

Antiderivative(Indefinite Integral)

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4.9 Antiderivatives

Definition A function F is called an **antiderivative** of f on an interval I if $F'(x) = f(x)$ for all x in I .

$$F'(x) = f(x) = G'(x)$$

so $G(x) - F(x) = C$, where C is a constant. We can write this as $G(x) = F(x) + C$, so we have the following result.

1 Theorem If F is an antiderivative of f on an interval I , then the most general antiderivative of f on I is

$$F(x) + C$$

where C is an arbitrary constant.

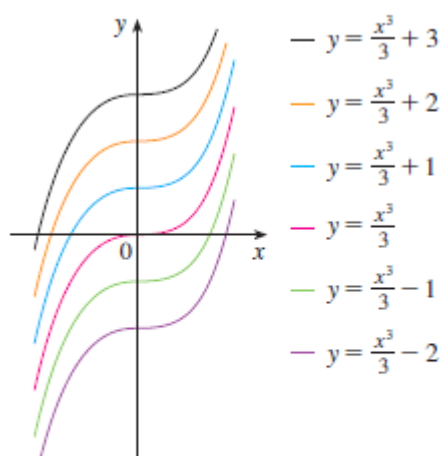


FIGURE 1

Members of the family of antiderivatives of $f(x) = x^2$

EXAMPLE 1 Find the most general antiderivative of each of the following functions.

- (a) $f(x) = \sin x$ (b) $f(x) = 1/x$ (c) $f(x) = x^n$, $n \neq -1$

Function	Particular antiderivative	Function	Particular antiderivative
$cf(x)$	$cF(x)$	$\sec^2 x$	$\tan x$
$f(x) + g(x)$	$F(x) + G(x)$	$\sec x \tan x$	$\sec x$
$x^n \ (n \neq -1)$	$\frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$	$\sin^{-1} x$
$\frac{1}{x}$	$\ln x $	$\frac{1}{1+x^2}$	$\tan^{-1} x$
e^x	e^x	$\cosh x$	$\sinh x$
$\cos x$	$\sin x$	$\sinh x$	$\cosh x$
$\sin x$	$-\cos x$		

EXAMPLE 2 Find all functions g such that

$$g'(x) = 4 \sin x + \frac{2x^5 - \sqrt{x}}{x}$$

EXAMPLE 3 Find f if $f'(x) = e^x + 20(1 + x^2)^{-1}$ and $f(0) = -2$.

V EXAMPLE 4 Find f if $f''(x) = 12x^2 + 6x - 4$, $f(0) = 4$, and $f(1) = 1$.

V EXAMPLE 6 A particle moves in a straight line and has acceleration given by $a(t) = 6t + 4$. Its initial velocity is $v(0) = -6$ cm/s and its initial displacement is $s(0) = 9$ cm. Find its position function $s(t)$.

SOLUTION Since $v'(t) = a(t) = 6t + 4$, antidifferentiation gives

$$v(t) = 6 \frac{t^2}{2} + 4t + C = 3t^2 + 4t + C$$

Note that $v(0) = C$. But we are given that $v(0) = -6$, so $C = -6$ and

$$v(t) = 3t^2 + 4t - 6$$

Since $v(t) = s'(t)$, s is the antiderivative of v :

$$s(t) = 3 \frac{t^3}{3} + 4 \frac{t^2}{2} - 6t + D = t^3 + 2t^2 - 6t + D$$

This gives $s(0) = D$. We are given that $s(0) = 9$, so $D = 9$ and the required position function is

$$s(t) = t^3 + 2t^2 - 6t + 9$$

1 Table of Indefinite Integrals

$$\int cf(x) dx = c \int f(x) dx \qquad \int [f(x) + g(x)] dx = \int f(x) dx + \int g(x) dx$$

$$\int k dx = kx + C$$

$$\int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C \quad (n \neq -1) \qquad \int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x| + C$$

$$\int e^x dx = e^x + C \qquad \int a^x dx = \frac{a^x}{\ln a} + C$$

$$\int \sin x dx = -\cos x + C \qquad \int \cos x dx = \sin x + C$$

$$\int \sec^2 x dx = \tan x + C \qquad \int \csc^2 x dx = -\cot x + C$$

$$\int \sec x \tan x dx = \sec x + C \qquad \int \csc x \cot x dx = -\csc x + C$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} dx = \tan^{-1} x + C \qquad \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \sin^{-1} x + C$$

$$\int \sinh x dx = \cosh x + C \qquad \int \cosh x dx = \sinh x + C$$

$$f''(t) = \cos t$$

$$f''(t) = e^t + t^{-4}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{2+x^2}{1+x^2}$$