

## The Mean Value Theorem for Integrals

- The MVT for Integrals says that if  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  there must be a point  $c$  in  $(a, b)$  such that  $f$  at that point equals the average value.
- That seems geometrically obvious.
- Stated more formally we have:
- Suppose  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ . Then there exists a number  $c$  in  $(a, b)$  such that

$$f(c) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt.$$

- This can be rewritten as

$$F'(c)(b-a) = f(c)(b-a) = \int_a^b f(t) dt = F(b) - F(a)$$

- Note that in particular,

$$f(c)(b-a) = F(b) - F(a)$$

is just the mean value theorem for derivatives applied to the function  $F$ .

- Example: Compute  $c$  for  $f(x) = x^p$  on the interval  $[0, 1]$ .

$$f(x) = x^p$$

$$\int_0^1 x^p dx = \frac{x^{p+1}}{p+1} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{p+1}$$

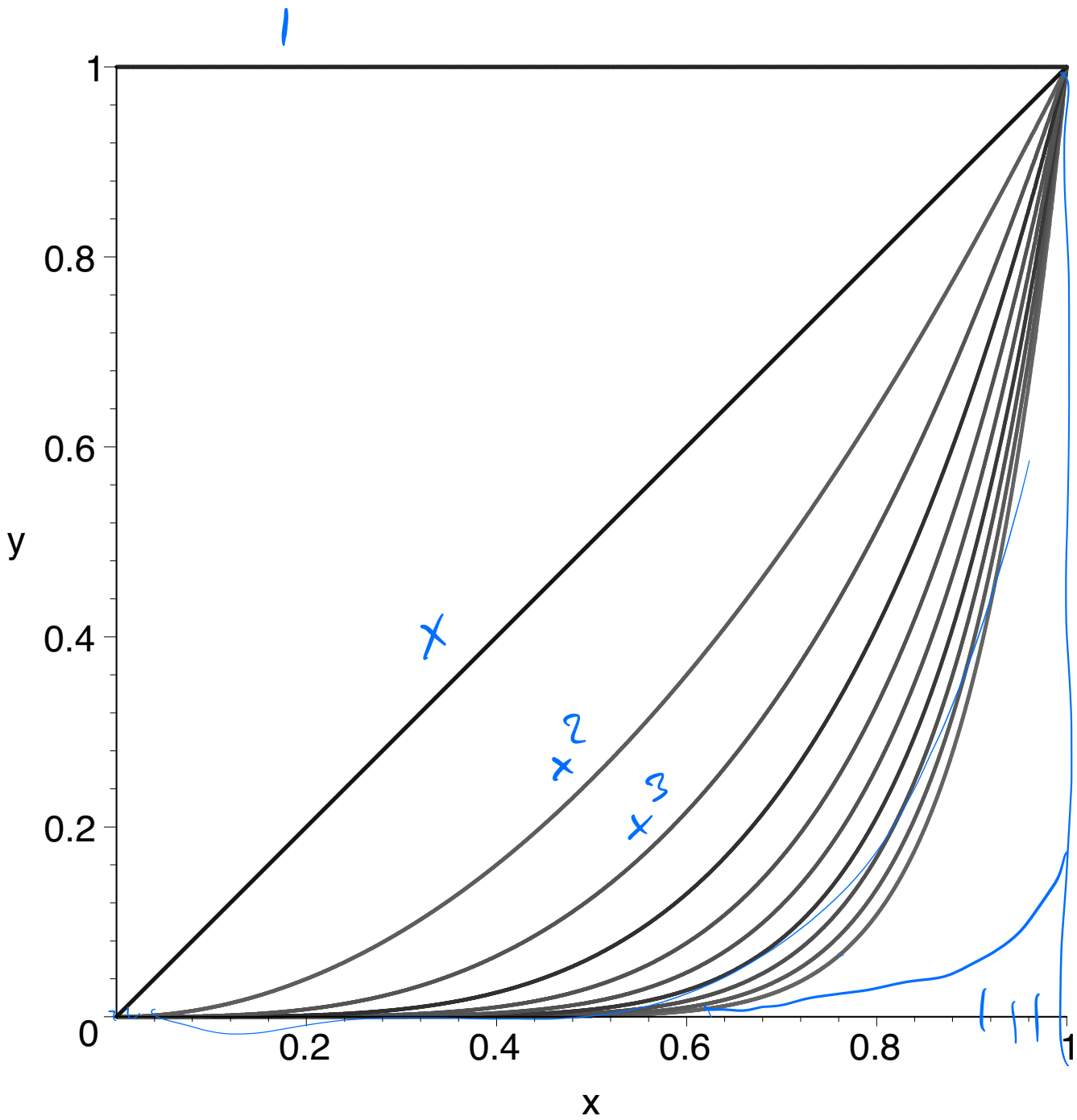
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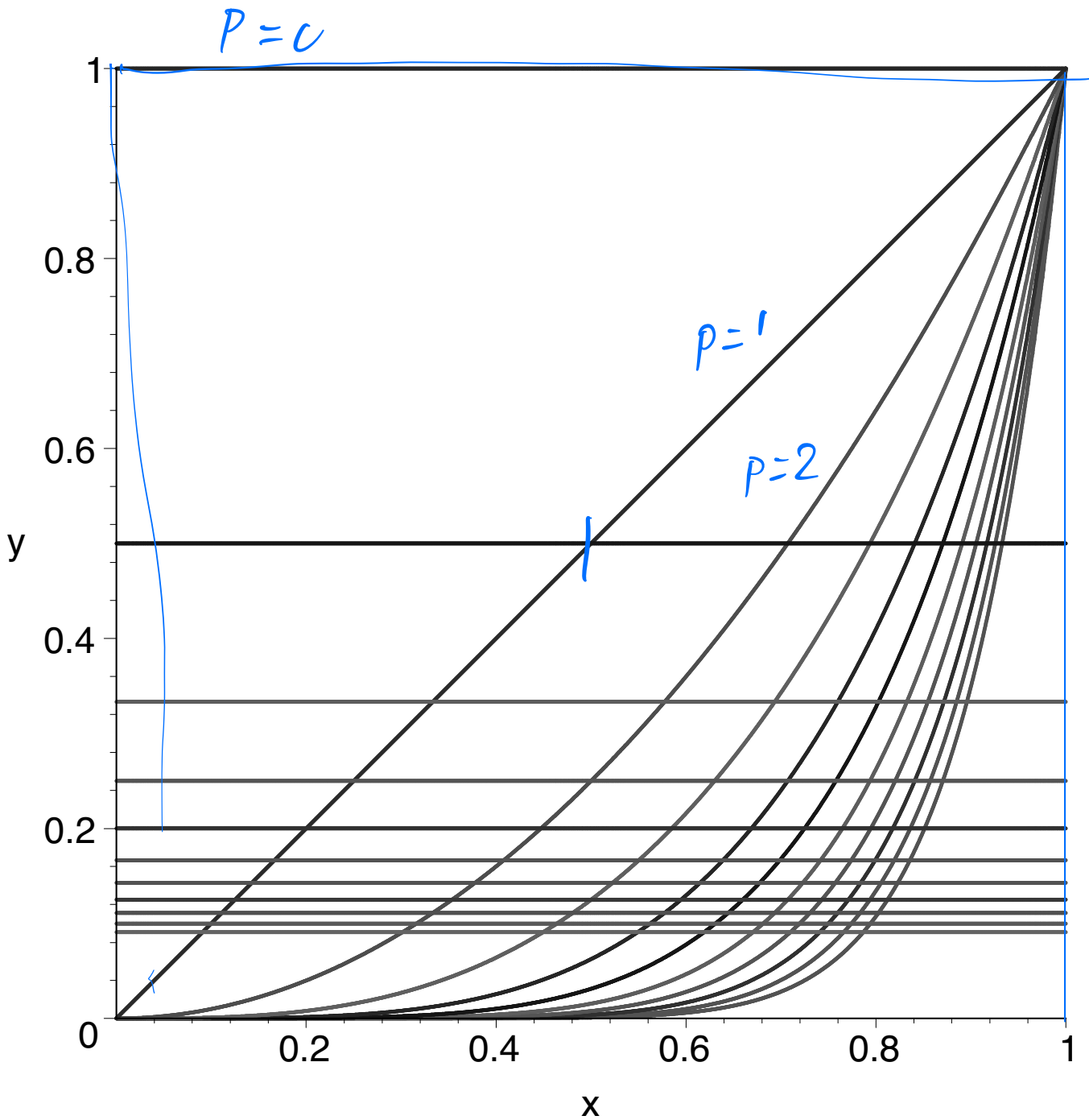
$$c = \left( \frac{1}{p+1} \right)^{1/p} = c(p)$$

