

Area accumulation functions and the FTC: an analytical perspective

1. Let $F(x) = \int_3^x e^{5t} dt$

(a) Find a formula for $F(x)$ by anti-differentiating and substituting.

(b) Differentiate to find $F'(x)$.

(c) Explain your result.

(d) Why does the lower limit of integration not affect the derivative?

(e) Using what you noticed and learned above, find $\frac{d}{dx} \left[\int_{-5}^x \arctan t dt \right]$.

In summary:

The Fundamental theorem of Calculus, Part 1: If f is continuous on $[a, b]$, then

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\int_a^x f(t) dt \right] = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad (\text{for } a < x < b).$$

Wording differently, if $F(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$, then $F'(x) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.

2. Let $F(x) = \int_4^{x^2} \cos t dt$

(a) Find a formula for $F(x)$ by anti-differentiating.

(b) Differentiate to find $F'(x)$. Look at your answer and notice how it relates to the definition of $F(x)$.

(c) Using what you noticed and learned above, find $\frac{d}{dx} \left[\int_2^{\sin x} \ln t \, dt \right]$.

In summary:

$$\text{If } F(x) = \int_0^{g(x)} f(t) \, dt, \text{ then } F'(x) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}.$$

3. If $F(x) = \int_x^0 f(t) \, dt$, what is $F'(x)$? Hint: notice that $F(x) = - \int_0^x f(t) \, dt$.

4. If $F(x) = \int_{3x}^{x^2} \sin t \, dt$, what is $F'(x)$? Hint: the integral can be broken into two parts, so
$$F(x) = \int_{3x}^0 \sin t \, dt + \int_0^{x^2} \sin t \, dt.$$

In summary:

$$\text{If } F(x) = \int_{a(x)}^{b(x)} f(t) \, dt, \text{ then } F'(x) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

5. Use the above result to answer the following: if $F(x) = \int_{x^3}^{1-x} \frac{t+1}{t-1} \, dt$, what is $F'(x)$?