

Lec. 3: Area between curves - Applications

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① Income stream with compounded interest

In Sec. 3.1 you learned the formula for a continuously compounded interest on an investment:

$$A = P \cdot e^{rt}$$

value of investment at time t principal (= initial investment) interest rate (compounded continuously)

Ex. 1(a) Similar in book = Text on p. 402

Suppose you deposit \$2000 every year to an account that pays 8% annual rate (compounded continuously). What will be your accumulated interest from that account at the end of the 10th year?

(Here rate $r = 0.08$ if t is measured in years.)

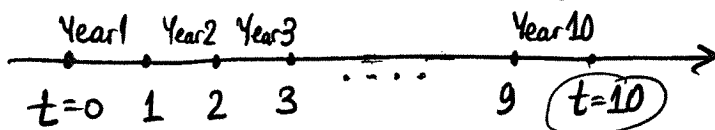
Sol'n: Year 1 Deposit \$2000 at $t=0$.

Amount at the end of Year 10 (i.e. at $t=10$), called Future Value (FV):

$$A = 2000 \cdot e^{0.08 \cdot 10}$$

Important Note:

In all such problems, draw the timeline; otherwise your t can end up being off by 1.



Year 2 Deposit \$2000 at $t=1$.

FV at end of Year 10 = $2000 \cdot e^{0.08 \cdot (10-1)}$

interest accumulates for 9 years

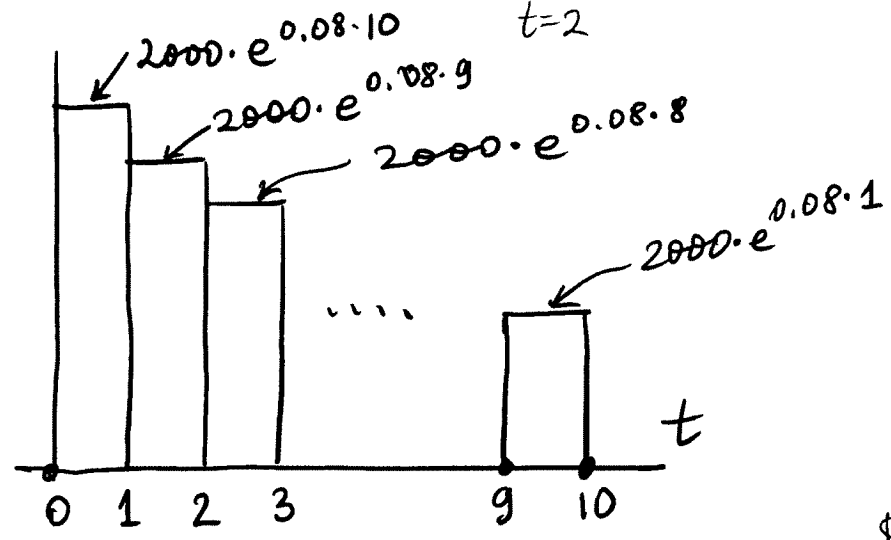
Year 3 Deposit \$2000 at $t=2$.

FV at end of Year 10 = $2000 \cdot e^{0.08 \cdot (10-2)}$
 accumulates for 8 years

Year 10 Deposit \$2000 at $t=9$ (see the timeline!)

FV at end of Year 10 = $2000 \cdot e^{0.08 \cdot (10-9)}$
 accumulates for only 1 year.

Total FV = $2000 \cdot e^{0.08 \cdot (10-0)}$ + $2000 \cdot e^{0.08 \cdot (10-1)}$
 + $2000 \cdot e^{0.08 \cdot (10-2)}$ + ... + $2000 \cdot e^{0.08 \cdot (10-9)}$



\approx $\$31,880$
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 FV at end of Year 10.

