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**Main Points:**

1. The accumulated net change function (“area-so-far” function)
2. Connection to antiderivative functions: the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus
3. Evaluating definite integrals using antiderivatives

**1. The accumulated net change function or “area-so-far” function**

Suppose we have a rate function  $r(t)$  for a quantity  $Q$ , and we want to know the accumulated net change in  $Q$  for many different time intervals. We fix a given initial time  $t_0$  and let  $A(t)$  be the net change from  $t_0$  to  $t$ , for many different  $t$ -values. Graphically, this is represented by finding the (signed) area between the graph of  $r$  and the  $t$ -axis from  $t_0$  to  $t$ . So  $A(t)$  is sometimes called the “area-so-far” function. We know that this area is represented by a definite integral:  $\int_{t_0}^t r(s) ds$ .

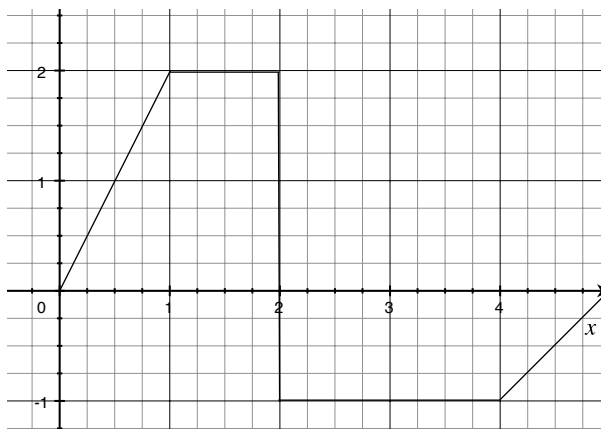
In general, given a function  $f(x)$  we may consider the (signed) area between the graph of  $f$  and the  $x$ -axis from an initial  $x$ -value, say  $a$  to an arbitrary  $x$ . Then the area-so-far function is

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

Note: we cannot write  $f(x)$  in the integral, because we have already chosen  $x$  to represent the variable for the area-so-far function, and we cannot use it to mean two different things in the same expression. This is why we write  $f(t)$  instead. (See 5.3 Example 1.)

**Exercise**

1. Given the function  $f(x)$  below, and an initial  $x$ -value of  $x = 0$ , we define the area-so-far function to be  $A(x) = \int_0^x f(x) dx$ .



- (a) Evaluate  $A(x)$  for the  $x$ -values given below:

$x$	0	1	2	3	4	5
$A(x)$						

(b) On what  $x$ -interval(s) is  $A(x)$  increasing? Why?

(c) At what  $x$ -value(s) does  $A(x)$  have a local maximum? Why?

## 2. Accumulated change and antiderivative functions

Suppose that we have a rate function  $r(t)$  for a quantity  $Q$ , and we want a formula for  $Q(t)$ . If we know the initial quantity  $Q_0$  and we know the net change  $\Delta Q$  from the initial time  $t_0$  to time  $t$ , then we can find  $Q(t)$  simply by adding:

$$Q(t) = Q_0 + \Delta Q = Q_0 + \int_{t_0}^t r(s) ds = Q_0 + A(t)$$

where  $A(t)$  is the area-so-far function with starting point  $t_0$ .

### Exercises

2. A honeybee population starts with 100 bees and increases at a rate of  $r(t)$  bees per week. Write an formula for the size  $P$  of the honeybee population  $t$  weeks later. (Use an integral!)
  
3. A bicyclist is pedaling along a straight road for one hour with a velocity  $v(t)$  km/hr. She starts out five kilometers from the lake.
  - (a) Write an integral to represent the net change in the bicyclist's position (i.e. her displacement) during her ride.
  
  - (b) Write a formula for her position at time  $t$ , using an integral.

Since  $r(t)$  is the derivative of  $Q(t)$ ,  $Q(t)$  is an antiderivative of  $r(t)$ . Notice that every choice of initial value  $Q_0$  will give an antiderivative for  $r(t)$ . In particular, choosing  $Q_0 = 0$  shows that the area-so-far function itself is an antiderivative for  $r(t)$ . In other words  $A'(t) = r(t)$ . This is the idea behind the first part of the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus.



8. Sometimes it is necessary to rewrite a function in order to recognize it as a derivative. For each of the following integrals, rewrite the integrand, and then evaluate the definite integrals using FTC 2.

(a)  $\int_0^2 (y - 1)(2y + 1) dy$

(b)  $\int_0^4 (4 - t)\sqrt{t} dt$

9. The velocity (in m/s) of a falling object is given by the formula  $v(t) = 5 - 10t$ .

(a) Find the displacement of the object during the first 5 seconds.

(b) Find a formula for the position function  $s(t)$  in terms of the initial position  $s_0$ . (Your final answer will be in terms of  $s_0$ .)

10. Find the signed area between the curve  $y = x^{-2/3}$  and the  $x$ -axis from  $x = 1$  to  $x = 8$ .