

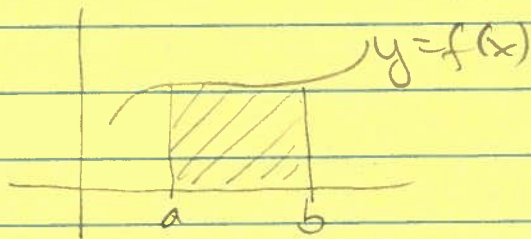
L4 Fundamental Theorem of Calculus.

§5.3

In L3, we encountered the definite integral,

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

and interpreted it as the area under the graph of $f(x)$ from $x=a$ to $x=b$:

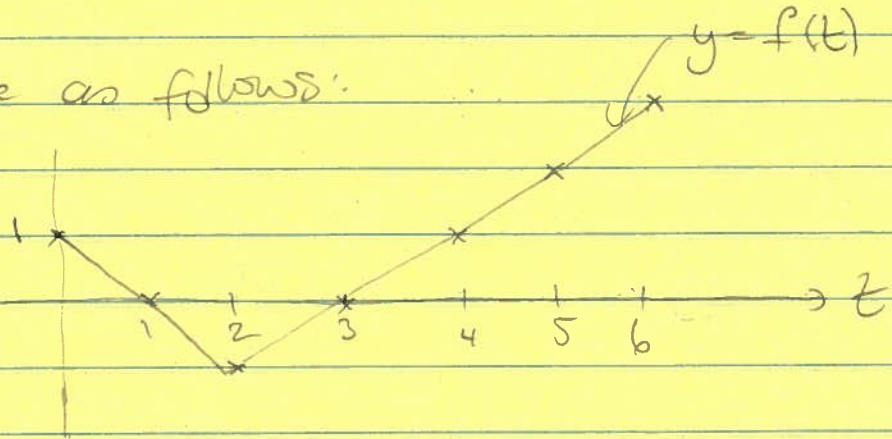


Indeed this is how we computed the definite integral. Today, we introduce the most important theorem in calculus, the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus (FTC), and use it to develop a much shorter method for computing the definite integral.

We begin by noting that the definite integral, which up to now is just a number, can be converted into a function as follows:

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

Ex Let f be as follows:



Compute $g(x)$ for $x=0, 1, 2, \dots, 6$

Solⁿ

$$g(0) = 0$$

$$g(1) = \text{area of triangle} = \frac{1}{2}$$

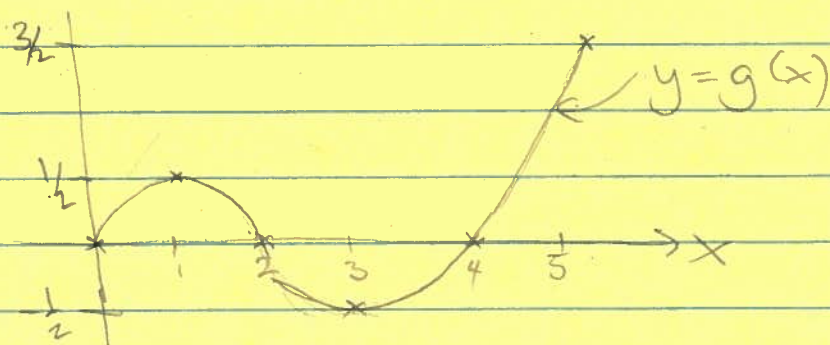
$$g(2) = \text{area of triangle} - \text{area of triangle} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$g(3) = \text{area of triangle} - \text{area of triangle} = \frac{1}{2} - 1 = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$g(4) = \text{area of triangle} - \text{area of triangle} + \text{area of triangle} = \frac{1}{2} - 1 + \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$g(5) = \text{area of triangle} - \text{area of triangle} + \text{area of triangle} = \text{area of shaded triangle} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$g(6) = \text{area of triangle} - \text{area of triangle} + \text{area of triangle} = \text{area of shaded triangle} = 2 + \frac{1}{2}(4) = 4$$



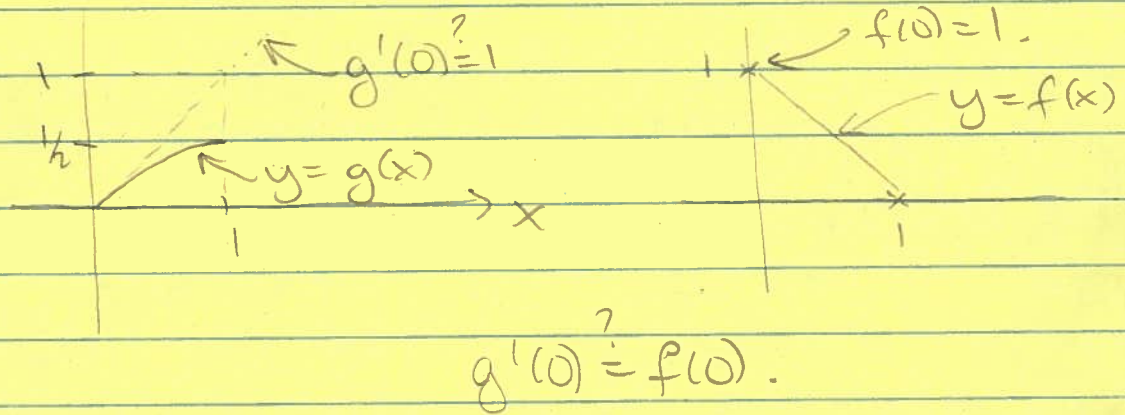
Notice that $g'(x)=0$ occurs @ x -values where $f(x)=0$. [$x=1, 3$ in this example.] In fact:

