

# Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, Part I.

Let  $f$  be a continuous function  
on a closed bounded interval  $J$ .

Given a number  $a \in J$ , we

define a function  $F$  on  $J$  as

follows:  $F(x) = \int_a^x f$ , all  $x \in J$ .

Then  $F$  is continuous on  $J$ , and  
at each  $x_0 \in J$ ,  $F$  is

differentiable and  $F'(x_0) = f(x_0)$ .

Proof. Since  $f$  is continuous

on  $J$ , it follows that  $f$  is

bounded, i.e.  $|f(x)| \leq M$ , if  $x \in J$ .

Hence, if  $x$  and  $y$  are two

points with, say  $x \leq y$ . Then

$$F(y) - F(x) = \int_a^y f - \int_a^x f = \int_x^y f,$$

so that

$$|F(y) - F(x)| = \left| \int_x^y f \right| \leq \int_x^y |f|$$

$$\leq \int_x^y M = M(y-x)$$

Thus,  $f$  is Lipschitz on  $I$ .

which implies that  $F$  is

uniformly continuous on  $J$ .

Now suppose that  $f$  is

right-continuous at  $x_0$ , where

$x_0 \in J$ . Consider  $x \in J$  with

$x > x_0$ . Then

$$F(x) - F(x_0) = \int_{x_0}^x f(t) dt$$

and

$$f(x_0) = \frac{1}{x-x_0} \int_{x_0}^x f(t) dt.$$

From these two equations we get

$$\frac{F(x) - F(x_0)}{x - x_0} = f(x_0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{x-x_0} \int_{x_0}^x [f(t) - f(x_0)] dt$$

and thus,

$$\left\{ \frac{F(x) - F(x_0)}{x - x_0} = f(x_0) \right\}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{x - x_0} \int_{x_0}^x |f(t) - f(x_0)| dt.$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. Since  $f$  is

right-continuous at  $x_0$ , there

exists a  $\delta > 0$  so that for all  $t \in J$ ,

$$x_0 < t < x_0 + \delta \Rightarrow |f(t) - f(x_0)| dt.$$

Thus, if  $x_0 < x < x_0 + \delta$ , then

$$\int_{x_0}^x \{ f(t) - f(x_0) \} dt \\ \leq \int_{x_0}^x \varepsilon dt = \varepsilon (x - x_0),$$

so that

$$\left| \frac{F(x) - F(x_0)}{x - x_0} - f(x_0) \right| \leq \varepsilon.$$

This proves that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^+} \frac{F(x) - F(x_0)}{x - x_0} = f(x_0).$$

Similarly, if  $f$  is  
left-continuous at  $x_0$ ,

then it can be shown that

$$F'(x_0^-) = f(x_0).$$

It follows that if  $f$  is

continuous at  $x_0$  in the usual

two-sided sense, then  $F$  is

differentiable at  $x_0$  in the usual

two-sided sense and

$$F'(x_0) = f(x_0).$$

**Corollary.** If  $f$  is continuous

on  $J$ , then  $f$  has an

antiderivative  $F$  on  $J$ .

To say that  $F$  is an antiderivative,

this means  $\underline{F'(x) = f(x)}$ , for

all  $x \in J$

# Fundamental Theorem

of Calculus. Part 2.

Suppose  $f$  is differentiable

at each  $x \in J$ . Assume also

that  $f'$  is continuous on

a closed bounded interval.

Then If  $[a, b] \subset J$ , then

$$f(b) - f(a) = \int_a^b f'(t) dt.$$

Pf. We show that for

all  $x \in [a, b]$ ,

$$f(x) - f(a) = \int_a^x f'(t) dt. \quad (1)$$

Note that the left-handed side of (1) is  $f'(x)$ , if

where  $x \in J.$

Part 1 of the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus implies

that the derivative of  
the right-hand side exists

and equals  $f'(x)$ . Note

that one of the corollaries

of the Mean Value Thm

implies that since both

functions have the same

derivative, it must be that

these two functions differ

by a function constant, i.e.,

$$f(x) - f(a) = \int_a^x f'(t) dt + C$$

If we set  $x = a$ , we obtain

$0 = 0 + C$ . It follows that

$$f(x) - f(a) = \int_a^x f'(t) dt.$$

Setting  $x = b$ , we obtain

$$F(b) - F(a) = \int_a^b f'(t) dt$$