

1.3 The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

1 The Mean Value Theorem for Integrals

The Mean Value Theorem for integrals states that for a continuous function on a closed interval let's say $[a, b]$, we know that we can find some point, $c \in [a, b]$ such that $f(c)$ is equivalent to the average value of the function over $[a, b]$.

Recall that the average value of a continuous function f over the closed interval $[a, b]$ is $f_{ave} = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx$.

Theorem 1.3

If $f(x)$ is continuous over the closed interval $[a, b]$, then there exists at least one point $c \in [a, b]$ such that,

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

1.1 Mean Value Theorem for Integrals Practice

1. Find the average value of the function $f(x) = \frac{x}{2}$ over the interval $[0, 6]$ and find c such that $f(c)$ equals the average value of the function over $[0, 6]$.
2. Given $\int_0^3 (2x^2 - 1) dx = 15$, find c such that $f(c)$ equals the average value of $f(x) = 2x^2 - 1$ over $[0, 3]$.

2 Fundamental Theorem of Calculus Part 1

Theorem 1.4

If $f(x)$ is continuous over the closed interval $[a, b]$, and the function $F(x)$ is defined by

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

then $F'(x) = f(x)$ over $[a, b]$.

- This theorem establishes the fact that any integrable function has an antiderivative
- This theorem also implies that differentiation and integration are inverse operations

Now think about what happens if the bounds on the integral were functions, let's say $g(x)$ and $h(x)$.

If f is a continuous function with antiderivative F , and g and h are differentiable functions, then

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_{g(x)}^{h(x)} f(s) ds = \frac{d}{dx} [F(h(x)) - F(g(x))].$$

Now observe that when we take the derivative of $F(h(x)) - F(g(x))$, we need to apply the chain rule. And so,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \int_{g(x)}^{h(x)} f(s) ds &= F'(h(x))h'(x) - F'(g(x))g'(x) \\ \implies \frac{d}{dx} \int_{g(x)}^{h(x)} f(s) ds &= f(h(x))h'(x) - f(g(x))g'(x). \end{aligned}$$

2.1 Fundamental Theorem of Calculus Part 1 Practice

1. Use the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus Part 1 to find the derivative of $g(r) = \int_0^r \sqrt{x^2 + 4} dx$.
2. Find $\frac{d}{dx} \int_1^{x^4} \sec(t) dt$

3 Fundamental Theorem of Calculus Part 2

Theorem 1.5

If $f(x)$ is continuous over $[a, b]$ and $F(x)$ is any antiderivative of $f(x)$, then

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

Alternatively, $\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(x)|_a^b$ is a common notation to denote the expression $F(b) - F(a)$.

- Part 2 is extremely useful because it gives us an easier way to evaluate integrals rather than using Riemann Sums

3.1 Fundamental Theorem of Calculus Part 2 Practice

1. What is wrong with the following calculation?

$$\int_{-1}^3 \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \left. \frac{x^{-1}}{-1} \right|_{-1}^3 = \frac{-1}{3} - 1 = \frac{-4}{3}$$

2. Find the derivative of the function.

$$g(x) = \int_{2x}^{3x} \frac{u^2 - 1}{u^2 + 1} du$$

4 Solutions to Practice Questions

1.1.1 **Solution:**

To find the average value, recall that $f_{ave} = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx$ where f is continuous over the interval $[a, b]$. So since $f(x) = \frac{x}{2}$ is indeed continuous over $[0, 6]$ we can find the average value.

$$\implies f_{ave} = \frac{1}{6} \int_0^6 \frac{x}{2} dx$$

$$\implies f_{ave} = \frac{1}{12} \int_0^6 x dx$$

$$\implies f_{ave} = \frac{1}{12} \cdot \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_0^6$$

$$\implies f_{ave} = \frac{18}{12} = \frac{3}{2} = 1.5.$$

Now we must find some $c \in [0, 6]$ such that $f(c) = f_{ave}$.

So, $f(c) = \frac{c}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$. By some simple algebra, we see that $c = 3 \in [0, 6]$ as needed. ■

1.1.2 We are given that $\int_0^3 (2x^2 - 1) dx = 15$.

$$\implies f_{ave} = \frac{15}{3-0} = 5. \text{ Now we must find some } c \in [0, 3] \text{ such that}$$

$$f(c) = f_{ave}. \text{ So } f(c) = 2c^2 - 1 = 5.$$

$$\implies c = \pm\sqrt{3}. \text{ But since } -\sqrt{3} \notin [0, 3], c \text{ must then be } c = \sqrt{3} \text{ as needed.}$$
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2.1.1 **Solution:**

By the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus Part 1, $g'(r) = \sqrt{r^2 + 4}$. ■

2.1.2 **Solution:**

Let $F(x) = \int_1^{x^4} \sec(t) dt$. We want to find $F'(x)$. But notice that we can't directly apply part 1 of the fundamental theorem of calculus. So let $u(x)$ be some function such that $u(x) = x^4$. Now we have the following integral,

$$F(x) = \int_1^{u(x)} \sec(t) dt. \text{ Now applying the fundamental theorem of calculus part 1, } F'(x) = \sec(u(x)) \frac{du}{dx}.$$

$$\implies F'(x) = 4x^3 \sec(x^4) \text{ as needed.}$$
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3.1.1 **Solution:**

Notice that on the closed interval $[-1, 3]$, $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$ is not continuous since the function has an infinite discontinuity when $x = 0 \in [-1, 3]$. Thus, the fundamental theorem of calculus cannot be applied.

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3.1.2 **Solution:**

We can rewrite g as the following, $g(x) = \int_{2x}^0 \frac{u^2 - 1}{u^2 + 1} du + \int_0^{3x} \frac{u^2 - 1}{u^2 + 1} dx$.

$$\implies g(x) = - \int_0^{2x} \frac{u^2 - 1}{u^2 + 1} du + \int_0^{3x} \frac{u^2 - 1}{u^2 + 1} du$$

$\implies g(x) = \int_0^{3x} \frac{u^2 - 1}{u^2 + 1} du - \int_0^{2x} \frac{u^2 - 1}{u^2 + 1} du$. Now let's let $t(x) = 2x$ and $s(x) = 3x$.

$$\implies g(x) = \int_0^{s(x)} \frac{u^2 - 1}{u^2 + 1} du - \int_0^{t(x)} \frac{u^2 - 1}{u^2 + 1} du.$$

Applying the fundamental theorem of calculus part 1,

$$g'(x) = \frac{[s(x)]^2 - 1}{[s(x)]^2 + 1} \frac{ds}{dx} + \frac{[t(x)]^2 - 1}{[t(x)]^2 + 1} \frac{dt}{dx}.$$

$$\implies g'(x) = 3 \cdot \frac{9x^2 - 1}{9x^2 + 1} + 2 \cdot \frac{4x^2 - 1}{4x^2 + 1}$$

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