

Integrating algebraic expressions is used to solve differential equations and evaluate definite integrals, for example to calculate the pressure in a dam.

When you integrate a function, it is the opposite of differentiation.

To integrate a polynomial function, increase the power by one and divide by the new power.

If integrating a term with respect to x , a constant is obtained so a constant term of integration needs to be added.

The notation is plus c .

Integrate the function $f(x) = 6\sqrt{x} - 4x^{-3} + 5$ dx.

First, using rules of indices change the square root of x into a fractional power, x to the power of a half.

Next, integrate each term using the rule, add one to the power and divide by the new power.

This gives $6x^{\frac{1}{2}+1}$ divided by $\frac{3}{2}$.

Flip the fraction and multiply leading to $\frac{2}{3}$ times $6x^{\frac{3}{2}}$, which is $4x^{\frac{3}{2}}$.

Next $4x^{-3+1}$ divided by -2 , which gives $-2x^{-2}$.

Five equals $5x^{0+1}$ so integrated becomes $5x^1$ which is $5x$.

Leaving us with $4x^{\frac{3}{2}} - 2x^{-2} + 5x$.

Don't forget to add C to represent the constant of integration.