- The following Table shows  $c$  for some values of  $p > 0$ :

$p$ :	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1,000
$c$ :	0.5	0.58	0.63	0.67	0.70	0.72	0.74	0.76	0.77	0.79	0.99



**Figure 1.**  $f(x) = x^p$ ,  $p = 0, \dots, 10$ .



**Figure 2.**  $f(x) = x^p$ ,  $p = 0, \dots, 10$  and average values.

# Symmetry

- Recall that a function  $f$  is **even** if

$$f(x) = f(-x)$$

for all  $x$  in the domain of  $f$ , and it is **odd** if

$$f(x) = -f(-x)$$

for all  $x$  in the domain of  $f$ .

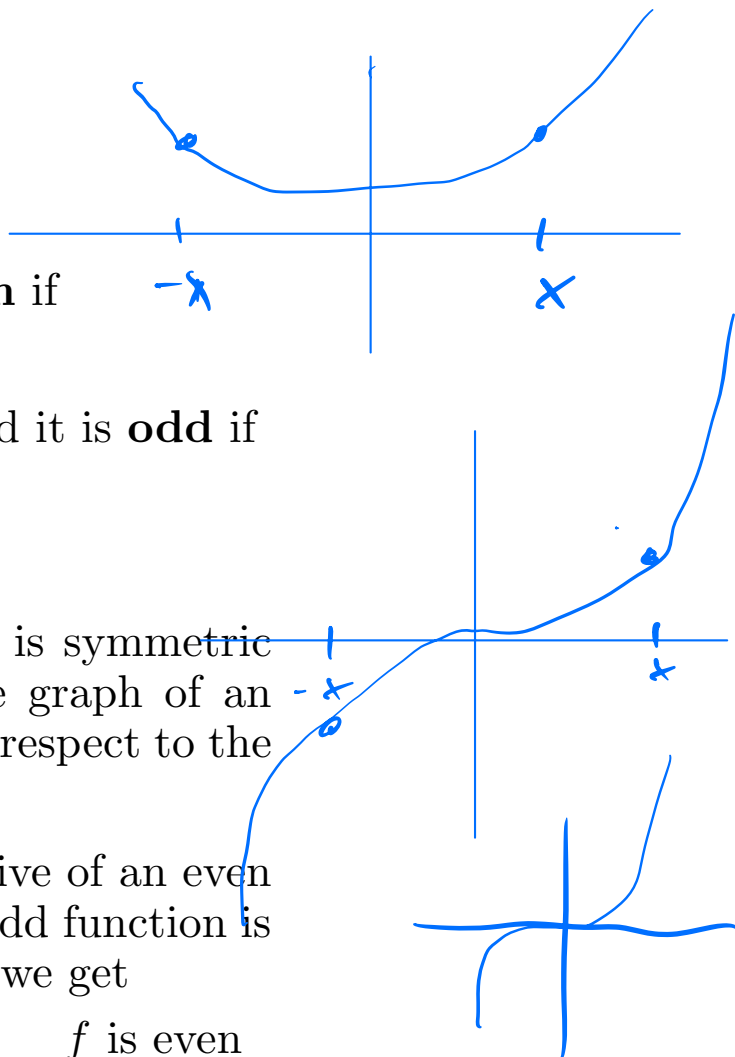
- The graph of an even function is symmetric with respect to the  $y$ -axis, the graph of an odd function is symmetric with respect to the origin.
- It's easy to see that the derivative of an even function is odd and that of an odd function is even. Suppose  $f$  is even. Then we get

