

Evaluate the integral.<sup>1</sup>

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

We'd like to evaluate this integral using the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, Part 2 (the option is to compute the limit of the sum).

Let's remind ourselves of the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, Part 2:

**The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, Part 2** If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a,b]$ , then

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

where  $F$  is any antiderivative of  $f$ , that is, a function such that  $F' = f$ .

First, we need an antiderivative for the function  $(4-t)\sqrt{t}$ . This doesn't fit any of the basic patterns we know, but some algebra might help:

$$\begin{aligned} (4-t)\sqrt{t} &= (4-t) \cdot t^{1/2} \\ &= 4t^{1/2} - t \cdot t^{1/2} \\ &= 4t^{1/2} - t^{3/2} \end{aligned}$$

The integrand now fits the basic patterns we know for antiderivatives.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^4 (4-t)\sqrt{t} \, dt &= \int_{t=0}^{t=4} 4t^{1/2} - t^{3/2} \, dt \\ &= \int_{t=0}^{t=4} 4t^{1/2} \, dt - \int_{t=0}^{t=4} t^{3/2} \, dt \\ &= 4 \cdot \int_{t=0}^{t=4} t^{1/2} \, dt - \int_{t=0}^{t=4} t^{3/2} \, dt \\ &= 4 \cdot \left[ \frac{t^{1/2+1}}{\frac{1}{2}+1} \right]_{t=0}^{t=4} - \left[ \frac{t^{3/2+1}}{\frac{3}{2}+1} \right]_{t=0}^{t=4} \\ &= 4 \cdot \left[ \frac{t^{3/2}}{\frac{3}{2}} \right]_{t=0}^{t=4} - \left[ \frac{t^{5/2}}{\frac{5}{2}} \right]_{t=0}^{t=4} \\ &= 4 \cdot \left[ \frac{2}{3} \cdot t^{3/2} \right]_{t=0}^{t=4} - \left[ \frac{2}{5} \cdot t^{5/2} \right]_{t=0}^{t=4} \\ &= 4 \cdot \left[ \frac{2}{3} \cdot 4^{3/2} - \frac{2}{3} \cdot 0^{3/2} \right] - \left[ \frac{2}{5} \cdot 4^{5/2} - \frac{2}{5} \cdot 0^{5/2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

and since  $4^{3/2} = (\sqrt{4})^3 = 2^3 = 8$  and  $4^{5/2} = (\sqrt{4})^5 = 2^5 = 32$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} &= 4 \cdot \left[ \frac{2}{3} \cdot 8 - 0 \right] - \left[ \frac{2}{5} \cdot 32 - 0 \right] \\ &= 4 \cdot \frac{16}{3} - \frac{64}{5} \\ &= \frac{128}{15} \end{aligned}$$

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<sup>1</sup>Stewart, *Calculus, Early Transcendentals*, p. 400, #28.