

6.5 Mean Value Theorem & Average Value

Goals:

1. Recognize and understand the **Mean Value Theorem for Integrals**.
2. Find the **average value of a function** on $[a,b]$.

Study 6.5 # 1-9, 13, 17, 21

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3.2 Rolle's Theorem and the Mean Value Theorem

Mean Value Theorem for Derivatives

Let f be:

1. continuous on closed interval $[a,b]$ and
2. differentiable on open interval (a,b)

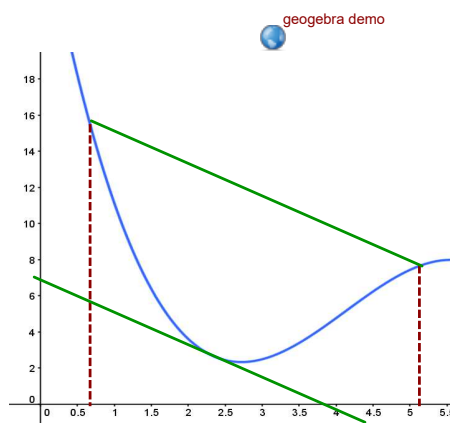
then \exists at least one $c \in (a,b) \ni$

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$

Interpretation:

There exists at least one c on the interval from a to b such that the derivative at c equals the slope of the secant line joining the endpoints.

ALSO: There exists at least one c on the interval where the instantaneous rate of change equals the average value.



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Mean Value Theorem for Integrals

If the MVT for derivatives tells us something about the slope of the tangent line to a curve,

what do you expect the MVT for integrals to tell us?

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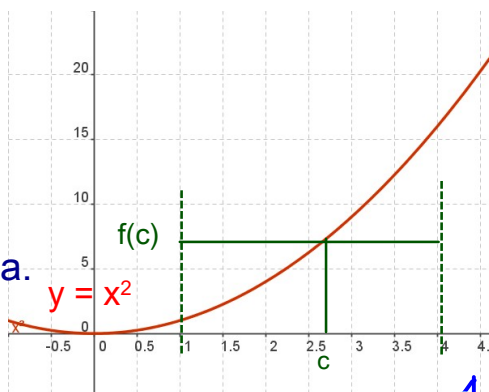
Mean Value Theorem for Integrals

The major interpretation of integrals is area;
MVT for Integrals is about area.

Let f be continuous on a closed interval $[a, b]$
then \exists at least one $c \in [a, b] \ni$

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

(equal areas: area of rectangle, $f(c) \cdot (b - a) =$ area under curve from a to b)



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Mean Value Theorem
for Integrals

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

$$\int_1^4 x^2 dx = \left[x^3 / 3 \right]_1^4 = 4^3/3 - 1/3 = 63/3 = 21$$

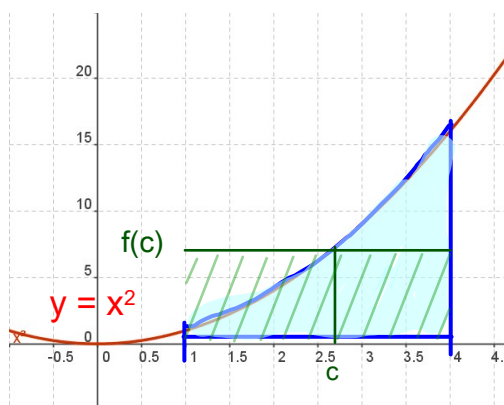
MVT guarantees a value of x, c , so that $f(c)(4-1) = 21$

