

Warm-Up Problems

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1. Let $f(x) = x^3$. Compute the following. Think about what is happening geometrically as well.

(a) $\int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx$

Solution: 0

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

Solution: $\frac{1}{2}$

(c) $\int_{-3}^1 f(x) dx$

Solution: -20

(d) $\int_{-1}^3 |f(x)| dx$

Solution: $\frac{41}{2}$

2. Compute the following integrals:

(a) $\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos x \sqrt{\sin x} dx$

Solution: $\frac{2}{3}$

(b) $\int_1^4 \frac{((1+\sqrt{x})^4}{\sqrt{x}} dx$,

Solution: $\frac{422}{5}$

(c) $\int_0^{\pi/6} \sin 2x \cos^3 2x dx$

Solution: $\frac{15}{128}$

(d) $\int \tan x dx$

Solution: $-\ln |\cos x| + C$

(e) $\int \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-9x^4}} dx$

Solution: $\frac{1}{9} \sin^{-1}(3x^2) + C$

Hints: for number 2d, try $u = \cos x$. For number 2e, try $u = 3x^2$. Why do these work?