

## The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus (FTC)

**Theorem 1 (FTC part 1)** Let  $f(x)$  be a continuous function on  $[a, b]$  for some real numbers  $a$  and  $b$  with  $a < b$ . Then  $\int_a^x f(t) dt$  is a continuous function of  $x$  on  $[a, b]$ , and a differentiable function of  $x$  on  $(a, b)$ , with

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x f(t) dt = f(x).$$

**Theorem 2 (FTC part 2)** Let  $F'(x) = f(x)$  on  $[a, b]$  for some real numbers  $a$  and  $b$  with  $a < b$ . Then

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

That is, if  $F(x)$  is **any** antiderivative of  $f(x)$ , then the integral of  $f(x)$  from  $a$  to  $b$  is just the difference in the values of the antiderivative  $F$  evaluated at the endpoints  $a$  and  $b$ . Stated another way, if  $F(x)$  is any solution to

$$\int f(x) dx,$$

then

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

**Theorem 3 (Chain Rule for Derivatives of Integrals)** Let  $f(x)$  be a piecewise continuous function on some interval containing the values of the differentiable functions  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$ . Then

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_{a(x)}^{b(x)} f(t) dt = f(b(x)) \cdot \frac{db}{dx} - f(a(x)) \cdot \frac{da}{dx}$$

**Example:**

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_{3x}^{x^2} \cos(t) dt = \cos(x^2) \cdot \frac{d(x^2)}{dx} - \cos(3x) \cdot \frac{d(3x)}{dx} = 2x \cos(x^2) - 3 \cos(3x)$$