

Multiple Integration
Iteration of Double Integrals

Question

The functions $f(x, t)$ and $f_1(x, t)$ are continuous on the rectangle $a \leq x \leq b$, $c \leq t \leq d$.

$$g(x) = \int_c^d f(x, t) dt$$
$$G(x) = \int_c^d f_1(x, t) dt$$

Show that $g'(x) = G(x)$ if $a < x < b$.

[Hint: evaluate $\int_a^x G(u) du$ by reversing the order of iteration. Then differentiate the result.]

Answer

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^x G(u) du &= \int_a^x du \int_c^d f_1(u, t) dt \\ &= \int_c^d dt \int_a^x f_1(u, t) du \\ &= \int_c^d (f(x, t) - f(a, t)) dt \\ &= g(x) - C \end{aligned}$$

With $C = \int_c^d f(a, t) dt$ being independent of x . If we apply the fundamental theorem of Calculus then it can be seen that

$$g'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x G(u) du = G(x)$$