$$f(x) = f(-x) \quad f \text{ is even}$$

$$y=x \int f'(x) = -f'(-x) \quad f' \text{ is odd}$$

$$f''(x) = f''(-x) \quad f'' \text{ is even}$$

$$f(x) = x^2$$

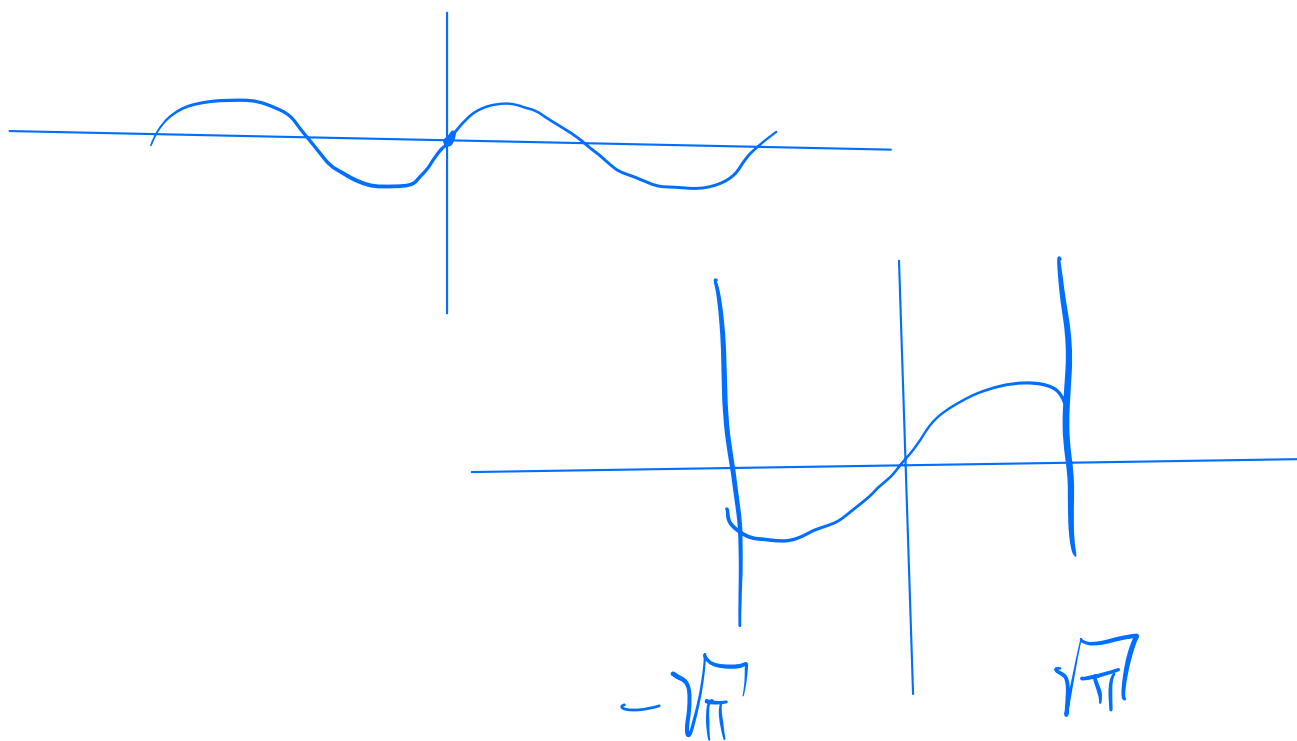


- With the right choice of the integration constant we can also go the other way. (Think about what the word “right” means.)
- Thus we get the fact

The **derivative** of an **even** function is **odd**.  
 The **antiderivative** of an **odd** function is **even**.

- A little **puzzle** for you: Compute

$$\int_{-\sqrt{\pi}}^{\sqrt{\pi}} \left( \sin x + \sin^{13} x^{17} \right)^{15} dx = 0$$



- in general, if  $f$  is odd, then

$$\int_{-b}^0 f(t)dt = - \int_0^b f(t)dt$$

and

$$\int_{-b}^b f(t)dt = 0$$

- Examples:

$$\int_{-1}^1 t^3 dt = 0$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 \sin x^3 dx = 0$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} x^{17} = 0$$

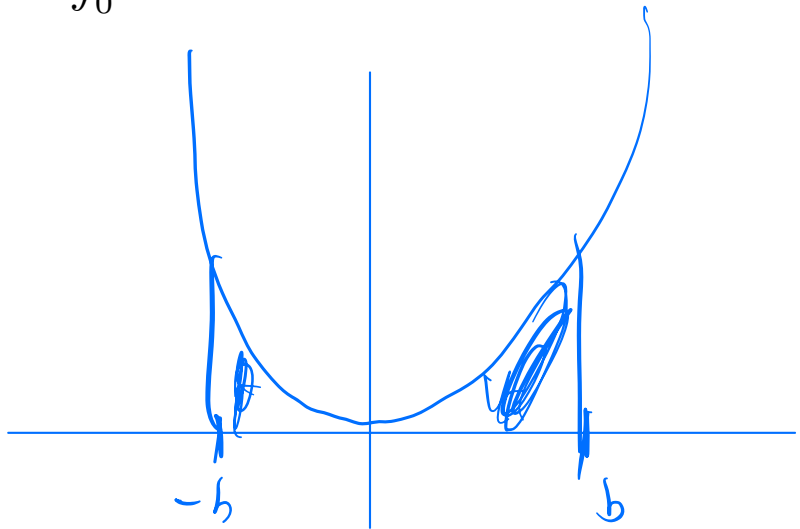
$$\int_{-1}^1 x^{17} \neq 0$$

- The corresponding property for even functions is not nearly as useful:

