

## Recall: First Fundamental Theorem of Calculus (FTC 1)

If  $f$  is continuous and  $F' = f$ , then

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

We can also write that as

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \int f(x)dx \Big|_{x=a}^{x=b}$$

Do all continuous functions have antiderivatives? Yes. However...

What about a function like this?

$$\int e^{-x^2} dx = ??$$

Yes, this antiderivative exists. No, it's not a function we've met before: it's a new function.

The new function is defined as an integral:

$$F(x) = \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt$$

It will have the property that  $F'(x) = e^{-x^2}$ .

Other new functions include antiderivatives of  $e^{-x^2}$ ,  $x^{1/2}e^{-x^2}$ ,  $\frac{\sin x}{x}$ ,  $\sin(x^2)$ ,  $\cos(x^2)$ , ...

## Second Fundamental Theorem of Calculus (FTC 2)

If  $F(x) = \int_a^x f(t)dt$  and  $f$  is continuous, then

$$F'(x) = f(x)$$

**Geometric Proof of FTC 2:** Use the area interpretation:  $F(x)$  equals the area under the curve between  $a$  and  $x$ .

$$\Delta F = F(x + \Delta x) - F(x)$$

$$\Delta F \approx (\text{base})(\text{height}) \approx (\Delta x)f(x) \quad (\text{See Figure 1.})$$

$$\frac{\Delta F}{\Delta x} \approx f(x)$$

$$\text{Hence } \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta F}{\Delta x} = f(x)$$

But, by the definition of the derivative:

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta F}{\Delta x} = F'(x)$$



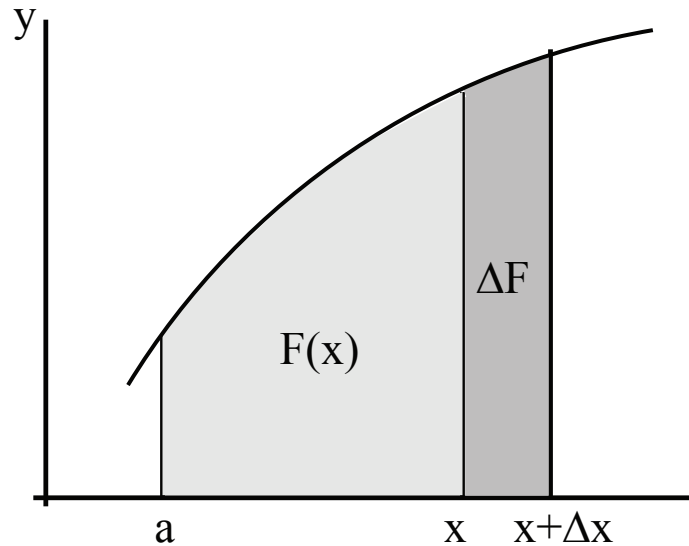


Figure 1: Geometric Proof of FTC 2.

Therefore,

$$F'(x) = f(x)$$

Another way to prove FTC 2 is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Delta F}{\Delta x} &= \frac{1}{\Delta x} \left[ \int_a^{x+\Delta x} f(t) dt - \int_a^x f(t) dt \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_x^{x+\Delta x} f(t) dt \quad (\text{which is the "average value" of } f \text{ on the interval } x \leq t \leq x + \Delta x.) \end{aligned}$$

As the length  $\Delta x$  of the interval tends to 0, this average tends to  $f(x)$ .

### Proof of FTC 1 (using FTC 2)

Start with  $F' = f$  (we assume that  $f$  is continuous). Next, define  $G(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$ . By FTC2,  $G'(x) = f(x)$ . Therefore,  $(F - G)' = F' - G' = f - f = 0$ . Thus,  $F - G = \text{constant}$ . (Recall we used the Mean Value Theorem to show this).

Hence,  $F(x) = G(x) + c$ . Finally since  $G(a) = 0$ ,

$$\int_a^b f(t) dt = G(b) = G(b) - G(a) = [F(b) - c] - [F(a) - c] = F(b) - F(a)$$

which is FTC 1.