$$\text{or } f(c) = 7$$

To find c : $x^2 = 7$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{7}$$

Use $c = \sqrt{7}$ or 2.65



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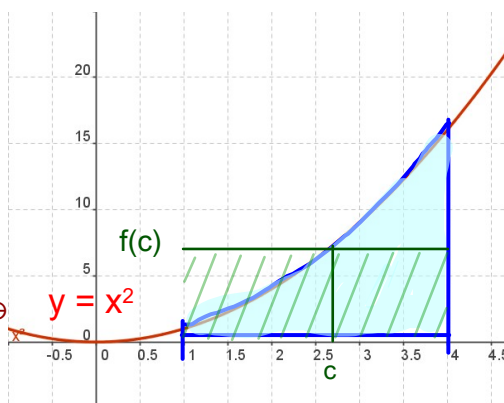
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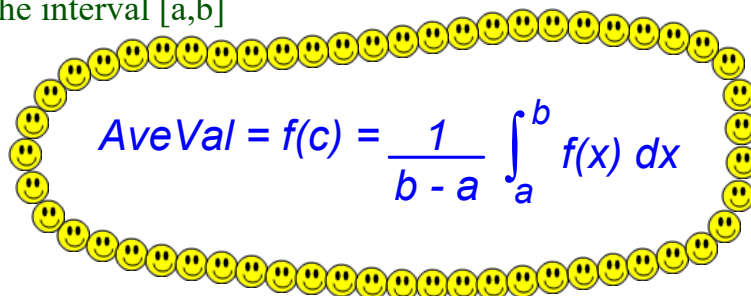
Average Value of a Function on [a,b]

From MVT: $\int_a^b f(x) dx = f(c)(b-a)$

Multiply both members of the equation by $1/(b-a)$

$$\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx = \frac{f(c)(b-a)}{b-a}$$

Results in an equation for **f(c)**, the **average value of the function f(x)** on the interval [a,b]



$$\text{AveVal} = f(c) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

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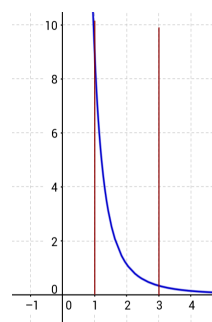
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$f(x)$ cont on $[1, 3]$ \therefore MVT applies $\int_a^b f(x) dx = f(c)(b-a)$

$$\int_1^3 9x^{-3} dx = 9 \left[\frac{x^{-2}}{-2} \right]_1^3$$

$$= \frac{9}{2} \left[-\frac{1}{x^2} \right]_1^3 = \frac{9}{2} \left(-\frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{1^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{9}{2} \left(-\frac{1}{9} + 1 \right) = \frac{9}{2} \left(\frac{8}{9} \right) = 4$$

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

$$\int_1^3 9x^{-3} dx = f(c)(3-1)$$

$$4 = f(c)(3-1)$$

$$f(c) = 2 = \frac{9}{c^3}$$

$$c^3 = \frac{9}{2} \quad c = \sqrt[3]{\frac{9}{2}} \approx 1.65 \in [1, 3]$$

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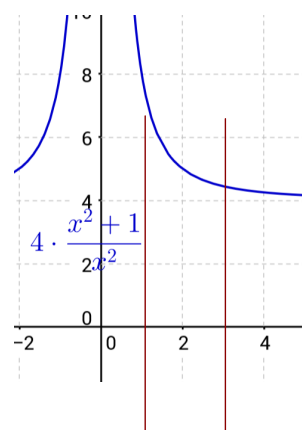
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$$\text{AveVal} = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

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$$Ave = \frac{1}{3-1} \int_1^3 \frac{4(x^2+1)}{x^2} dx$$

$$\frac{x^2+1}{x^2} = \frac{x^2}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$= 1 + x^{-2}$$

$$= 2 \int_1^3 (1 + x^{-2}) dx$$

$$= 2 \left[x + \frac{x^{-1}}{-1} \right]_1^3 = 2 \left[x - \frac{1}{x} \right]_1^3 = 2 \left[\left(3 - \frac{1}{3} \right) - \left(1 - 1 \right) \right]$$

$$= 2 \left[3 - \frac{1}{3} \right] = 2 \left(\frac{8}{3} \right) = \left(\frac{16}{3} \right)$$

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G: $f(x) = \cos x$ F: Ave. Value on $[0, \pi/2]$

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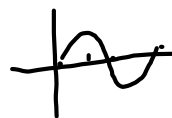
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$$\text{Ave} = \frac{1}{\pi/2 - 0} \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos x dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \sin x \Big|_0^{\pi/2} = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[\sin \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin 0 \right] = \frac{2}{\pi}$$



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The concentration of a certain drug during the first 20 hrs after it has been administered can be approximated by:

$$p(x) = \frac{300x}{6x^2 + 5}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 20$$

where x is the time in hours after the medication is taken and $p(x)$ is the concentration in percent. Determine the average concentration during the first 10 hrs after the medication was taken.

