

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.

$$F(x) = \int_3^x e^{5t} dt = \frac{1}{5} e^{5t} \Big|_3^x = \frac{1}{5} e^{5x} - \frac{1}{5} e^{15}.$$

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

Taking the derivative of the previous result with respect to x gives $F'(x) = e^{5x}$.

- (c) Explain your result.

Using the Evaluation Theorem (a part of the FTC), we found a formula for $F(x)$ by antidifferentiating, substituting and subtracting. Then when we found the derivative of $F'(x)$ we basically undid our work. So we ended up with the function inside the integral, with the upper limit of integration x substituted for t .

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

The lower limit is constant and only shifts the area accumulation function; it does not affect its rate of change. Another way to look at it is that when we took the derivative in part (b), that part of the function was a constant so its rate of change was 0.

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

$\arctan x$

In summary:

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

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

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

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

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

$$F(x) = \int_4^{x^2} \cos t dt = \sin t \Big|_4^{x^2} = \sin(x^2) - \sin(4)$$

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

$$F'(x) = 2x \cos(x^2)$$

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

In summary:

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

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

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
 $F(x) = \int_{3x}^0 \sin t \, dt + \int_0^{x^2} \sin t \, dt$.
 $F'(x) = 2x \sin x^2 - 3 \sin 3x$

In summary:

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

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 $F'(x)$?
 $F'(x) = -\frac{1-x+1}{1-x-1} - 3x^2 \cdot \frac{x^3+1}{x^3-1} = \frac{2-x}{x} - 3x^2 \cdot \frac{x^3+1}{x^3-1}$