**Remark.** In the preceding proof  $G$  was a definite integral and  $F$  could be any antiderivative. Let us illustrate with the example  $f(x) = \sin x$ . Taking  $a = 0$  in the proof of FTC 1,

$$G(x) = \int_0^x \cos t dt = \sin t \Big|_0^x = \sin x \quad \text{and } G(0) = 0.$$



If, for example,  $F(x) = \sin x + 21$ . Then  $F'(x) = \cos x$  and

$$\int_a^b \sin x \, dx = F(b) - F(a) = (\sin b + 21) - (\sin a + 21) = \sin b - \sin a$$

Every function of the form  $F(x) = G(x) + c$  works in FTC 1.

## Examples of “new” functions

The *error function*, which is often used in statistics and probability, is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{erf}(x) &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x e^{-t^2} \, dt \\ \text{and } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \operatorname{erf}(x) &= 1 \quad (\text{See Figure 2}) \end{aligned}$$

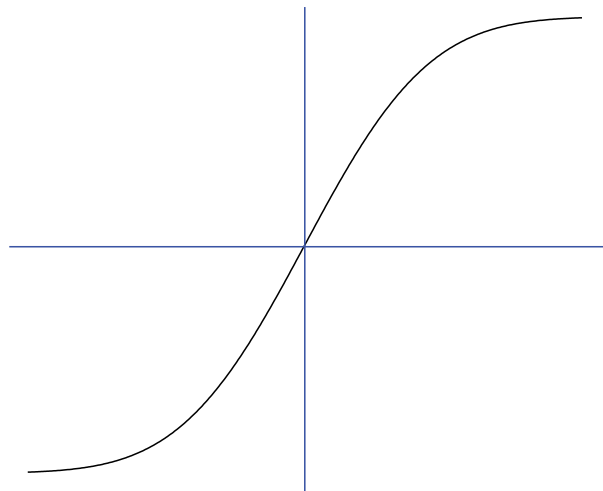


Figure 2: Graph of the error function.

Another “new” function of this type, called the *logarithmic integral*, is defined as

$$\operatorname{Li}(x) = \int_2^x \frac{dt}{\ln t}$$

This function gives the approximate number of prime numbers less than  $x$ . A common encryption technique involves encoding sensitive information like your bank account number so that it can be sent over an insecure communication channel. The message can only be decoded using a secret prime number. To know how safe the secret is, a cryptographer needs to know roughly how many 200-digit primes there are. You can find out by estimating the following integral:

$$\int_{10^{200}}^{10^{201}} \frac{dt}{\ln t}$$

We know that

$$\ln 10^{200} = 200 \ln(10) \approx 200(2.3) = 460 \quad \text{and} \quad \ln 10^{201} = 201 \ln(10) \approx 462$$

We will approximate to one significant figure:  $\ln t \approx 500$  for  $200 \leq t \leq 10^{201}$ .

With all of that in mind, the number of 200-digit primes is roughly <sup>1</sup>

$$\int_{10^{200}}^{10^{201}} \frac{dt}{\ln t} \approx \int_{10^{200}}^{10^{201}} \frac{dt}{500} = \frac{1}{500} (10^{201} - 10^{200}) \approx \frac{9 \cdot 10^{200}}{500} \approx 10^{198}$$

There are LOTS of 200-digit primes. The odds of some hacker finding the 200-digit prime required to break into your bank account number are very very slim.

Another set of “new” functions are the Fresnel functions, which arise in optics:

$$\begin{aligned} C(x) &= \int_0^x \cos(t^2) dt \\ S(x) &= \int_0^x \sin(t^2) dt \end{aligned}$$

Bessel functions often arise in problems with circular symmetry:

$$J_0(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi \cos(x \sin \theta) d\theta$$

On the homework, you are asked to find  $C'(x)$ . That’s easy!

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

We will use FTC 2 to discuss the function  $L(x) = \int_1^x \frac{dt}{t}$  from first principles next lecture.

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<sup>1</sup> The middle equality in this approximation is a very basic and useful fact

$$\int_a^b c dx = c(b - a)$$

Think of this as finding the area of a rectangle with base  $(b - a)$  and height  $c$ . In the computation above,  $a = 10^{200}$ ,  $b = 10^{201}$ ,  $c = \frac{1}{500}$

