

The fundamental theorem of calculus

Write

$$\int f(x) dx = A(x) + c \quad \text{if} \quad \frac{d}{dx} A(x) = f(x)$$

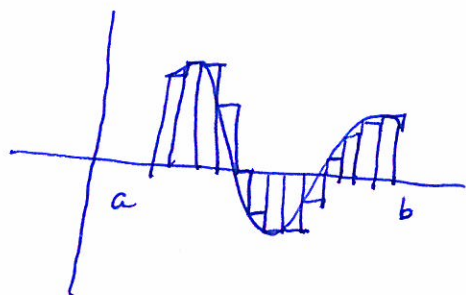
The fundamental theorem of calculus says

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Area under } f(x) \\ \text{from } a \text{ to } b \end{array} = A(b) - A(a)$$

$\int_a^b f(x) dx$ means

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} (f(a)\Delta x + f(a+\Delta x)\Delta x + \dots + f(b-\Delta x)\Delta x).$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} (\text{sum of the areas of the little boxes } \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n f(a+(i-1)\Delta x)\Delta x}_{\Delta x})$$



First box has area $f(a)\Delta x$
Second box has area $f(a+\Delta x)\Delta x$,
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Why is the fundamental theorem of calculus true?

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Area under } f(x) \\ \text{from } a \text{ to } b \end{array} = A(b) - A(a)$$

where $\int f(x) dx = A(x) + c.$

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Idea of proof:

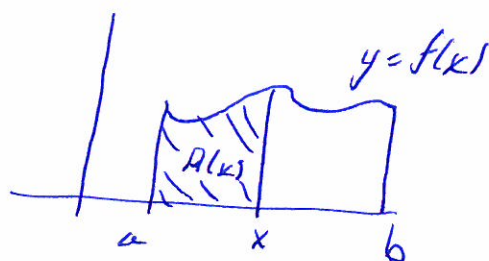
To show: There exists $A: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

(a) If $c \in [a, b]$ then $A'(c) = f(c)$

(b) $A(b) - A(a) = \text{Area under } f(x) \text{ from } a \text{ to } b.$

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from a to x



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(a) Assume $c \in [a, b]$.

To show: $A'(c) = f(c).$

$$A'(c) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{A(c + \Delta x) - A(c)}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{area under } f(x) \\ \text{from } a \text{ to } c + \Delta x \end{array} \right) - \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{area under } f(x) \\ \text{from } a \text{ to } c \end{array} \right)}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{area of little box} \\ \text{with height } f(c) \end{array} \right)}{\Delta x} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(f(c) \Delta x)}{\Delta x}$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} f(c) = f(c).$$

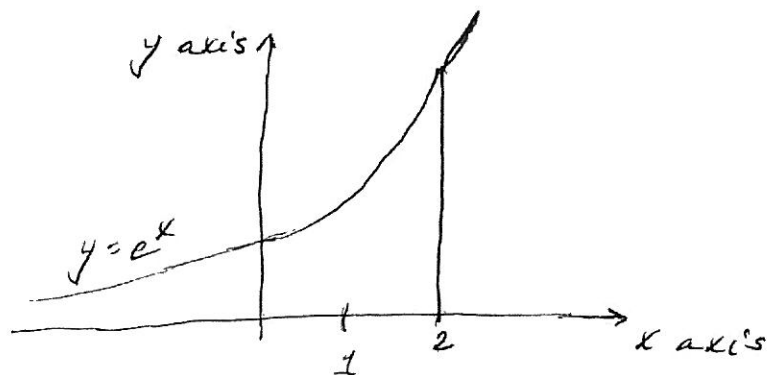
(b) To show: $A(b) - A(a) = \text{area under } f(x)$
from a to $b.$

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Example

$$\int_0^2 e^x dx$$



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$$\int_0^2 e^x dx = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} (e^0 \Delta x + e^{\Delta x} \Delta x + e^{2\Delta x} \Delta x + \dots + e^{(2-\Delta x)} \Delta x)$$

If $\Delta x = \frac{1}{3}$, then

$$e^0 \Delta x + e^{\Delta x} \Delta x + \dots + e^{2-\Delta x} \Delta x$$

$$= e^0 \frac{1}{3} + e^{\frac{1}{3}} \frac{1}{3} + e^{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{1}{3} + e^{\frac{3}{3}} \frac{1}{3} + e^{\frac{4}{3}} \frac{1}{3} + e^{\frac{5}{3}} \frac{1}{3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} (e^0 + e^{\frac{1}{3}} + (e^{\frac{1}{3}})^2 + (e^{\frac{1}{3}})^3 + (e^{\frac{1}{3}})^4 + (e^{\frac{1}{3}})^5)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{e^{6/3} - 1}{e^{1/3} - 1} \right) = (e^2 - 1) \left(\frac{\frac{1}{3}}{e^{1/3} - 1} \right)$$

If $\Delta x = \frac{1}{5}$ then

$$e^0 \Delta x + e^{\Delta x} \Delta x + \dots + e^{2-\Delta x} \Delta x = e^0 \frac{1}{5} + e^{\frac{1}{5}} \frac{1}{5} + \dots + e^{\frac{9}{5}} \frac{1}{5}$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} (e^0 + e^{\frac{1}{5}} + (e^{\frac{1}{5}})^2 + (e^{\frac{1}{5}})^3 + \dots + (e^{\frac{1}{5}})^9)$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{e^{10/5} - 1}{e^{1/5} - 1} \right) = (e^2 - 1) \frac{\frac{1}{5}}{e^{1/5} - 1}$$

So

$$\int_0^2 e^x dx = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} (e^0 \Delta x + \dots + e^{2-\Delta x} \Delta x) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (e^2 - 1) \left(\frac{\frac{1}{N}}{e^{1/N} - 1} \right)$$

Recall: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{x} = 1.$

So $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{1/N} - 1}{1/N} = 1.$ So $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/N}{e^{1/N} - 1} = 1.$

So $\int_0^2 e^x dx = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (e^2 - 1) \left(\frac{1/N}{e^{1/N} - 1} \right) = (e^2 - 1) \cdot 1 = e^2 - 1.$

Note: $\int e^x dx = e^x + c$ and

$$e^x + c \Big|_{x=0}^{x=2} = (e^2 + c) - (e^0 + c) = e^2 - 1.$$