Accumulated interest =

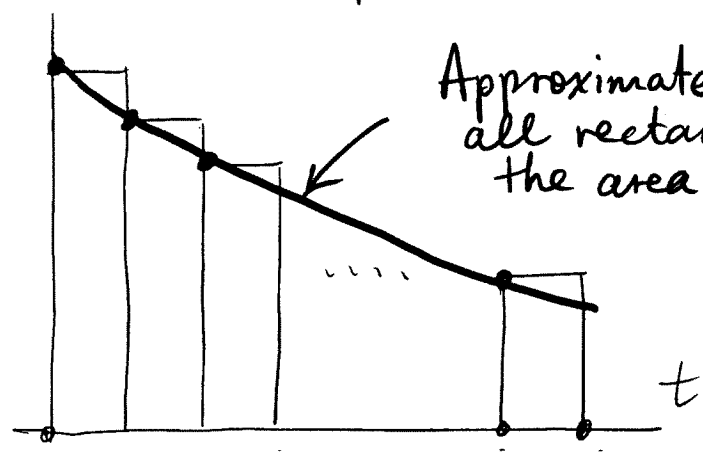
$\$31,880 - \underbrace{\$2000 \cdot 10}_{\text{total investment}}$

$= \$11,880$

Total FV = Combined area of rectangles

Ex. 1(b)

Approximate this using a continuous deposit model.



$y = 2000 \cdot e^{0.08 \cdot (10-t)}$

Observations

- The continuous approximation is seen to underestimate the value found with the once-a-year deposit model.
- How big is the error?

Area under the continuous curve = $\int_0^{10} 2000 \cdot e^{0.08(10-t)} dt$

= $2000 \cdot \int_0^{10} e^{0.08(10-t)} dt$ = $2000 \int_0^{10} e^{0.08 \cdot 10 - 0.08t} dt$ (expand the exponent)

= $2000 \cdot \int_0^{10} e^{0.8} \cdot e^{-0.08t} dt$ = $2000 \cdot e^{0.8} \int_0^{10} e^{-0.08t} dt$

↑ use $e^{m-n} = e^m \cdot e^{-n}$ (Appendix 5)

This integral is done as in Ex. 4b in Lec. 1:

$\int_0^{10} e^{-0.08t} dt$ $= \int_0^{-0.8} e^u \left(-\frac{du}{0.08}\right)$ $= -\frac{1}{0.08} \int_0^{-0.8} e^u du$ $= -\frac{1}{0.08} e^u \Big _0^{-0.8} =$ $-\frac{1}{0.08} (e^{-0.8} - e^{\rightarrow 1}) = + \frac{1 - e^{-0.8}}{0.08}$	$u = -0.08t$ $du = (-0.08t)' dt = -0.08 dt$ $dt = -du / 0.08$ <p>New lower bound:</p> $u(0) = -0.08 \cdot 0 = 0$ <p>New upper bound:</p> $u(10) = -0.08 \cdot 10 = -0.8$
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Going back to our original expression =

$$2000 \cdot e^{0.8} \cdot \frac{(1 - e^{-0.8})}{0.08} = 2000 \frac{e^{0.8} - 1}{0.08}$$

↑ distribute $e^{0.8}$

Putting this in a calculator gives $\approx \$30,639$

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Total FV using
continuous model

Once-per-year model

Continuous model

Total FV $\approx 31,880$

Total FV $\approx \$30,640$

$$\text{error} = |31,880 - 30,640| = 1,240,$$

or about 4% ($1240/31,000 \approx 0.04$)

Accumulated interest

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$$= 31,880 - 20,000 = 11,880$$

$$= 30,640 - 20,000 = 10,640$$

$$\text{error} = 1,240, \text{ or about } 11\% \left(\frac{1240}{31,000} \approx 0.11 \right)$$

Not great, but can be "good enough"
(and there is a nice formula).

