

Section 5.2: The Definite Integral

Definition (Definite Integral)

Let f be defined on an interval $[a, b]$. Let

$$x_0 = a < x_1 < x_2 < \cdots < x_n = b$$

be any partition of $[a, b]$, and $\{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n\}$ be any set of sample points. Then the **definite integral of f from a to b** is denoted and defined by

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(c_i) \Delta x_i$$

provided this limit exists. Here, the limit is taken over all possible partitions of $[a, b]$.

Important Remarks

(1) If the integral does exist, it is a **number**. That is, it does not depend on the dummy variable of integration. The following are equivalent.

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b f(t) dt = \int_a^b f(q) dq$$

(2) If f is positive and continuous on $[a, b]$, then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \text{the area under the curve.}$$

(3) If f is piecewise continuous enclosing region(s) of total area A_1 **above** the x -axis and enclosing region(s) of total area A_2 **below** the x -axis, then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = A_1 - A_2$$

For Example...

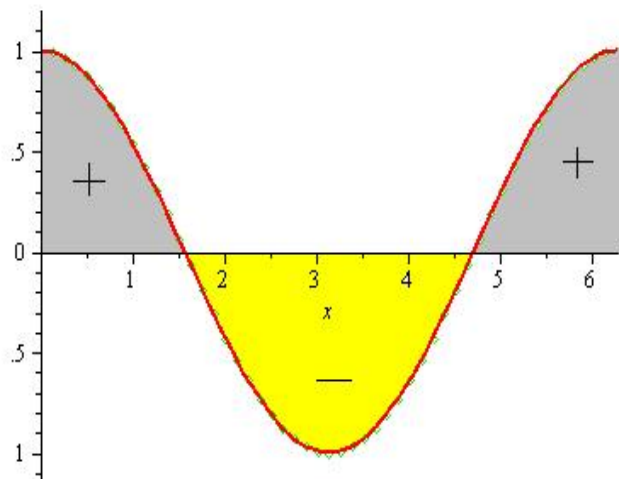
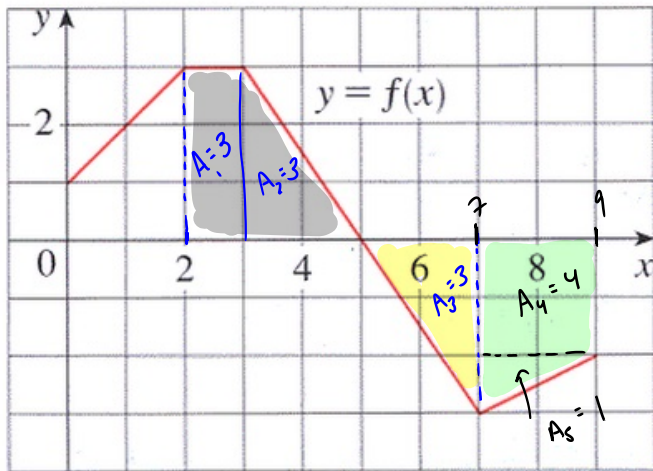


Figure: $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \text{area of gray region} - \text{area of yellow region}$

Example

Consider the graph of $y = f(x)$ shown.

$$A_2 = \frac{1}{2}bh = \frac{1}{2}(2)(3) = 3$$



$$A_5 = \frac{1}{2}bh = \frac{1}{2}(1)(2) = 1$$

Example

Use the graph on the preceding page to evaluate each integral.

$$\int_2^7 f(x) dx = 3 + 3 - 3 = 3$$

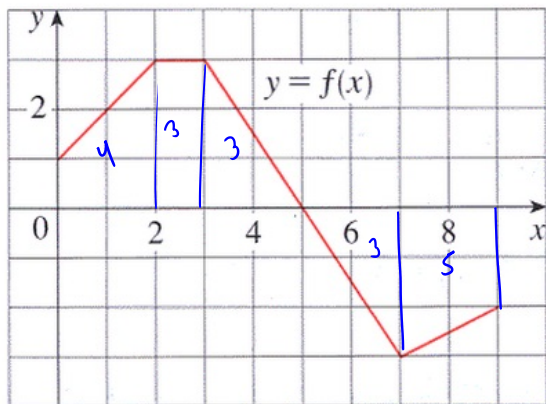
$$A_1 + A_2 - A_3$$

$$\int_7^9 f(x) dx = -5$$

$$-(A_4 + A_5)$$

Question

Use the graph to evaluate $\int_0^9 f(x) dx$



(a) 6

(b) 2

(c) -2

(d) 4

$$4 + 3 + 3 - (3 + 5) = 2$$

Important Theorems:

Theorem: If f is continuous on $[a, b]$ or has only finitely many jump discontinuities on $[a, b]$, then f is integrable on $[a, b]$

Theorem: If f is continuous on $[a, b]$, then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(c_i) \Delta x,$$

where

$$\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{n}, \quad \text{and} \quad c_i = a + i\Delta x.$$

A couple of definitions:

Definition: If $f(a)$ is defined, then

$$\int_a^a f(x) dx = 0.$$

Same upper and lower limit

In particular, the integral of a continuous function over a single point is zero.

