5-5 Videos Guide

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• Average value of a function *f* over an interval [*a*, *b*]

$$\circ \quad f_{\text{ave}} = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) \, dx$$

Exercise:

• Find the average value of the function on the given interval.

$$g(t) = \frac{t}{\sqrt{3+t^2}}, \quad [1,3]$$

Theorem (statement):

• The Mean Value Theorem for Integrals: If *f* is continuous on [*a*, *b*], then there exists a number *c* in [*a*, *b*] such that

$$f(c) = f_{avg} = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx$$

that is, $\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = f(c)(b-a)$

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Exercises:

(a) Find the average value of f on the given interval.
(b) Find c in the given interval such that f_{avg} = f(c).
(c) Sketch the graph of f and a rectangle whose base is the given interval and whose

area is the same as the area under the graph of f.

 $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}, \ [0,8]$

• Find the numbers *b* such that the average value of $f(x) = 2 + 6x - 3x^2$ on the interval [0, b] is equal to 3.