- At home I ask you to trace the steps of the above calculation for the general case, with:

$$\begin{array}{l} 2000 \rightarrow P \\ 0.08 \rightarrow r \\ 10 \rightarrow T \end{array}$$

and obtain the general formula:

$$\int_0^T P e^{r(T-t)} dt = P e^{rT} \cdot \frac{1 - e^{-rT}}{r} = P \cdot \frac{e^{rT} - 1}{r}$$

Ex. 2 Similar to Ex. 6.2.4 in book.

Redo the previous problem if you are changing the deposit with time as $P(t) = 2000 \cdot e^{-0.03t}$.

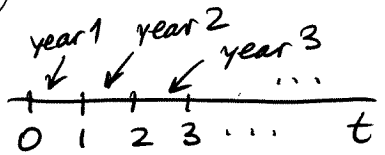
Approximate the answer using a continuous model.

A useful By-Product Results:

1 → Suppose a continuous income stream has the rate $f(t)$.
 (In Ex. 2, $f(t) = 2000 \cdot e^{-0.03t}$.) Then the income accumulated from $t=a$ to $t=b$ is:

$$\text{Total income} = \int_a^b f(t) dt$$

(In Ex. 2: $t=0$ = beginning of Year 1;
 $t=10$ = end of Year 10.)

Reminder: Always sketch a timeline: 

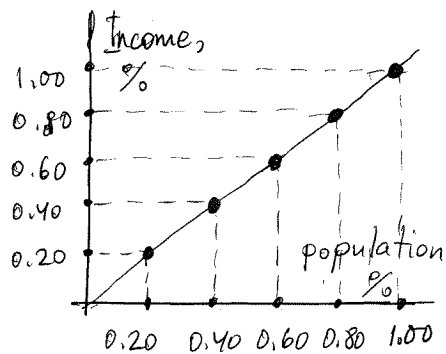
2 → If a continuous income stream with a rate $f(t)$ accumulates interest at a rate r , then the FV of the income at $t=T$ is:

$$FV(T) = \int_0^T f(t) e^{r(T-t)} dt$$

② Income distribution in a society; income inequality (pp. 392-394 in textbook)

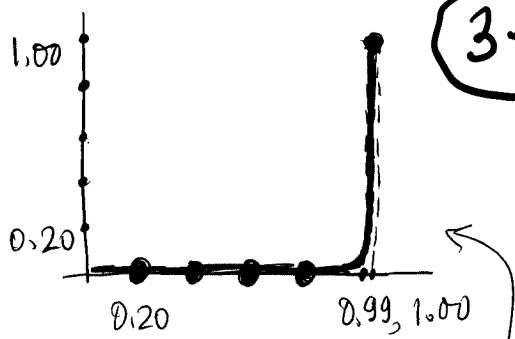
Suppose that all people/households in a country have the same income. Then:
 10% of the population earns 10% of the country's total income
 20% of the population earns 20% of the country's total income
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 50% of the population earns 50% of the country's total income
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 etc

If we plot the percentage of country's total income earned by the respective percentage of the population, we'll get a straight line $y=x$.



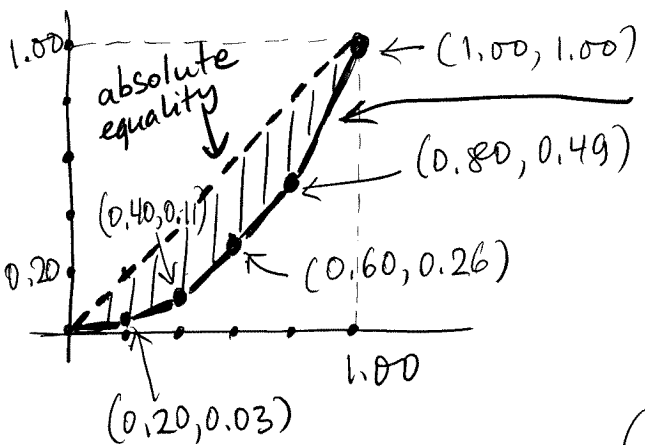
Thus, this line represents absolute equality of income distribution.