Definition: If $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ exists, then

$$\int_b^a f(x) dx = - \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

note the limits are swapped

Reversing the limits of integration negates the value of the integral.

Example

It can be shown that $\int_0^{\pi} \sin^2(x) dx = \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Evaluate

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\pi}^0 \sin^2(t) dt \\ &= - \int_0^{\pi} \sin^2(t) dt \\ &= - \frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

t replacing x doesn't affect the value of the integral.

Swapping limits negates the value

Question

Suppose it is known that $\int_3^{10} f(x) dx = -12$

Evaluate $\int_{10}^3 f(x) dx = - \int_3^{10} f(x) dx = -(-12) = 12$

(a) 12

(b) -12

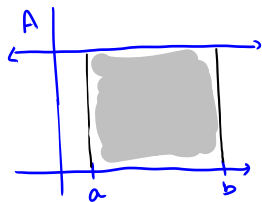
(c) $f(10)$

(d) can't be determined without more information

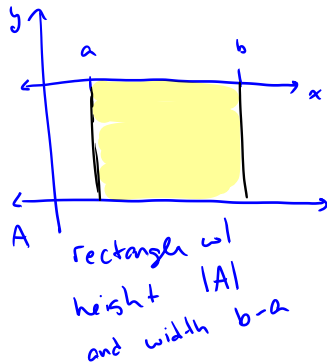
A simple integral

If $f(x) = A$ where A is any constant, then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b A dx = A(b - a).$$



rectangle
w/ height
 A and
width $b-a$



rectangle w/
height $|A|$
and width $b-a$

Question

$$\int_3^7 \pi \, dx =$$

(a) 4π

$$= \pi (7 - 3) = 4\pi$$

(b) 7π

(c) 3π

(d) can't be determined without more information

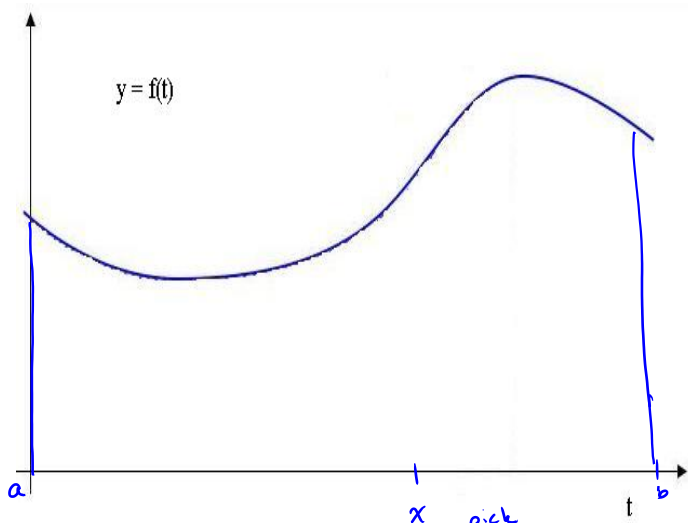
Section 5.3: The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

Suppose f is continuous on the interval $[a, b]$. For $a \leq x \leq b$ define a new function

$$g(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$$

How can we understand this function, and what can be said about it?

Geometric interpretation of $g(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$



Figure

pick x between a and b.

Theorem: The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus (part 1)

If f is continuous on $[a, b]$ and the function g is defined by

$$g(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt \quad \text{for } a \leq x \leq b,$$

then g is continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) . Moreover

$$g'(x) = f(x).$$

This means that the new function g is an **antiderivative** of f on (a, b) !
"FTC" = "fundamental theorem of calculus"

Example:

Evaluate each derivative.

$$(a) \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^x \sin^2(t) dt$$

$$(b) \frac{d}{dx} \int_4^x \frac{t - \cos t}{t^4 + 1} dt = \frac{x - \cos x}{x^4 + 1}$$

