Calculus M211

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The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus establishes a connection between:

- differentiation calculus, and
- integration calculus

Differentiation and integration are inverse processes!

Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

Suppose f is a continuous function on [a, b]. Then

$$g(x) = \int_{a}^{x} f(t) dt$$

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

1. If

2. Let *F* be any antiderivative of *f*, that is, F' = f. Then

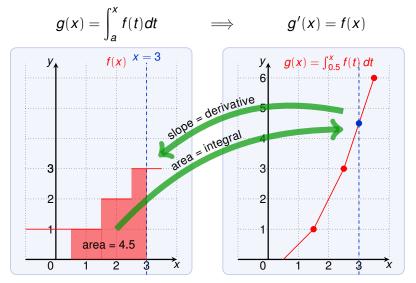
$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$$

The first part of the theorem can be written as:

$$\frac{d}{dx}\int_{a}^{x}f(t)dt=f(x)$$

The second part can be written as:

$$\int_{a}^{b} F'(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$$



Observe: g'(x) = f(x) except where *f* is not continuous.

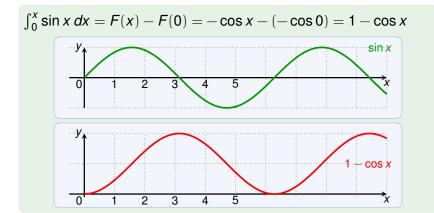
The slope (derivative) is the inverse of taking the area (integral).

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Find the derivative of

$$g(x) = \int_0^x \sqrt{1 + t^2} dt$$

By the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, part 1:

 $g'(x) = \sqrt{1+x^2}$

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Find

$$g(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \int_{1}^{x^4} \sec t \ dt$$

Lets introduce a name for the integral without x^4 :

$$f(x) = \int_{1}^{x} \sec t \, dt \qquad f'(x) = \sec x$$

Then

$$g(x) = \frac{d}{dx}f(x^4) = f'(x^4) \cdot 4x^3 = \sec(x^4) \cdot 4x^3$$

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The second part yields an easy method for evaluating integrals!

Evaluate the integral

$$\int_{1}^{3} e^{x} dx$$

Note that e^x is continuous, and an antiderivative is $F(x) = e^x$.

$$\int_{1}^{3} e^{x} dx = e^{3} - e$$

We could have used any antiderivative $F(x) = e^x + C$!

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We often use the notation:

$$F(x)]_a^b = F(b) - F(a)$$

Then

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = F(x) \Big]_{a}^{b}$$

Alternative notation

$$F(x)\Big|_{a}^{b} = [F(x)]_{a}^{b} = F(x)\Big]_{a}^{b}$$

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Find the area under the parabola

$$f(x) = x^2$$

from 0 to 1.

From 0 to 1 the curve is above the *x*-axis. Thus area = integral. An antiderivative of *f* is $F(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3$.

By the Fundamental Theorem, the area is:

$$A = \int_0^1 x^2 \, dx = \frac{1}{3}x^3 \Big]_0^1 = \frac{1}{3}1^3 - \frac{1}{3}0^3 = \frac{1}{3}$$

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Evaluate

$$\int_{3}^{6} \frac{1}{x} dx$$

An antiderivative of $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ is $F(x) = \ln |x|$. Then

$$\int_{3}^{6} \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln |x| \Big]_{3}^{6} = \ln 6 - \ln 3 = \ln \frac{6}{3} = \ln 2$$

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Find the area under $\cos x$ from 0 to *b* where $0 \le b \le \pi/2$. For $0 \le x \le \pi/2$, we have $\cos x \ge 0$. Thus area = integral. An antiderivative of $f(x) = \cos x$ is $F(x) = \sin x$. Then

$$\int_0^b \cos x \, dx = \sin x \big]_0^b = \sin b - \sin 0 = \sin b$$

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Evaluate

$$\int_{-1}^{3} \frac{1}{x^2} dx \quad \text{does not exist}$$

An antiderivative of $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$ is $F(x) = -\frac{1}{x}$. Then

$$\int_{-1}^{3} \frac{1}{x^2} dx = -\frac{1}{x} \Big]_{-1}^{3} = -\frac{1}{3} - (-\frac{1}{-1}) = -\frac{4}{3}$$

Does this make sense? Note that $\frac{1}{x^2}$ is above the *x*-axis! The calculation is wrong since $\frac{1}{x^2}$ is not continuous on [-1,3]!