In the opposite extreme, when 99% of the population earn nothing, and all income is concentrated in the hands of 1% of the population, the curve will look like this.



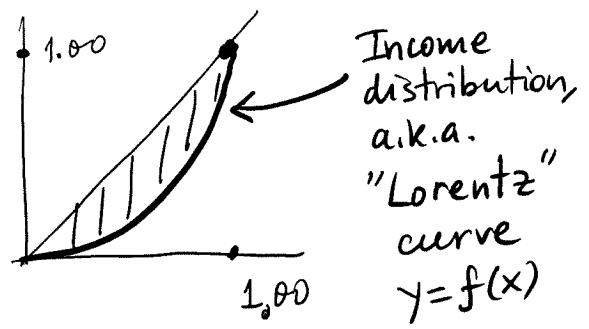
This curve represents absolute inequality of income distribution.

In reality, the actual income distribution curve is somewhere between these two extremes. For the 2014 income distribution in the US (p. 393 of book):



The shaded area shows how far the income distribution in the US in 2014 was from absolute equality. Convention: normalize (= divide)

this area by the area under the abs. equality line $y=x$ (which is $1/2$, by inspection or integration).



Gini index of income concentration:

$$\frac{\int_0^1 (x - f(x)) dx}{(1/2)}$$

$$= 2 \int_0^1 (x - \underbrace{f(x)}_{\uparrow \text{Lorenz curve}}) dx$$

Gini Index = 0 \Rightarrow abs. equality
 Gini Index = 1 \Rightarrow abs. inequality

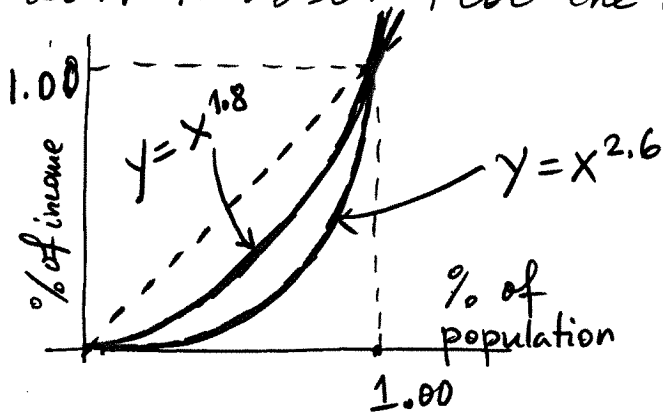
The Lorenz curve is usually approximated as $y = X^a$ \leftarrow (some const > 1)

Ex. 3 (= Ex. 6.1.8 in textbook)

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The Lorentz curve for the income distribution in 2017 in some country is $y = x^{2.6}$. Economists predict that by 2030, the Lorentz curve in this country will be approximated by $y = x^{1.8}$. Find the corresponding Gini indices and interpret the results.

Sol'n: 0) We can first qualitatively predict if the income inequality is going to increase or decrease from 2017 to 2030. Plot the curves:



Based on the graph, we can predict that the Gini index (or, equivalently, the area of the crescent) is smaller

for $y = x^{1.8}$ than for $y = x^{2.6}$,

and so the income inequality is expected to decrease from 2017 to 2030.

1) Now let's find the actual values of the Gini index.

2017 :
$$G.I. = 2 \int_0^1 (x - f(x)) dx = 2 \int_0^1 (x - x^{2.6}) dx =$$
$$2 \cdot \left(\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^{2.6+1}}{2.6+1} \right) \Big|_0^1 = 2 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3.6} \right) - 0 \approx \underline{0.44}$$

2030 :
$$G.I. = 2 \int_0^1 (x - x^{1.8}) dx = 2 \left(\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^{1.8+1}}{1.8+1} \right) \Big|_0^1$$
$$= 2 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2.6} \right) \approx \underline{0.29}$$

