

Section 5.3: The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

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"

Question

Evaluate $\frac{d}{dx} \int_7^x \tan^{-1}(t) dt$

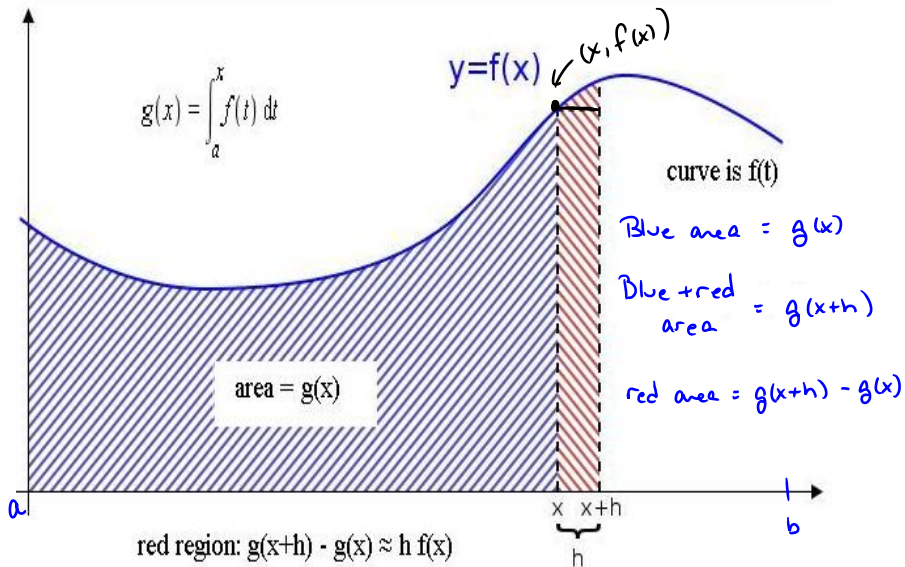
(a) $\frac{1}{1+x^2}$

(b) $\tan^{-1}(x)$

(c) $\tan^{-1}(x) - \tan^{-1}(7)$

$f(t) = \tan^{-1} t$
so
 $f(x) = \tan^{-1} x$

Geometric Argument of FTC



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

red area \approx red rectangle area = $f(x) \cdot h$

← height
← width

So

$$g(x+h) - g(x) \approx f(x)h$$

This approximation becomes "more exact" as h gets smaller.

$$\frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} \approx f(x)$$

Take $h \rightarrow 0$

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

Chain Rule with FTC

Evaluate each derivative.

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

Chain rule: If $u = u(x)$

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

If $u = x^2$ and

$F(u) = \int_0^u t^3 dt = \int_0^{x^2} t^3 dt$ is our integral.

FTC $\rightarrow F'(u) = u^3$ and $\frac{du}{dx} = 2x$ \leftarrow power rule

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_0^{x^2} t^3 dt = F'(u) \frac{du}{dx} = u^3 (2x) = (x^2)^3 (2x) = 2x^7$$

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

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

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

$$= - \cos(x^2)$$

Recall

$$\int_a^b f(t) dt = - \int_b^a f(t) dt$$

Question

$$(c) \frac{d}{dx} \int_3^{\sin x} \frac{1}{1+t^3} dt$$

$$(a) \frac{1}{1+\sin^3 x}$$

$$(b) \frac{\cos x}{1+\sin^3 x}$$

$$(c) \frac{\cos x}{1+x^3}$$

$$(d) \frac{-3 \sin^2 x}{(1+\sin^3 x)^2}$$

If $u = \sin x$ then $u' = \cos x$

$$F(u) = \int_3^u \frac{1}{1+t^3} dt \Rightarrow F'(u) = \frac{1}{1+u^3}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_3^{\sin x} \frac{1}{1+t^3} dt = \frac{1}{1+(\sin x)^3} \cdot \cos x$$

$$= \frac{\cos x}{1+\sin^3 x}$$

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 $F(x)$, then

take the difference $F(b) - F(a)$.

Note: $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ is a number.

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

Here $f(x) = x = x^1$ ← one power

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

Note $F(b) = \frac{b^2}{2}$ and $F(0) = \frac{0^2}{2} = 0$

so $\int_0^b x \, dx = F(b) - F(0) = \frac{b^2}{2} - 0 = \frac{b^2}{2}$

as expected!

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

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

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

Question

$$(c) \int_1^9 \frac{1}{2} u^{-1/2} du = u^{1/2} \Big|_1^9 = 9^{1/2} - 1^{1/2} = 3 - 1 = 2$$

(a) 8

(b) $\frac{13}{54}$

(c) 2

(d) $-\frac{1}{3}$

Note $\frac{1}{2} u^{-1/2} \xrightarrow[\text{ant. deriv.}]{\text{take}} \frac{1}{2} \frac{u^{\frac{-1}{2}+1}}{-\frac{1}{2}+1}$

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{u^{1/2}}{1/2} = u^{1/2}$$

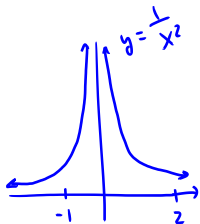
$$\begin{aligned} \text{(d)} \quad \int_0^{1/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} dt &= \sin^{-1} t \Big|_0^{1/2} \\ &= \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \sin^{-1}(0) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{6} - 0 \\ &= \pi/6 \end{aligned}$$

Caveat! The FTC doesn't apply if f is not continuous!

The function $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$ is positive everywhere on its domain. Now consider the calculation

$$\int_{-1}^2 \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \left. \frac{x^{-1}}{-1} \right|_{-1}^2 = -\frac{1}{2} - 1 = -\frac{3}{2}$$

Is this believable? Why or why not?



No, this "should" be true positive area,
but it's negative.

Question

Determine which, if any, of the following integrals **does not meet the criteria for the FTC to apply**.

(a) $\int_1^7 \ln(x) dx$

(b) $\int_1^e \ln(x) dx$

(c) $\int_0^7 \ln(x) dx$

$\ln x$ is not continuous on $[0, 7]$.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln x = -\infty$$

(d) The FTC applies to all three of these.

An Observation

If f is differentiable on $[a, b]$, note that

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

This says that:

The integral of the **rate of change** of f over the interval $[a, b]$ is the **net change** of the function, $f(b) - f(a)$, over this interval.

The $f(x)$ in the
FTC is here replaced
w/ $f'(x)$. So
 $F(x)$ is replaced
with $f(x)$

Rectilinear Motion

If the position of a particle, relative to an origin, moving along a straight line is $s(t)$, then its velocity is

$$v(t) = s'(t).$$

The net change result tells us that the net distance traveled on the time interval $[a, b]$, final position minus starting position, is

$$s(b) - s(a) = \int_a^b v(t) dt$$

We can say that the final position

$$s(b) = s(a) + \int_a^b v(t) dt.$$