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Express the solution of the initial value problem in terms of an integral.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt{2 + x^2}$$
, y(2) = -3

Find the function y = F(x) with derivative $f(x) = \frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt{2 + x^2}$ that satisfies the condition that F(2) = -3.

According to the first part of the fundamental theorem of calculus, if f is continuous on [a,b] then $F(x) = \int_{a}^{x} f(t) dt$ is continuous on [a,b] and differentiable on (a,b) and the following equation is true.

$$F'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \int_{a}^{x} f(t) dt = f(x)$$

Since F(2) = -3, then F(2) =
$$\int_{2}^{2} \sqrt{2+t^2} dt - 3 = -3$$
 because $\int_{2}^{2} \sqrt{2+t^2} dt = 0$.

Thus, the solution of the initial value problem $\frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt{2 + x^2}$, y(2) = -3 in terms of an integral with variable t is shown below.

$$y = \int_{2}^{x} \sqrt{2 + t^2} dt - 3$$