

The Indefinite Integral

SUGGESTED REFERENCE MATERIAL:

As you work through the problems listed below, you should reference Chapter 5.2 of the recommended textbook (or the equivalent chapter in your alternative textbook/online resource) and your lecture notes.

EXPECTED SKILLS:

- Given a differentiation rule, be able to construct the associated indefinite integration rule.
- Know how to integrate power functions (including polynomials), exponential functions, & trigonometric functions.

PRACTICE PROBLEMS:

For problems 1 and 2, compute the indicated derivative and state a corresponding integration formula.

1. $\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{(2x+3)^2} \right]$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{(2x+3)^2} \right] = \frac{-4}{(2x+3)^3} \implies \int \frac{-4}{(2x+3)^3} dx = \frac{1}{(2x+3)^2} + C$$

2. $\frac{d}{dx} [x \ln x - x]$

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x \ln x - x] = \ln x \implies \int \ln x dx = x \ln x - x + C$$

For problems 3-18, evaluate given indefinite integral and check your answer by differentiation.

3. $\int \left(\frac{1}{2}x + x^2 \right) dx$

$$\frac{1}{4}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + C$$

4. $\int \left(\sqrt{x^7} + e \right) dx$

$$\frac{2}{9}x^{9/2} + ex + C$$

$$5. \int \left(\frac{1}{x^3} + 3x^3 \right) dx$$

$$\boxed{\frac{-1}{2}x^{-2} + \frac{3}{4}x^4 + C}$$

$$6. \int (3x^{-2/3} + x^{-1/2} + 5x) dx$$

$$\boxed{9x^{1/3} + 2x^{1/2} + \frac{5}{2}x^2 + C}$$

$$7. \int (4x^{4/3} - 7\sqrt{x}) dx$$

$$\boxed{\frac{12}{7}x^{7/3} - \frac{14}{3}x^{3/2} + C}$$

$$8. \int 3 \cos x dx$$

$$\boxed{3 \sin x + C}$$

$$9. \int -7 \sec^2 x dx$$

$$\boxed{-7 \tan x + C}$$

$$10. \int \left(-\frac{1}{x} + e^x \right) dx$$

$$\boxed{-\ln |x| + e^x + C}$$

$$11. \int (1 - x^2)(x^3 + 4) dx$$

$$\boxed{-\frac{1}{6}x^6 + \frac{1}{4}x^4 - \frac{4}{3}x^3 + 4x + C}$$

$$12. \int \frac{x^2 - 3x^5}{x^3} dx.$$

$$\boxed{\ln |x| - x^3 + C; \text{ Video Solution: } \textcolor{blue}{\text{https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JCbEFor0NYY}}}$$

$$13. \int \frac{-2 \sin x}{\cos^2 x} dx$$

$$\boxed{-2 \sec x + C}$$

14. $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-4x^2}} dx$

$$\frac{1}{2} \sin^{-1} x + C; \text{ Detailed Solution: } \text{Here}$$

15. $\int (6 \cos x + 9 \csc^2 x) dx$

$$6 \sin x - 9 \cot x + C$$

16. $\int (\sin x - 3 \sec x \tan x) dx$

$$-\cos x - 3 \sec x + C$$

17. $\int 2^x dx$

$$\frac{2^x}{\ln 2} + C$$

18. $\int \frac{x^2}{x^2+1} dx$ (HINT: Use polynomial division)

$$x - \arctan x + C; \text{ Video Solution: } \text{https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kTLkMO8l2Ak}$$

19. Consider $\int \cot^2 x dx$.

- (a) Using the fact that $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$, derive the identity $\cot^2 x = \csc^2 x - 1$.

Provided that $x \neq \pi \cdot k$, where k is any integer, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x &= 1 \\ \frac{\sin^2 x}{\sin^2 x} + \frac{\cos^2 x}{\sin^2 x} &= \frac{1}{\sin^2 x} \\ 1 + \cot^2 x &= \csc^2 x \\ \cot^2 x &= \csc^2 x - 1 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Use the identity that you derived in part (a) to evaluate the original integral.

$$\int \cot^2 x dx = -\cot x - x + C.$$

For problems 20 and 21, find a function $y = y(x)$ which satisfies the given Initial Value Problem.

$$20. \begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{9x^2} \\ y(1) = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{9}x^{-1} + \frac{11}{18}$$

$$21. \begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dx} = -2e^x \\ y(0) = -5 \end{cases}$$

$$y = -2e^x - 3; \text{ Video Solution: } \text{https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvFRPT4nTIM}$$

22. A ball is thrown straight up in the air from an initial height of s_0 feet above the ground with an initial speed of v_0 ft/sec. Then $s(t)$ gives the height (in feet) above the ground at time t , $v(t) = s'(t)$ gives the velocity (in ft/sec) of the ball at time t , and $a(t) = s''(t)$ gives the acceleration (in ft/sec²) of the ball at time t . Assuming that acceleration is constant, $-g$ ft/sec², determine $v(t)$ and $s(t)$.

$$v(t) = -gt + v_0, \quad s(t) = -\frac{1}{2}gt^2 + v_0t + s_0$$