

Let $f(x)$ be a continuous function on $[a, b]$. Then by the fundamental theorem of calculus, $F(x) = \int_a^x f(t)dt$ is continuous on $[a, b]$, is differentiable on $[a, b]$, and

$$F'(x) = \frac{dF(x)}{dx} = \frac{d \int_a^x f(t)dt}{dx} = f(x). \quad (1)$$

Now consider $g(x)$ instead of x as an upper bound of the integral above. Then to find $F'(g(x))$, we need to use the chain rule to get

$$F'(g(x)) = \frac{dF(g(x))}{dx} \quad (2)$$

$$= \frac{dF(g(x))}{dg(x)} \cdot \frac{dg(x)}{dx} \quad (3)$$

$$= \frac{d \int_a^{g(x)} f(t)dt}{dg(x)} \cdot g'(x) \quad (4)$$

$$= f(g(x)) \cdot g'(x), \quad (5)$$

where (3) is from the chain rule for the mapping $x \rightarrow g(x) \rightarrow F(g(x))$, and (5) from (1) with $g(x)$ instead of x , i.e. the fundamental theorem of calculus.

1 Find the derivative $\frac{d}{dt} \int_0^{t^4} \sqrt{u}du$ by evaluating the integral and differentiating the result,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_0^{t^4} \sqrt{u}du = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{2}{3} u^{3/2} \Big|_0^{t^4} \right) = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{2}{3} t^6 \right) = 4t^5$$

2 Find the derivative $\frac{d}{dt} \int_0^{t^4} \sqrt{u}du$ by differentiating the integral directly.

Since the upper bound is not simply x , We use the fundamental theorem of calculus combining with the chain rule above. Let $f(u) = \sqrt{u}$ and $g(t) = t^4$. Then

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_0^{t^4} \sqrt{u}du = \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^{g(t)} f(u)du \quad (6)$$

$$= f(g(t)) \cdot g'(t) \quad (7)$$

$$= \sqrt{t^4} \cdot \frac{d(t^4)}{dt} \quad (8)$$

$$= t^2 \cdot 4t^3 \quad (9)$$

$$= 4t^5 \quad (10)$$