

§ 4.9 - Antiderivatives

Defⁿ: $F(x)$ is an antiderivative of $f(x)$ if $F'(x) = f(x)$.

Ex: An antiderivative of $f(x) = 2x + 3x^3$ is $F(x) = x^2 + \frac{3}{4}x^4$.

Why: $F'(x) = [x^2 + \frac{3}{4}x^4]' = 2x + 3x^3 = f(x)$

Qn: $F(x) = x^2 + \frac{3}{4}x^4 + 5$

$$F'(x) = 2x + 3x^3 = f(x)$$

$$F(x) = x^2 + \frac{3}{4}x^4 + 27$$

$$F(x) = x^2 + \frac{3}{4}x^4 - \sqrt{2}$$

The antiderivative of $f(x) = 2x + 3x^3$ is

$$F(x) = x^2 + \frac{3}{4}x^4 + C, \quad C \text{ is a constant.}$$

℞ If $F(x)$ is an antiderivative of $f(x)$,
Then so is $G(x) = F(x) + C$.

$$f(x) = 4x + 1, \quad F(x) = 2x^2 + x + C$$