$$\int_{-b}^0 f(t)dt = \int_0^b f(t)dt$$

and

$$\int_{-b}^b f(t)dt = 2 \int_0^b f(t)dt.$$





# Integrals of periodic functions

- $f$  is  $p$ -periodic if

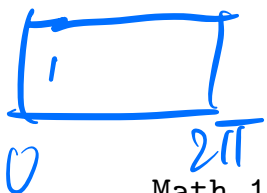
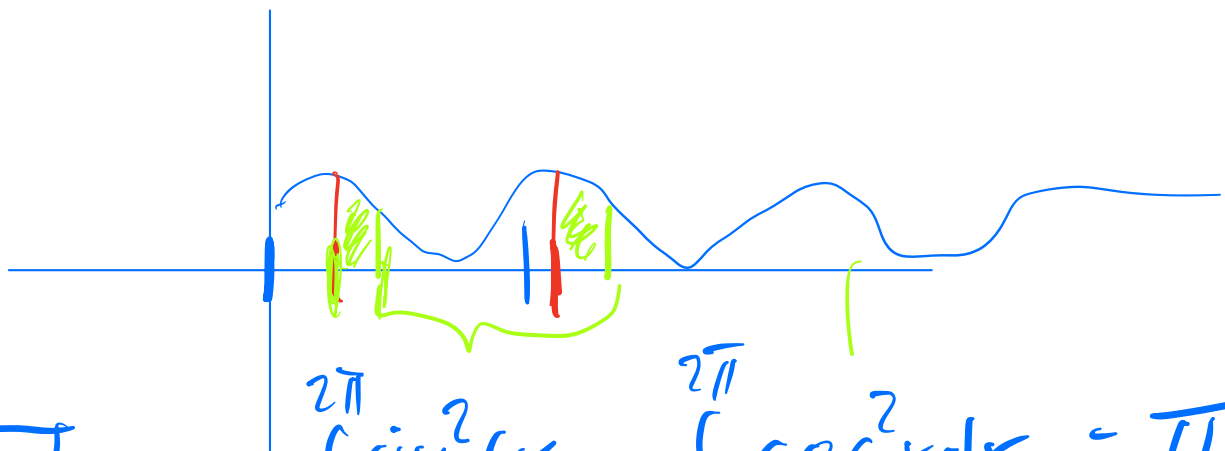
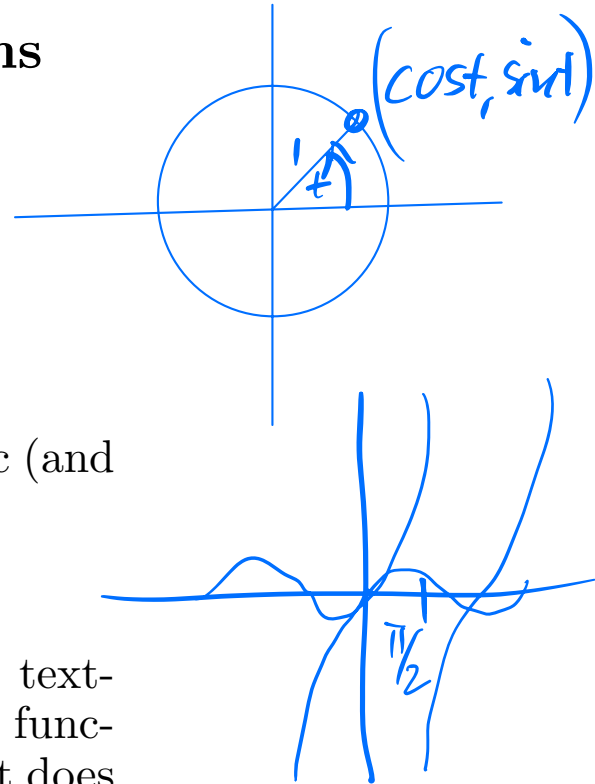
$$f(t + p) = f(t)$$

for all  $t$  in the domain of  $f$ .