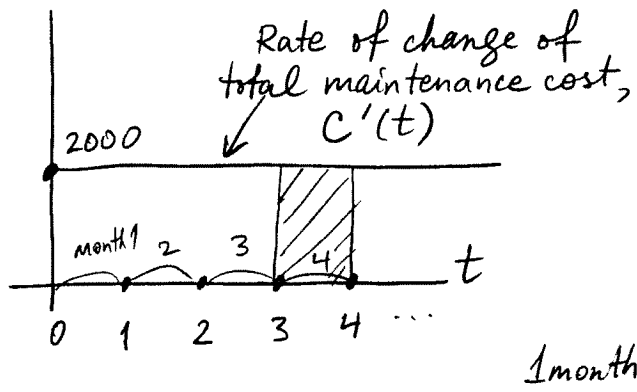
Indeed, $G.I._{2030} < G.I._{2017}$, so income inequality is expected to decrease by 2030.

② Useful life of a product

When a product is introduced to market, it generates Revenue at some rate $R'(t)$ but also has some maintenance Cost per unit time, $C'(t)$. (It is the rate at which the total maintenance cost accumulates, just like $R'(t)$ is the rate at which the total revenue accumulates.)

Ex. 4 (based on Ex. 5.5.6 in textbook)

Preliminaries



A video game is installed in an arcade. It costs \$2000/month to maintain/support this game. So:

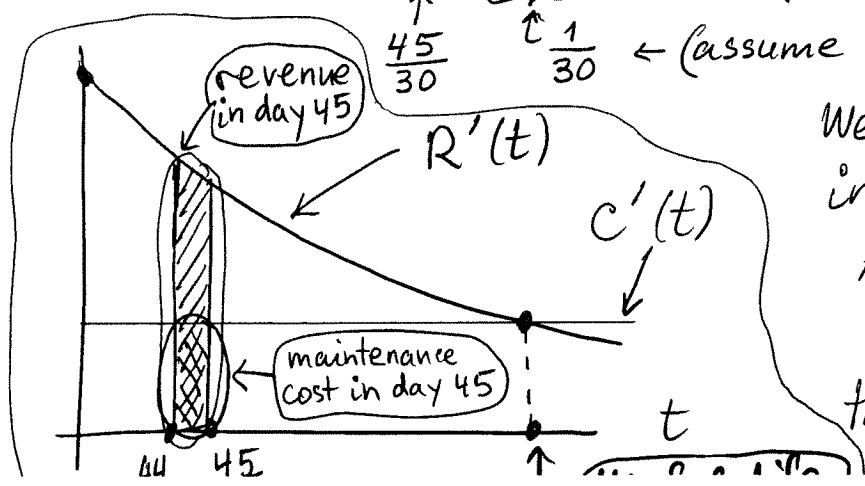
$$\frac{\Delta C}{1 \text{ month } \Delta t} \approx \frac{dC}{dt} = C'(t) = 2,000.$$
maintenance cost per month

This game generates revenue at a rate $R'(t) = 9000 \cdot e^{-0.5t}$.

E.g., during its 45th day, it will generate a revenue:

time (in months) since the installation

$$\Delta R \approx R'(t) \Delta t = 9000 \cdot (e^{-0.5 \cdot \frac{45}{30}}) \cdot \frac{1}{30}$$



We can plot $R'(t)$ and $C'(t)$ in the same graph.

As long as $R'(t) > C'(t)$, the game generates profit.

The profit is generated at the rate

$$(R'(t) - C'(t)) = P'(t) \leftarrow \text{rate of profit generation}$$

Therefore :

- The profit accumulated between times t_1 & t_2 is:

$$\left(\text{Profit from } t_1 \text{ to } t_2 \right) = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} P'(t) dt = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} (R'(t) - C'(t)) dt$$

- Profit increases (= product makes money) when $P'(t) > 0$, or $R'(t) - C'(t) > 0 \Rightarrow R'(t) > C'(t)$.

