

The Second Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

-In all the definite integral examples we've done so far we've had the bounds be defined as constants from a to b .

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

-In a different situation there might also be a need to make the upper limit of integration be variable as opposed to a finite number.

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

-Take note how "little f " is a function of t but the resulting "big F " is a function of the upper limit of integration, x .

Example

Evaluate $\int_0^x \cos(t) dt$ at $x = 0, \pi/6, \pi/4, \pi/3, \pi/2$.

-One way to do this would be to do five separate integrals one for each of the upper limits.

-However, if we treat x as a constant to start with we obtain a much simpler solution:

$$\int_0^x \cos(t) dt = \sin(t) \Big|_0^x = \sin(x) - \sin(0) = \sin(x)$$

-Now using $F(x) = \sin(x)$ you can obtain:

$$F(0) = 0, F\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{2}, F\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, F\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, F\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1$$

-You can think of this action of evaluation the area under $f(t) = \cos(t)$ from $t = 0$ to $t = x$ as accumulating the area under the cosine curve from $[0, \pi/2]$.

-The interpretation of the integral as an **accumulation function** is often used in applications of integration.

-As with other integration we can check the result of our work by differentiating the result.

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin(x) = \cos(x) \qquad \int_0^x \cos(t) dt$$

-Note that this is the same thing as our original problem with the variable now a x instead of a t .

-This leads to a **Second Fundamental Theorem of Calculus**.

-If f is continuous on the open interval I containing a , then for every x in the interval,

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\int_a^x f(t) dt \right] = f(x)$$

Example

Evaluate $\frac{d}{dx} \left[\int_0^x \sqrt{t^2 + 1} dt \right]$

-Since $\sqrt{t^2 + 1}$ is continuous we can use the Second Fundamental Theorem of Calculus and write

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\int_0^x \sqrt{t^2 + 1} dt \right] = \sqrt{x^2 + 1}$$

Example

Find the derivative of $F(x) = \int_{\pi/2}^{x^3} \cos(t) dt$.

$$\int_{\pi/2}^{x^3} \cos(t) dt = \sin(t) \Big|_{\pi/2}^{x^3}$$

$$= \sin(x^3) - \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$= \sin(x^3) - 1$$

-Now differentiating this we get

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\sin(x^3) - 1]$$

$$= \cos(x^3)(3x^2)$$

Using this result we can generalize the 2nd Fundamental Theorem to be:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\int_a^u f(t) dt \right] = f(u) \frac{du}{dx}$$

Example

Find the derivative of $F(x) = \int_x^{x^2} \cos(t) dt$.

To evaluate when the bounds of integration are both functions, use some integral properties to rewrite.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_x^{x^2} \cos(t) \, dt &= \int_x^0 \cos(t) \, dt + \int_0^{x^2} \cos(t) \, dt \\
 &= -\int_0^x \cos(t) \, dt + \int_0^{x^2} \cos(t) \, dt \\
 &= -\cos(x) + 2x \cos(x^2) + C
 \end{aligned}$$

Average Value of a Function

If f is integrable on the closed interval $[a, b]$, then the **average value** of f on the interval is

$$\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) \, dx$$

Example

Find the average value of $f(x) = 3x^2 - 2x$ on the interval $[1, 4]$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) \, dx &= \frac{1}{4-1} \int_1^4 (3x^2 - 2x) \, dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} [x^3 - x^2]_1^4 \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} [64 - 16 - (1 - 1)] = \frac{48}{3} = 16
 \end{aligned}$$