

5.3 The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

- In the previous sections (Calculus I) we have learned how to evaluate definite integrals without finding antiderivatives.
- We did it, based on the Riemann sum. However, the method that we considered works for only limited (easy) functions.
- In this section we will consider how to find the definite integral of more general functions. The fundamental theorem of calculus provides a great idea.
- Before we consider the **FTC, part I**, we want to deal with the following function

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

where f is a continuous function on $[a, b]$ and $x \in [a, b]$. We figure out the geometric interpretation of the function F , having a look at the pictures.

- **Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, part I**

If f is continuous on $[a, b]$, then $F(x) = \int_a^x f(t)dt$ is continuous on $[a, b]$ and

$$F'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x f(t)dt = f(x).$$

- We go over the **Chain Rule** which will play a significant role in finding the derivatives of more complicated integral functions.

- **The Chain rule**

- 1 Newton's Notation

$$(F \circ g)'(x) = F'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$

- 2 Leibniz's notation: if $y = F(u)$ and $u = g(x)$, then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}.$$

FTC, part I Cont'd

- If a function $g(x)$ is on the upper limit instead of x , how do we apply FTC, part I? Now we use the following strategy which is based on the chain rule.

- 1 Substitution: let $u = g(x)$.
- 2 Use the Chain rule: we have

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_a^{g(x)} f(t) dt = \frac{du}{dx} \left(\frac{d}{du} \int_a^u f(t) dt \right).$$

- 3 Find $\frac{du}{dx} (= g'(x))$.
- 4 Apply the FTC, part I with u variable:

$$\frac{d}{du} \int_a^u f(t) dt = f(u).$$

- 5 Back to the substitution. Using step 3 and 4 we obtain

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_a^{g(x)} f(t) dt = \frac{du}{dx} \left(\frac{d}{du} \int_a^u f(t) dt \right) = \frac{du}{dx} \cdot f(g(x)).$$

Example 1

Find the derivative of the following functions.

1.

$$g(x) = \int_1^x (e^{2t} - 3t) dt.$$

2.

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

3.

$$h(x) = \int_{-1}^{x^3} \cos t dt.$$

4. For any $a \in \mathbb{R}$

$$h(y) = \int_a^{e^{y/2} + 1} \sin t dt.$$

- **Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, Part II**

If f is continuous on $[a, b]$ and F is any antiderivative of f on $[a, b]$, i.e., $F'(x) = f(x)$, then we have

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

Example2

Find the area under the sine curve from 0 to π .

Example 3

Use FTC, part II to evaluate the following integrals.

1.

$$\int_{-1}^1 (3x^2 + 2x) dx.$$

2.

$$\int_{-1}^2 e^x dx.$$

3.

$$\int_1^4 \left(\frac{3}{2} \sqrt{y} + \frac{2}{y} \right) dy.$$

4. Be careful! (The following is an improper integral)

$$\int_{-1}^2 \frac{1}{x^2} dx.$$