- Profit decreases (= product loses money) when $P'(t) < 0$, or $R'(t) - C'(t) < 0 \Rightarrow R'(t) < C'(t)$.

- The time t when $R'(t) = C'(t)$ is called the Useful life (U.L.) of the product.

Questions :

(a) What is the U.L. of the game in this example?

Sol'n: $R'(t) = C'(t) \Rightarrow 9000 \cdot e^{-0.5t} = 2000 \Rightarrow$

$$e^{-0.5t} = \frac{2000}{9000} = \frac{2}{9} \Rightarrow -0.5t = \ln \frac{2}{9} \Rightarrow \text{U.L.} = -2 \ln \frac{2}{9} \approx 3.01 \approx 3 \text{ months.}$$

See Ex. 6b in Lec. 1

(b) What is the total profit generated by this game

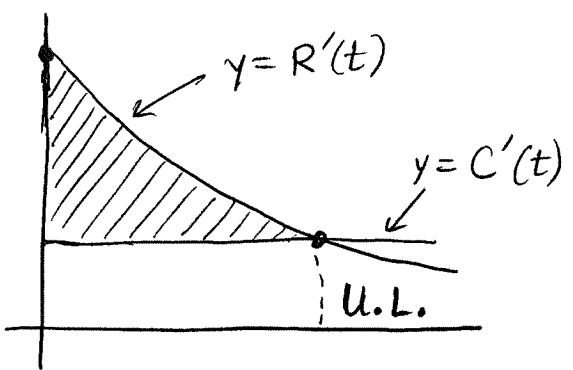
during its U.L.? (Assume $U.L. = 3$.)

Graphically, it is the area

bounded by

$$y = R'(t) \text{ and } y = C'(t)$$

(Lec. 2.).



Based on Lec. 2:

$$\text{(Total profit during U.L.)} = P(3) - \underbrace{P(0)}_{\substack{\text{can set} \\ = 0}} = \int_0^3 P'(t) dt =$$

$$= \int_0^3 \underbrace{(9000e^{-0.5t})}_{R'(t)} - \underbrace{2000}_{C'(t)} dt$$

$$= \left[9000 \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{0.5}\right) e^{-0.5t} - 2000t \right]_0^3$$

$$= \left[-\frac{9000}{0.5} \left(e^{-0.5 \cdot 3} - \underbrace{e^{-0.5 \cdot 0}}_1 \right) - 2000 \cdot (3-0) \right]$$

$$\approx \$7,984 \approx \$8,000.$$

Useful formula
(see Ex. 4b, 6a/Lec. 1
and Ex. 1b/Lec. 3):

$$\int e^{at} dt = \frac{1}{a} e^{at} + C$$

when $a = \text{const}$

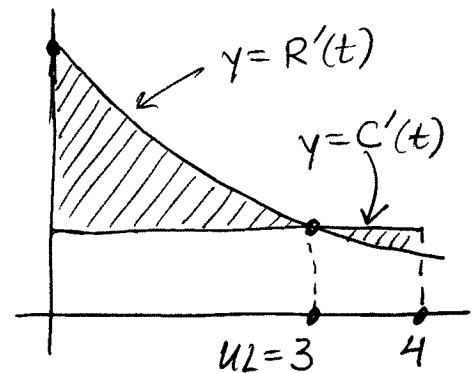
(c) How much money will the owner of the arcade lose by keeping this game for 1 extra month?

Sol'n:

Method 1: Compute $(P(4) - P(0))$

= (area between R' & C')
for $0 \leq t \leq 4$

and compare with $(P(3) - P(0))$.



Method 2: Compute $(P(4) - P(3))$:

$$P(4) - P(3) = \int_3^4 (9000e^{-0.5t} - 2000) dt =$$

$$\left[-\frac{9000}{0.5} e^{-0.5t} - 2000 \cdot t \right]_3^4$$

$$\approx 1580 - 2000 = -420.$$

Answer: Owner will lose \$420.

