

## Today's topic: Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

Goal: establish a connection between  
differential and integration

taking derivatives  $\Leftrightarrow$  tangent problem.

integration  $\Leftrightarrow$  area problem

The first part of the Fundamental Theorem deals with functions of the form:

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

where:

$f(t)$  is a continuous function  $[a, b]$   
 $x$  is a variable in  $[a, b]$ .

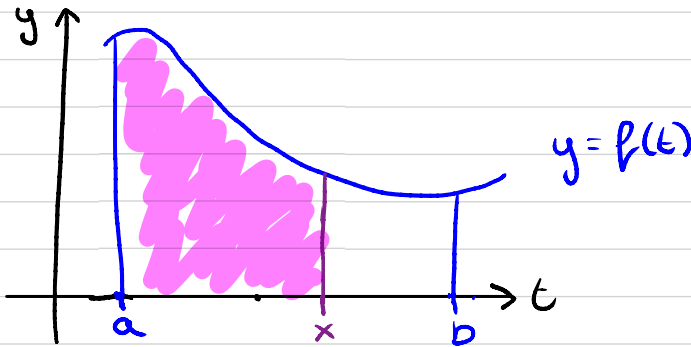
Note:  $g(x)$  only depends on  $x$ .

• If  $x$  takes some value, e.g.  $x = 7$ ,  
then  $\int_a^7 f(t) dt$  is a number.

think: area under the curve between  $t = a$   
and  $t = x = 7$

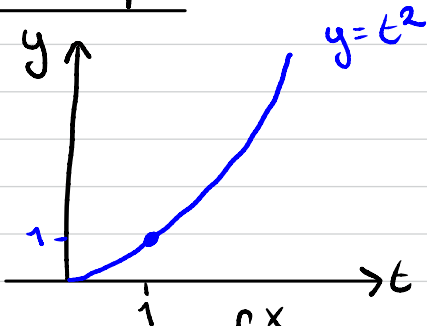
- If  $x$  varies, then the value of  $\int_a^x f(t) dt$  also varies.

We can picture this as follows:



We can think of  $g(x)$  as calculating the area under the curve "so far".

Example: Consider  $g(x) = \int_1^x t^2 dt$



Here,  $f(t) = t^2$ .

We can explicitly find a formula for  $g(x)$ :

$$g(x) = \int_1^x t^2 dt = \left[ \frac{t^3}{3} \right]_1^x = \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{1}{3}$$

Notice that since  $g(x) = \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{1}{3}$ ,  
we have  $g'(x) = \frac{3x^2}{3} = x^2$ .

In this case,  $g'(x) = f(x)$ .

In fact, this is always true.

### Fundamental Theorem of Calculus 1:

If  $f$  is a continuous function on  $[a, b]$ ,  
then the function

$$g(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt \quad \text{for } a \leq x \leq b$$

is an antiderivative of  $f$ , that is

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

In other notation:  $\frac{d}{dx} \left( \int_a^x f(t) dt \right) = f(x)$

Roughly: integrate first, and then differentiate,  
we get back the original function  $f$ .

Example: Find the derivative of  $g(x) = \int_0^x \sqrt{1+t^2} dt$

- $f(t) = \sqrt{1+t^2}$  is continuous, so we can use FTC:

$$\begin{aligned} g'(x) &= f(x) \\ &= \sqrt{1+x^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Example: Find the derivative of  $g(x) = \int_1^{x^4} \sec(t) dt$ .

- $f(t) = \sec(t)$  is continuous

Careful! Have upper bound:  $x^4$   
not just  $x$ !

Use a substitution, partnered with Chain rule:

$$u = x^4$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \int_1^{x^4} \sec(t) dt &= \frac{d}{dx} \int_1^u \sec(t) dt \\ &= \frac{d}{du} \left( \int_1^u \sec(t) dt \right) \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Chain} \\ \text{rule} \end{array} \right. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{FTC:} \\ &= (\sec(u)) \cdot 4x^3 \\ &= \sec(x^4) \cdot 4x^3.\end{aligned}$$

We will now state the FTC in full:

**Fundamental Theorem of Calculus:**

Let  $f$  be continuous function on  $[a, b]$ .

1. If  $g(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$ , then  $g'(x) = f(x)$ .

2.  $\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$  where  $F$  is an antiderivative of  $f$ , i.e.  $F' = f$ .

This is just evaluation theorem.

Applications: • finding area  
volume  
arc length of curves  
probability  
etc...