

Antiderivatives

Thinking Backwards

- As we learned in the lab, mathematicians like to be able to work backwards
- So, we would like to be able to undo our derivatives
- When asked to find an antiderivative of $F(x)$ we just need to think, "What function $f(x)$ would $F(x) = f'(x)$?"

$$\left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^{-1} F(x) = \int F(x) dx$$

Examples

$$\int 0 \, dx \quad \int e^x \, dx \quad \int \sin(x) \, dx \quad \int \cos(x) \, dx$$

$$\int x \, dx \quad \int e^{3x} \, dx \quad \int 2\sin(3x) - 3\cos(2x) \, dx$$

$$\int x^2 \, dx \quad \int 5e^{3x} \, dx \quad \int \frac{1}{x} \, dx \quad \int \frac{5}{x} \, dx$$

$$\int x^n \, dx \quad \int n^x \, dx \quad \int x \sin(x^2) \, dx$$

$$\int n f(x) \, dx$$

$$\int e^{x^2} \, dx$$

$$\int f(x) + g(x) \, dx$$

Initial Value Problems

- A problem when we are given the rate of change of a function and a starting point
- Example:
 - $f'(x) = \sin(8x)$ and $f(0) = 0$
 - This means the $f(x) = -1/8 \cos(8x) + C$
 - Since we know $f(0) = -1/8 \cos(8(0)) + C = 0$
 - $1/8 \cos(0) = C$
 - $C = 1/8$
 - $f(x) = -1/8 \cos(8x) + 1/8$

Questions?