$$f(t) = \frac{t - \cos t}{t^4 + 1}$$
$$a = 4$$

Question

Evaluate $\frac{d}{dx} \int_2^x e^{3t^2} dt$

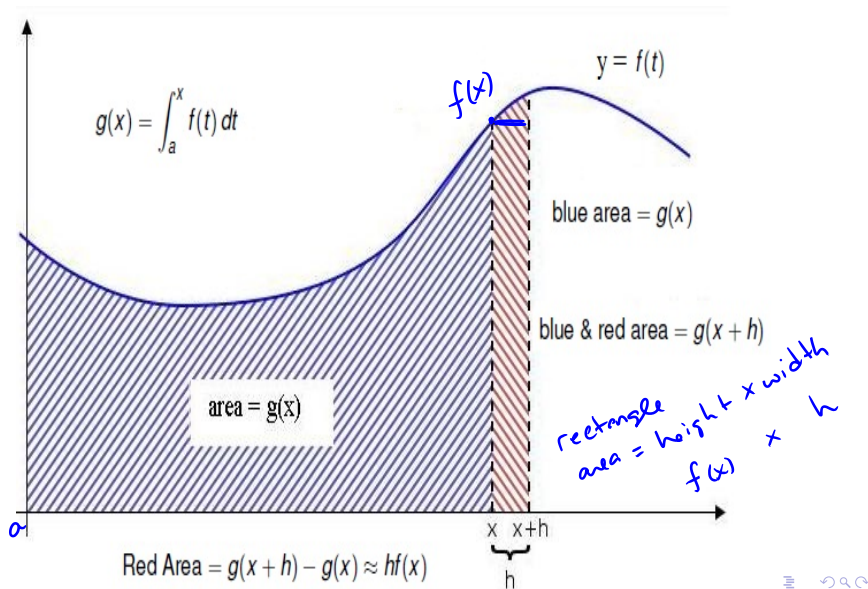
(a) e^{3x^2}

(b) $6xe^{3x^2}$

(c) $e^{3x^2} - e^{12}$

$f(t) = e^{3t^2}$
So
 $f(x) = e^{3x^2}$

Geometric Argument of FTC



Recall $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h}$

exact red area = $g(x+h) - g(x)$
 $\approx hf(x)$ ← red rectangle area

$\Rightarrow \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} \approx f(x)$ where the approximation gets better as h gets smaller.

$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(x) = f(x)$

h gets smaller!

Chain Rule with FTC

Evaluate each derivative.

$$(a) \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^{x^2} t^3 dt$$

$$\text{FTC } \frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x f(x) dt = f(x)$$

Chain rule

$$\frac{d}{dx} F(u) = F'(u) \cdot u'(x)$$

$\int_0^{x^2} t^3 dt$ is a composition

w/ outside $F(u) = \int_0^u t^3 dt \Rightarrow F'(u) = u^3$

and inside $u = x^2 \Rightarrow u'(x) = 2x$

$$\text{So } \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^{x^2} t^3 dt = (x^2)^3 \cdot (2x) = 2x^7$$

\uparrow
 $F'(u)$

\uparrow
 $u'(x)$

$$(b) \frac{d}{dx} \int_x^7 \cos(t^2) dt$$

We need the x as the upper limit!

$$\text{FTC} \quad \frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x f(t) dt = f(x)$$

The lower limit is constant, the upper is x .

Note

$$\int_x^7 \cos(t^2) dt = - \int_7^x \cos(t^2) dt$$

So

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_x^7 \cos(t^2) dt = \frac{d}{dx} \left(- \int_7^x \cos(t^2) dt \right)$$

$$= - \frac{d}{dx} \int_7^x \cos(t^2) dt = - \cos(x^2)$$

Question

Use the chain rule where $f(u) = \int_1^u \sin^{-1} t \, dt$ and $u = 7x$ to evaluate

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_1^{7x} \sin^{-1} t \, dt$$

By the FTC

$$f'(u) = \sin^{-1} u$$

$$u'(x) = 7$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } f'(u) \cdot u'(x) &= \sin^{-1} u \cdot 7 \\ &= 7 \sin^{-1}(7x) \end{aligned}$$

(a) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-7x^2}}$

(b) $\sin^{-1}(7x)$

(c) $\frac{7}{\sqrt{1-49x^2}}$

(d) $7 \sin^{-1}(7x)$

Theorem: The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus (part 2)

If f is continuous on $[a, b]$, then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$$

where F is any antiderivative of f on $[a, b]$. (i.e. $F'(x) = f(x)$)

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

- find an antiderivative F of f
- Compute $F(b)$ and $F(a)$
- Then take the difference $F(b) - F(a)$.

Example: Use the FTC to show that $\int_0^b x dx = \frac{b^2}{2}$

Here, $a=0$ (lower limit), $b=b$ (the upper limit)

and $f(x) = x$. (i.e. x^1)

Using the power rule, we can take

$$F(x) = \frac{x^{1+1}}{1+1} = \frac{x^2}{2}$$

$$F(b) = \frac{b^2}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad F(a) = F(0) = \frac{0^2}{2} = 0$$

$$\text{So } \int_0^b x dx = \frac{b^2}{2} - 0 = \frac{b^2}{2}$$

Notation

Suppose F is an antiderivative of f . We write

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(x) \Big|_a^b = F(b) - F(a)$$

or sometimes

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(x) \Big]_a^b = F(b) - F(a)$$

For example

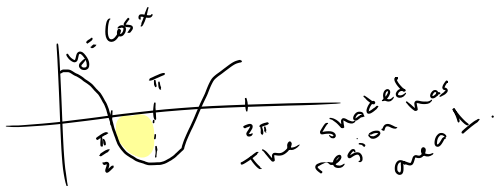
$$\int_0^b x dx = \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_0^b = \frac{b^2}{2} - \frac{0^2}{2} = \frac{b^2}{2}$$

Evaluate each definite integral using the FTC

$$(a) \int_0^2 3x^2 dx = x^3 \Big|_0^2 = 2^3 - 0^3 = 8 - 0 = 8$$

Antiderivative $f(x) = 3x^2$ $F(x) = 3 \frac{x^3}{3} = x^3$
power rule

$$(b) \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} \cos x \, dx = \sin x \Big|_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} = \sin \pi - \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 0 - 1 = -1$$



Antiderivative

$$f(x) = \cos x$$

$$F(x) = \sin x$$