Chapter 2:

Intro To Anti-Derivatives

Chapter 2 Overview: Anti-Derivatives

As noted in the introduction, Calculus is essentially comprised of four operations:

- Limits
- Derivatives
- Indefinite Integrals (Or Anti-Derivatives)
- Definite Integrals

As mentioned above, there are two types of integrals — the definite integral and the indefinite integral. The definite integral was explored first as a way to determine the area bounded by a curve, rather than bounded by a polygon. The summation of infinite rectangles is

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^{n} f\left(x_i\right) \cdot \Delta x,$$

and the symbol

$$\int_a^b f(x)\, dx$$

is the exact amount, with $\displaystyle\int$ being an elongated and stylized s for "sum".

Newton and Leibnitz made the connection between the definite integral and the antiderivative, showing that the process of reversing the derivative results in an infinite summation. The antiderivative and indefinite integral are inverses of each other, just as squares and square roots or exponential and log functions. In this chapter, we will consider how to reverse the differentiation process. In a later chapter, we will dive deeper into the definite integral. Let's start by reviewing our derivative rules, as they will be necessary for us to take the antiderivative.

You must know the derivative rules in order to know the antiderivative rules!

The Power Rule: $\dfrac{d}{dx}\left[u^n\right] = nu^{n-1}\dfrac{du}{dx}$

The Product Rule: $\dfrac{d}{dx}\left[u \cdot v\right] = u \cdot \dfrac{dv}{dx} + v \cdot \dfrac{du}{dx}$

The Quotient Rule: $\dfrac{d}{dx}\left[\dfrac{u(x)}{v(x)}\right] = \dfrac{v \cdot \dfrac{du}{dx} - u \cdot \dfrac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$

The Chain Rule: $\dfrac{d}{dx}\left[f(g(x))\right] = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\sin u] = (\cos u)\frac{du}{dx} \qquad \frac{d}{dx}[\csc u] = (-\csc u \cot u)\frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\cos u] = (-\sin u)\frac{du}{dx} \qquad \frac{d}{dx}[\sec u] = (\sec u \tan u)\frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\tan u] = \left(\sec^2 u\right)\frac{du}{dx} \qquad \frac{d}{dx}[\cot u] = \left(-\csc^2 u\right)\frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left[e^u\right] = \left(e^u\right)\frac{du}{dx} \qquad \frac{d}{dx}[\ln u] = \left(\frac{1}{u}\right)\frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left[a^u\right] = \left(a^u \cdot \ln u\right)\frac{du}{dx} \qquad \frac{d}{dx}\left[\log_a u\right] = \left(\frac{1}{u \cdot \ln a}\right)\frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left[\sin^{-1} u\right] = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}}\right)\frac{du}{dx} \qquad \frac{d}{dx}\left[\csc^{-1} u\right] = \left(\frac{-1}{|u|\sqrt{u^2-1}}\right)\frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left[\cos^{-1} u\right] = \left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}}\right)\frac{du}{dx} \qquad \frac{d}{dx}\left[\sec^{-1} u\right] = \left(\frac{1}{|u|\sqrt{u^2-1}}\right)\frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left[\tan^{-1} u\right] = \left(\frac{1}{u^2+1}\right)\frac{du}{dx} \qquad \frac{d}{dx}\left[\cot^{-1} u\right] = \left(\frac{-1}{u^2+1}\right)\frac{du}{dx}$$

2.1: The Anti-Power Rule

As we have seen, we can deduce things about a function if its derivative is known. It would be valuable to have a formal process to determine the original function from its derivative accurately. The process is called antidifferentiation, or integration.

Symbol for the Integral	
$\int f(x)\,dx$	"the integral of f of x, d-x"

The dx is called the differential. For now, we will treat it as part of the integral symbol. It tells us the independent variable of the function [usually, but not always, x]. It does have a meaning on its own, but we will explore that later.

Looking at the integral as an antiderivative, we should be able to figure out the basic process. Remember:

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left[x^n\right] = nx^{n-1}$$

and

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\text{constant}] = 0$$

It follows that if we are starting with the derivative and want to reverse the process, the power must increase by one and we should divide by this new power. Formally,

$$\int x^n\,dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C \text{ for } n \neq -1$$