

# The naive version of the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

Let  $F(t)$  be the cumulative area function of  $f(x)$  on the interval  $[a, b]$ . Suppose that  $f(x)$  is continuous.

(a)  $F(t)$  is differentiable, and  $F'(t) = f(t)$  on  $[a, b]$ .

That is,  $F$  is an antiderivative of  $f$  on  $[a, b]$ . Furthermore,  $F(a) = 0$  and  $F(b) = \mathbf{A}_a^b f(x)$ .

(b) Let  $G$  be any antiderivative of  $f(x)$  on  $[a, b]$ . Then

$$\mathbf{A}_a^b f(x) = G(b) - G(a)$$

# Outline of proof of the Fundamental Theorem (1)

$$\begin{aligned} F'(t) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(t+h) - F(t)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} [\mathbf{A}_a^{t+h} f(x) - \mathbf{A}_a^t f(x)] \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \mathbf{A}_t^{t+h} f(x) \end{aligned}$$

## Outline of proof of the Fundamental Theorem (2)

For each  $h > 0$ , since  $f(x)$  is continuous, it has a minimum value  $m_h$  and a maximum value  $M_h$  on  $[t, t + h]$ . Comparing areas of rectangles and the area under the curve:

$$\begin{aligned}m_h &\leq f(x) \leq M_h \\hm_h &\leq \mathbf{A}_t^{t+h} \leq hM_h \\m_h &\leq \frac{1}{h}\mathbf{A}_t^{t+h} \leq M_h\end{aligned}$$

## Outline of proof of the Fundamental Theorem (3)

Since  $f(x)$  is continuous,

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} m_h = f(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} M_h$$

Therefore, by the Squeeze Theorem,

$$F'(t) = f(t)$$