Numerator $x = \frac{1}{2}(x^2+4)'$: $\frac{1}{2}\ln(x^2+4) + c$.

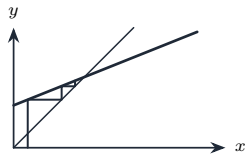
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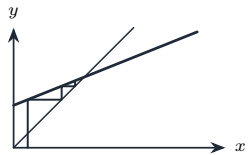
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3.2 (a) $g(x) = x - \mathrm{e}^{-x}$: $g(0.5) = 0.5 - 0.6065 = -0.1065 < 0$ and $g(0.6) = 0.6 - 0.5488 = 0.0512 > 0$; g is continuous, so a root lies in $(0.5, 0.6)$. (b) $x_2 = \mathrm{e}^{-0.5} = 0.6065$; $x_3 = \mathrm{e}^{-0.6065} = 0.545$ (3 d.p.). (c) $g(0.5665) = 0.5665 - \mathrm{e}^{-0.5665} = 0.5665 - 0.5675 = -0.0010 < 0$ and $g(0.5675) = 0.5675 - 0.5669 = +0.0006 > 0$: the sign change between 0.5665 and 0.5675 fixes the root as 0.567 to 3 d.p. ✓ (True root: the omega constant $0.5671\ldots$ ✓.)

Local review guidance: correct standard form or recognition of f' over f; exact integrals with $+c$; sign-change statement naming continuity, and the iteration carried with enough steps. This is authored classroom guidance.

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- $x = 0.5$: $\mathrm{e}^{0.25} - 0.5 = \mathbf{0.7840}$; $x = 1.5$: $\mathrm{e}^{0.75} - 1.5 = \mathbf{0.6170}$

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- trapezium rule with $h = 0.5$, $A \approx \frac{h}{2}\left[y_0 + y_4 + 2(y_1 + y_2 + y_3)\right]$:

$$A \approx \frac{0.5}{2}\left[1 + 0.7183 + 2(0.7840 + 0.6487 + 0.6170)\right] = 0.25(5.8177) = \mathbf{1.4544}$$

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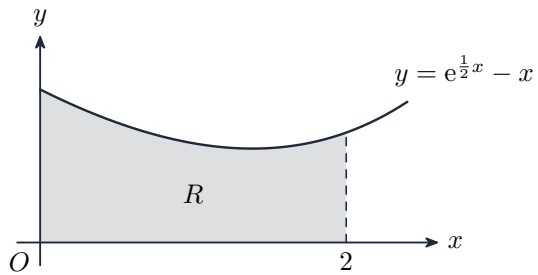
- using $\int \mathrm{e}^{kx}\,dx = \frac{1}{k}\mathrm{e}^{kx}$: $\int_0^2 (\mathrm{e}^{x/2} - x)\,dx = [2\mathrm{e}^{x/2} - \frac{1}{2}x^2]_0^2 = (2\mathrm{e} - 2) - 2 = \mathbf{2}\mathrm{e} - \mathbf{4}$

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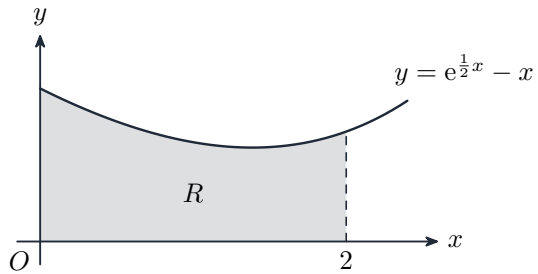


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- percentage error $= \frac{\text{estimate}-\text{exact}}{\text{exact}} \times 100 = \frac{1.4544-1.4366}{1.4366} \times 100 = \mathbf{1.24}\%$
- the curve is convex (bends upwards), so each trapezium's top edge lies above it