$$g'(x) > 0 \iff f(x) > 0$$

$$g'(x) = 0 \iff f(x) = 0$$

$$g'(x) < 0 \iff f(x) < 0$$

Moreover, there even appears to be quantitative agreement.



In fact, this is the first part of the FTC:

FTC I

If: $g(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$

then:

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

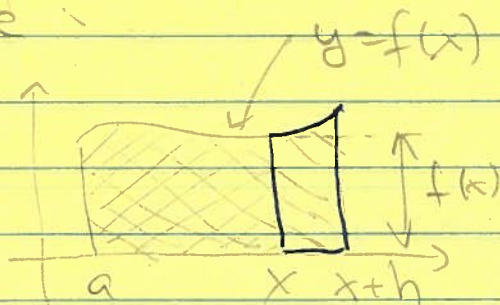
(See text for more precise statement.)

Sketch of proof:

Recall:

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

Consider therefore:



$$g(x+h) - g(x) = \text{area}(\text{shaded region}) - \text{area}(\text{rectangle})$$

$$= \text{area}(\text{rectangle})$$

$$\approx \text{area}(\text{rectangle}) \approx h f(x)$$

$$= h f(x)$$

ie.

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

The smaller h , the better we expect this approximation to be.

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

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

(See Text for more rigorous proof)

Another way to write FTC1 is:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_0^x f(t) dt = f(x). \quad (1)$$

ie. integration (of f) followed by differentiation returns you back to f . Later, we will see that performing the operations in the reverse direction does the same thing (FTC2).

EX $F(x) = \int_x^0 t dt$. Compute $F'(x)$.

Solⁿ $F(x) = -\int_0^x t dt \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} F(x) = -x$ by FTC1.

EX $h(x) = \int_1^{e^x} \ln t dt$. Compute $h'(x)$.

Solⁿ Let $u = e^x$. Then

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_1^{e^x} \ln t dt = \frac{d}{dx} \int_1^u \ln t dt$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{d}{du} \int \ln t \cdot dt \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \\ &= \ln u \cdot e^x = x e^x \end{aligned}$$

(Note: In the original image, arrows point from 'FTC1' to the integral and from 'u=e^x' to the substitution in the second line.)

FTC2

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

where $F' = f$.

Pf

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

Then FTC1 \Rightarrow

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

ie. g and F are antiderivatives of f and thus differ by a constant:

$$F(x) = g(x) + c.$$

Thus LHS of (*) can be written

$$\begin{aligned} F(b) - F(a) &= g(b) + c - [g(a) + c] \\ &= g(b) - g(a) \\ &= \int_a^b f(t) dt - \underbrace{\int_a^a f(t) dt}_0 \end{aligned}$$



Note that since $F' = f$, we can also state FTC2 as:

$$\int_a^b F'(x) dx = F(b) - F(a) \quad (2)$$

ie. first differentiating (F) and then integrating takes you back to where you were (F), but in the form $F(b) - F(a)$.

(1) and (2) together say that differentiation and integration are inverse processes.

EX Compute $\int_0^4 2^s ds$

Solⁿ Recall from L1 (p3) that:

$$\frac{d}{ds} \frac{1}{\ln 2} 2^s = 2^s$$

Thus

$$\int_0^4 2^s ds = \frac{1}{\ln 2} 2^s \Big|_0^4 = \frac{1}{\ln 2} (2^4 - 2^0)$$
$$= \frac{15}{\ln 2}$$

EX Compute $F'(x)$ where: x^2
 $F(x) = \int_x e^{t^2} dt.$

Solⁿ

$$F(x) = \int_x^0 e^{t^2} dt + \int_0^{x^2} e^{t^2} dt.$$
$$= - \int_0^x e^{t^2} dt + \int_0^{x^2} e^{t^2} dt.$$

$$\Rightarrow F'(x) = -e^{-x^2} + \underbrace{\frac{d}{dx} \int_0^{x^2} e^{t^2} dt}_{\downarrow u=x^2}$$
$$= \frac{d}{du} \int_0^u e^{t^2} dt \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$
$$= e^{u^2} \cdot 2x$$
$$= 2xe^{(x^2)^2}$$

Thus

$$F'(x) = -e^{-x^2} + 2xe^{x^4}$$