

MAT 137Y: Calculus!

Problem Set 6 Solution.

1. In the following two parts we will define $F(x) = \int_0^x f(t)dt$. Notice since f is continuous on \mathbb{R} , $F'(x) = f(x)$ by FTC 1.

(a) Suppose $\lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^A f(t)dt$ is finite and equals $C \in \mathbb{R}$.

Choose $G(x) = F(x) - C - 1$. Notice G is an antiderivative of $f(x)$.

We claim $\nexists a \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $G(x) = \int_a^x f(t)dt$.

Suppose otherwise, then let a be a number s.t. $G(x) = \int_a^x f(t)dt$.

We have $\int_0^x f(t)dt - C - 1 = \int_a^x f(t)dt$.

$\therefore C + 1 = \int_0^x f(t)dt - \int_a^x f(t)dt = \int_0^a f(t)dt = F(a)$.

On the otherhand, F is non-decreasing since $f(x) \geq 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = C$ by assumption. This is a contradiction and therefore $\nexists a \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $G(x) = \int_a^x f(t)dt$.

In the case that $\lim_{A \rightarrow -\infty} \int_A^0 f(t)dt$ is finite and equals C we can choose $G(x) = F(x) + C + 1$ and argue similarly.

(b) Note the assumptions are equivalent to saying $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = \infty$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = -\infty$.

Given $G(x)$ antiderivative of $f(x)$. We divide into three cases.

Case 1: $G(0) = 0$

If $G(0) = 0$ then $G(x) = \int_0^x f(t)dt$ since both are equal to 0 at $x = 0$ and have the same derivative.

Case 2: $G(0) > 0$

Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = -\infty$, by definition $\exists M \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $F(M) < -G(0)$. Note M is necessarily negative since F is non-decreasing and $F(0) = 0$.

Since $F(x)$ is differentiable it is also continuous on \mathbb{R} .

Moreover $F(M) < -G(0) < F(0) = 0$. So by IVT on $[M, 0]$, we can choose $a \in [M, 0]$ s.t. $F(a) = -G(0)$.

We claim $G(x) = \int_a^x f(t)dt$.

This is because $\int_a^0 f(t)dt = -F(a) = G(0)$. So the two functions agree in value at $x = 0$ and have the same derivative, and are therefore the same functions.

Case 3: $G(0) < 0$

A similar argument to case 2 would work.

2. Define $G(x) = \int_0^x f(t)dt$. Since $f(x)$ is continuous on \mathbb{R} , by FTC 1 $G'(x) = f(x)$. Notice the assumptions in the problem simply says $G(1) = 1$ and $G'(1) = 2$.

We prove by induction that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, $F_n(1) = 1$ and $F'_n(1) = 2^{n+1} - 1$. We only need to prove the second part, but the first part will be used in the induction proof of the second part.

Base Case: $F_1(1) = 1$ and $F'_1(1) = 3$.

$$F_1(1) = \int_0^1 (1)f(t)dt = 1 \text{ by assumption.}$$

$$F_1(x) = x \int_0^x f(t)dt = xG(x).$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore F'_1(1) &= G(1) + (1)G'(1) \\ &= 1 + 2 \\ &= 3.\end{aligned}$$

Inductive step: We show $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, " $F_n(1) = 1$ and $F'_n(1) = 2^{n+1} - 1$ " \implies " $F_{n+1}(1) = 1$ and $F'_{n+1}(1) = 2^{n+2} - 1$."

We have

$$\begin{aligned}F_{n+1}(x) &= \int_0^{F_n(x)} xf(t)dt \\ &= x \int_0^{F_n(x)} f(t)dt \\ &= xG(F_n(x)).\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore F_{n+1}(1) = (1)G(F_n(1)) = G(1) = 1.$$

Differentiating, using chain rule and product rule, we have

$$\begin{aligned}F'_{n+1}(1) &= G(F_n(1)) + (1)G'(F_n(1))F'_n(1) \\ &= 1 + G'(1)(2) \\ &= 1 + (2^{n+1} - 1)(2) \\ &= 2^{n+2} - 1.\end{aligned}$$

By induction, we conclude that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, $F'_n(1) = 2^{n+1} - 1$.