

5.4 The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

Theorem (The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, Part 1). If f is continuous on $[a, b]$, and if F is any antiderivative of f on $[a, b]$, then

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

Example 1 $\int_4^{10} x^2 dx =$

Example 2 $\int_2^6 (x^2 + 1)dx =$

Example 3

a. $\int_0^{\pi} \sin x dx =$

b. $\int_0^{2\pi} \sin x dx =$

Example 4

a. $\int_{\ln 2}^{\ln 5} 2e^x dx =$

b. $\int_2^5 \frac{1}{x} dx =$

Example 5 $\int_{-2}^1 x^{-2} dx =$

Example 6

a. $\int_4^4 (2x^2 - 3x + 10) dx =$

b. $\int_4^2 x^3 dx =$

Example 7 $\int_{-3}^4 |x^2 - 4| dx =$

First observe that $|x^2 - 4| = \begin{cases} x^2 - 4 & \text{if } x < -2 \\ -(x^2 - 4) & \text{if } -2 \leq x \leq 2 \\ x^2 - 4 & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-3}^4 |x^2 - 4| dx &= \int_{-3}^{-2} |x^2 - 4| dx + \int_{-2}^2 |x^2 - 4| dx + \int_2^4 |x^2 - 4| dx \\ &= \int_{-3}^{-2} (x^2 - 4) dx + \int_{-2}^2 -(x^2 - 4) dx + \int_2^4 (x^2 - 4) dx \\ &= \int_{-3}^{-2} (x^2 - 4) dx - \int_{-2}^2 (x^2 - 4) dx + \int_2^4 (x^2 - 4) dx \\ &= \left[\frac{x^3}{3} - 4x \right]_{-3}^{-2} - \left[\frac{x^3}{3} - 4x \right]_{-2}^2 + \left[\frac{x^3}{3} - 4x \right]_2^4 \\ &= \left[\left(\frac{(-2)^3}{3} - 4(-2) \right) - \left(\frac{(-3)^3}{3} - 4(-3) \right) \right] - \left[\left(\frac{(2)^3}{3} - 4(2) \right) - \left(\frac{(-2)^3}{3} - 4(-2) \right) \right] \\ &\quad + \left[\left(\frac{(4)^3}{3} - 4(4) \right) - \left(\frac{(2)^3}{3} - 4(2) \right) \right] \\ &= \left[-\frac{8}{3} + 8 - (-9 + 12) \right] - \left[\frac{8}{3} - 8 - \left(-\frac{8}{3} + 8 \right) \right] + \left[\frac{64}{3} - 16 - \left(\frac{8}{3} - 8 \right) \right] \\ &= \left[-\frac{8}{3} + 5 \right] - \left[\frac{8}{3} - \frac{24}{3} + \frac{8}{3} - \frac{24}{3} \right] + \left[\frac{64}{3} - \frac{48}{3} - \frac{8}{3} + \frac{24}{3} \right] \\ &= \left[\frac{7}{3} \right] - \left[-\frac{32}{3} \right] + \left[\frac{32}{3} \right] \\ &= \frac{7}{3} + \frac{32}{3} + \frac{32}{3} = \frac{71}{3} = 23\frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Theorem (The Mean-Value Theorem for Integrals). If f is continuous on a closed interval $[a, b]$, then there is at least one number c in $[a, b]$ such that

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

Example 8 Find the value of c in the interval $[2, 5]$ for the function $f(x) = x^2$ whose existence is guaranteed by the Mean-Value Theorem for integrals.

Theorem (The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, Part 2). If f is continuous on an interval I , then f has an antiderivative on I . In particular, if a is any point in I , then the function F defined by

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

is an antiderivative of f on I ; that is, $F'(x) = f(x)$ for each x in I , or in an alternative notation

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\int_a^x f(t) dt \right] = f(x)$$

Example 9 Let $F(x) = \int_a^x \sin t \, dt$.

a. Find $F'(x)$ by applying FTC part 1 and differentiating the result.

b. Find $F'(x)$ by applying FTC part 2.

Example 10 Let $F(x) = \int_0^x \sqrt{\cos t} \, dt$. Find each function value indicated below.

a. $F(0)$

b. $F'(0)$

c. $F''(0)$