Graphing Integral Calculations

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Having a good understanding of the families of lines and curves in mathematics is a solid foundation for calculus.

 $\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx$ is mathematical notation for calculating the definite integral of f(x) between x = a and x = b.

Example: $\int_0^1 2x dx = [x^2]_0^1 = 1^2 - 0^2 = 1 - 0 = 1$. What about the family of curves expressed as: $\int_a^x f(x) dx$?

Example 1: Calculate $\int_0^x 1 dx$ when x = 1 and 2.





Example 3: Calculate the area between y = x and y = 1 from x = 1.



General solution: $\int_{1}^{x} x dx - \int_{1}^{x} 1 dx = \int_{1}^{x} (x-1) dx = [\frac{1}{2}x^{2} - x]_{1}^{x} = (\frac{1}{2}x^{2} - x) - (\frac{1}{2}1^{2} - 1) = (\frac{1}{2}x^{2} - x - 1)$

[Note: The area is always positive and is the area bound as illustrated below.]



Example 4: Calculate $\int_0^x \sin(x) dx$



Question: What do you notice?

[Note: Make sure that the calculator is in radians!]



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