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$$\text{AveVal} = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \quad a=0, b=10$$

$$\text{AveVal} = \frac{1}{10-0} \int_0^{10} \frac{300x}{6x^2 + 5} dx$$

$$\text{AveVal} = \frac{30}{12} \int_0^{10} \frac{12x}{6x^2 + 5} dx$$

$$= \frac{5}{2} \ln |6x^2 + 5| \Big|_0^{10}$$

$$= \frac{5}{2} [\ln 605 - \ln 5] = (5/2) \ln(605/5)$$

$$= (5/2) \ln(121) = 11.99\%$$

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$$f(x) = \sqrt{x} \quad \text{on } [0, 4]$$

$$g(t) = \frac{t}{\sqrt{3+t^2}} \quad \text{on } [1, 3]$$

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2}{(3+x^3)^2} \quad \text{on } [-1, 1]$$

$$h(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x} \quad \text{on } [1, 5]$$

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$$\begin{aligned} G: f(x) &= \sqrt{x} \quad F: \text{Ave. value on } [0, 4] \\ \text{Ave. value} &= \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{4-0} \int_0^4 x^{1/2} dx = \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{x^{3/2}}{3/2} \right]_0^4 \\ &= \frac{1}{6} x^{3/2} \Big|_0^4 = \frac{8}{6} - 0 = \left(\frac{4}{3} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} G: g(t) &= \frac{t}{\sqrt{3+t^2}} \quad F: \text{Ave. value on } [1, 3] \\ \text{Ave. Val} &= \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b g(t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{3-1} \int_1^3 \frac{t}{\sqrt{3+t^2}} dt = \frac{1}{2} \int_1^3 \frac{1}{2} (3+t^2)^{-1/2} 2t dt \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{(3+t^2)^{1/2}}{1/2} \right]_1^3 = \frac{1}{2} [\sqrt{12} - \sqrt{4}] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [2\sqrt{3} - 2] = \sqrt{3} - 1 \end{aligned}$$

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$$f(x) = \frac{x^2}{(3+x^3)^2} \text{ on } [-1, 1]$$

G: $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{(x^3+3)^2}$ F: Ave. val on $[-1, 1]$ $x \neq -\sqrt[3]{3}$
 $f(x)$ cont., differentiable on $[-1, 1]$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ave. val.} &= \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{1-(-1)} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{x^2}{(x^3+3)^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[-\frac{1}{6} (x^3+3)^{-1} \right]_{-1}^1 \\ &= -\frac{1}{6(x^3+3)} \Big|_{-1}^1 = -\frac{1}{6(4)} - \left(-\frac{1}{6(2)} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{24} + \frac{1}{12} = \left(\frac{1}{24} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$h(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x} \text{ on } [1, 5]$$

G: $h(u) = \frac{\ln u}{u}$ F: Ave. val on $[1, 5]$
 $u \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ave. Val} &= \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b h(u) du \\ &= \frac{1}{5-1} \int_1^5 \frac{\ln u}{u} du \quad \begin{array}{l} z = \ln u \\ dz = \frac{1}{u} du \end{array} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\ln 5} z dz \quad \begin{array}{c|c} u & z \\ \hline 1 & 0 \\ 5 & \ln 5 \end{array} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{z^2}{2} \right]_0^{\ln 5} = \frac{1}{8} (\ln 5)^2 - 0 = \frac{1}{8} (\ln 5)^2 \end{aligned}$$

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