

Section 4.9. Antiderivatives.

Def.

A function $F(x)$ is an antiderivative of $f(x)$ on the interval I if

$$F'(x) = f(x) \text{ for all } x \text{ from } I$$

Example

$$f(x) = x$$

$$F(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} \leftarrow \text{Antiderivative}$$

$$F'(x) = \left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right)' = \frac{2x}{2} = \underline{x}$$

$$F(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} + 5$$

$$F'(x) = \left(\frac{x^2}{2} + 5\right)' = x + 0 = \underline{x}$$

Theorem If F is an antiderivative of $f(x)$ on the interval I , then

the most general antiderivative
of $f(x)$ on I is

$$F(x) + C$$

If C is chosen to be
a particular number ($C = 2,$
 $C = 10,$
 $C = -20$)

then

$F(x) + 2$
 $F(x) - 20$ will be a

particular antiderivative.

Example

$$f(x) = \cos(x)$$

$$F(x) = \sin(x) + C \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{the} \\ \text{most gene-} \\ \text{ral antideriv.} \end{array}$$

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1. Find a particular antiderivative of $f(x) = 9 + x - x^2$.

$$F(x) = 9x + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} + 5$$

$$F'(x) = 9 + x - x^2$$

2. Find all antiderivatives of $f(x) = 9 + x - x^2$.

$$F(x) = 9x + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} + C$$

particular

3. Find an antiderivative of $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$.

$$F(x) = -x^{-1} = -\frac{1}{x}$$

$$F'(x) = (-x^{-1})' = +x^{-2} = \frac{1}{x^2}$$

4. To find *all* antiderivatives of a function $f(x)$, do you always just add a $+C$? Explain how to construct a “generic” piecewise function where you’re not using just $+C$ to describe *all* antiderivatives.

5. For each of the following functions, find a particular antiderivative.

Function	Antiderivative	Function	Antiderivative
x	$\frac{x^2}{2}$	$\sin(x)$	$-\cos(x)$
x^2	$\frac{x^3}{3}$	$\cos(x)$	$\sin(x)$
x^3	$\frac{x^4}{4}$	e^x	e^x
x^k ($k \neq -1$)	$\frac{x^{k+1}}{k+1}$	$1/(1+x^2)$	$\arctan(x)$
x^{-1} for $x > 0$	$\ln(x)$	$(\sec(x))^2$	$\tan(x)$
x^{-1} for $x < 0$	$\ln(-x)$	$\sec(x) \tan(x)$	$\sec(x)$
x^{-1} for all x	$\ln x $	1	x

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \quad \arcsin(x)$$

6. Compute an antiderivative of $f(x) = 15x^{20} + 44x^{10} + 8$

$$F(x) = 15 \cdot \frac{x^{21}}{21} + 44 \frac{x^{11}}{11} + 8x$$

$$F'(x) = 15x^{20} + 44x^{10} + 8$$

7. Compute an antiderivative of $f(t) = \frac{5 \sec t \tan t}{3} - 4 \sin t - \frac{1}{t} + e^2$

$$F(t) = \frac{5}{3} \sec(t) + 4 \cos(t) - \ln|t| + t \cdot e^2$$

$$F'(t) = \frac{5}{3} \sec(t) \cdot \tan(t) - 4 \sin(t) - \frac{1}{t} + e^2$$

8. Compute an antiderivative of $f(x) = \cos(3x)$.

9. Compute the antiderivative of $f(t) = t^2$ that equals 5 when $t = 2$.