- For example,  $\sin$  and  $\cos$  are  $2\pi$ -periodic (and also, for example,  $6\pi$ -periodic).
- The  $\tan$  function is  $\pi$ -periodic.
- Useful property, not mentioned in the textbook: When you integrate a periodic function over an integer number of periods it does not matter where you start. Assuming  $f$  is  $p$ -periodic, we get

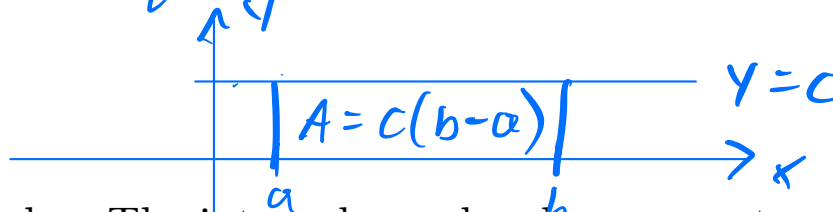
$$\int_a^{a+p} f(t) dt = \int_{a+z}^{a+p+z} f(t) dt$$

for all real numbers  $z$ .



$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 x dx = \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2 x dx = \pi$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x dx = 2\pi$$



- Reminder: The integral may be clear geometrically, even if we are unable to find an antiderivative. One of the most frequently arising examples is

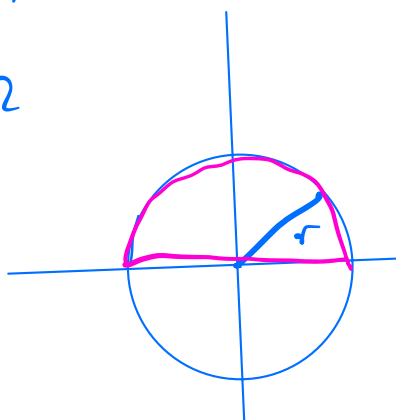
$$\int_{-r}^r \sqrt{r^2 - x^2} dx = \frac{\pi r^2}{2}$$

$$\int_a^b c dx = cx \Big|_a^b = cb - ca = c(b-a)$$

$$y = \sqrt{r^2 - x^2}$$

$$y^2 = r^2 - x^2$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$



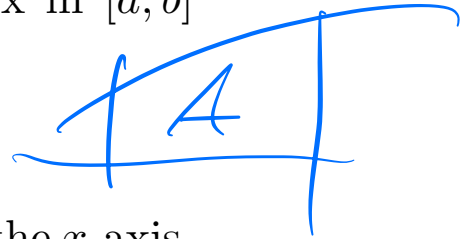
- Note: we don't yet know how to do this (and will learn more in Math 1220) but for your information and entertainment:

$$\int \sqrt{r^2 - x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \left( x\sqrt{r^2 - x^2} + \arctan \frac{x}{\sqrt{r^2 - x^2}} \right) + C.$$

