

1.22 Fundamental theorems of change and calculus

If

$$\frac{df}{dx} = g$$

then define

$$\left. \frac{df}{dx} \right]_{x=a} = g(a) \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\int g \, dx \right) \Big|_{x=a}^{x=b} = f(b) - f(a).$$

Fundamental theorem of change.

$$\left. \frac{df}{dx} \right]_{x=a} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}.$$

Fundamental theorem of calculus.

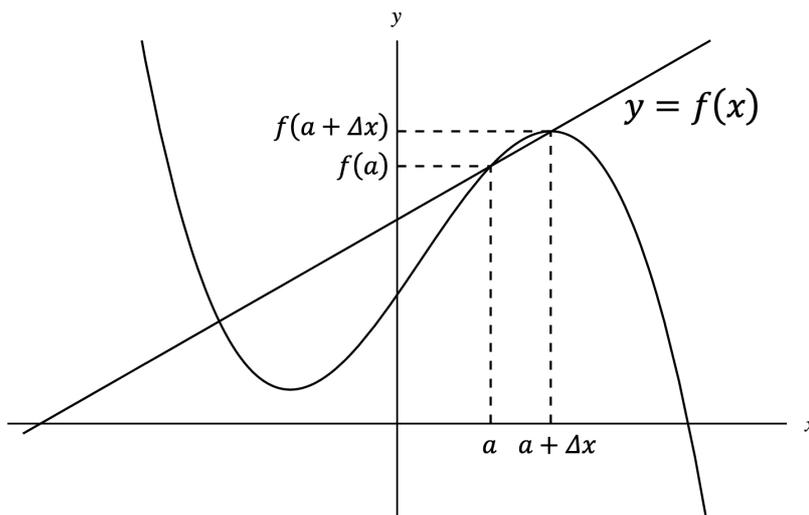
$$\left(\int g \, dx \right) \Big|_{x=a}^{x=b} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left(g(a) \frac{1}{N} + g\left(a + \frac{1}{N}\right) \frac{1}{N} + \cdots + g\left(b - \frac{1}{N}\right) \frac{1}{N} \right).$$

1.23 The fundamental theorem of change

Think about

$$\left. \frac{df}{dx} \right]_{x=a} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

in terms of the graph



The slope of $f(x)$ at $x = a$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f(a + \Delta x) - f(a)}{\Delta x} &= \frac{\text{change in } f}{\text{change in } x} \\ &= \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}} \\ &= \text{slope of line connecting } (a, f(a)) \text{ and } (a + \Delta x, f(a + \Delta x)). \end{aligned}$$

This gives that

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a + \Delta x) - f(a)}{\Delta x} = (\text{slope of } f \text{ at the point } x = a).$$

A function is *differentiable at $x = a$* if the graph of $f(x)$ at $x = a$ exists.