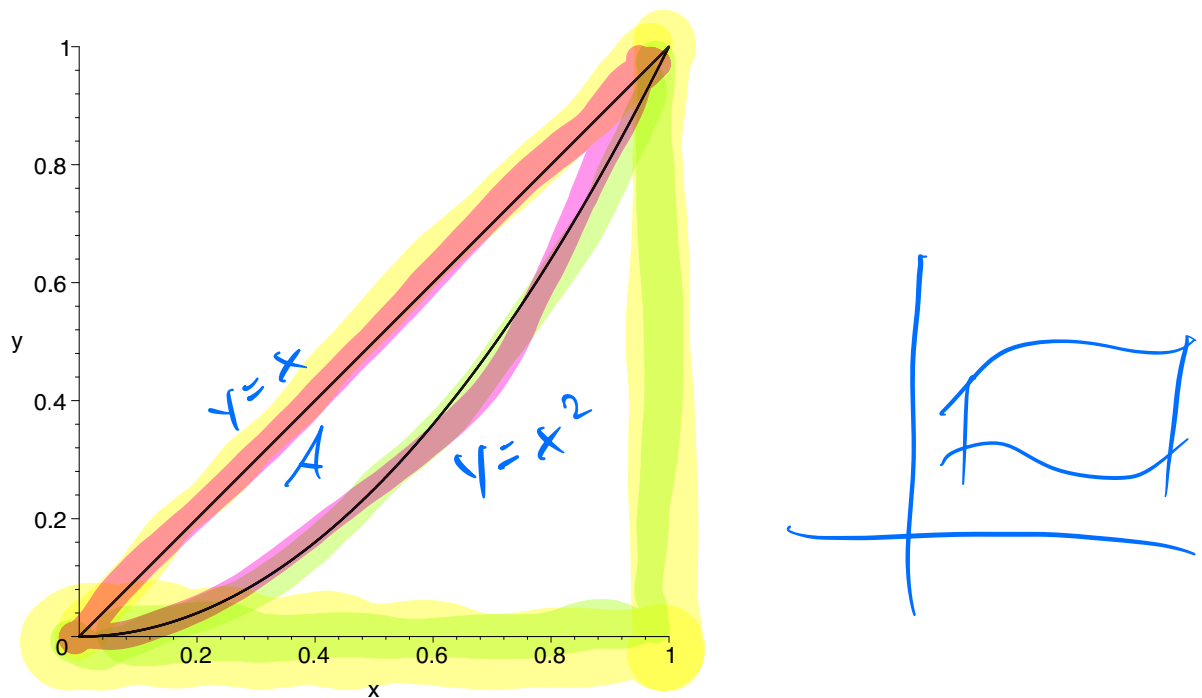
## 5.1 Computation of Area

- Setting the stage, more on Friday:
- We know that if  $f(x) > 0$  for all  $x$  in  $[a, b]$  then

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx$$



is the area of the region enclosed by the  $x$ -axis, the graph of  $f$ , and the vertical lines  $x = a$  and  $x = b$ .



**Figure 3.** The region enclosed by  $y=x$  and  $y = x^2$ .

- What about, for example, the region enclosed by the graphs of  $y = x$  and  $y = x^2$ , as shown in Figure 3?

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \int_0^1 x \, dx - \int_0^1 x^2 \, dx = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6} \\
 &= \int_0^1 x - x^2 \, dx = \frac{1}{6}
 \end{aligned}$$

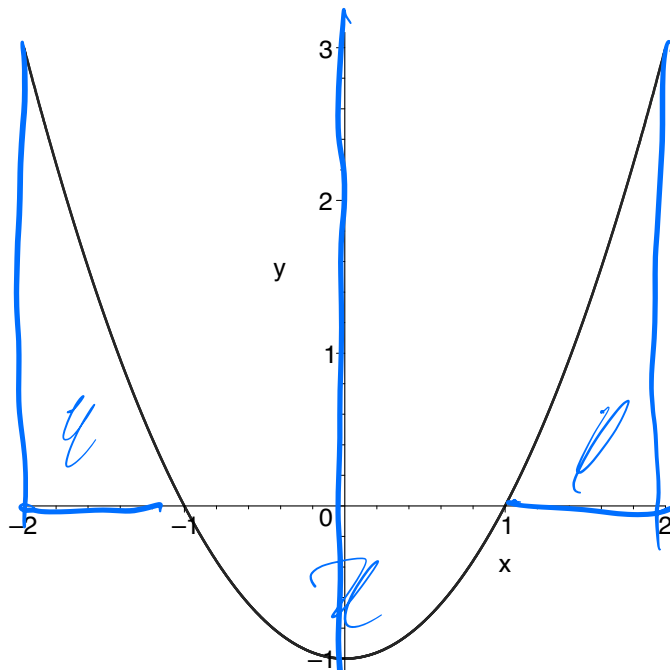


Figure 4. A three part region.

- Or, how about the region enclosed by the graphs of  $y = x^2 - 1$ , the  $x$ -axis, and the vertical lines  $x = \pm 2$  shown in Figure 4?

$$A = 2 \int_0^1 x^2 - 1 dx + \int_1^2 x^2 - 1 dx$$

$$\int_0^1 x^2 - 1 = \left. \frac{x^3}{3} - x \right|_0^1 = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$\int_1^2 x^2 - 1 dx = \left. \frac{x^3}{3} - x \right|_1^2 = \frac{8}{3} - 2$$

$$A = 2 \left( \frac{2}{3} + \frac{8}{3} - 2 \right) = \frac{8}{3}$$