

Antiderivatives and Indefinite Integrals

(covers Stewart 4.9 and parts of 5.4)

Sometimes we know the derivative of a function, and want to find the original function. (ex: finding position from velocity.)

F is an _____ of f on an interval I if $F'(x) = f(x)$ for all x in I .

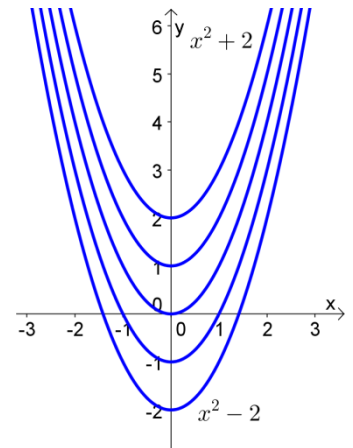
Ex 1.

Find an antiderivative for each of the following functions.

$$f(x) = 2x$$

$$g(x) = \cos x$$

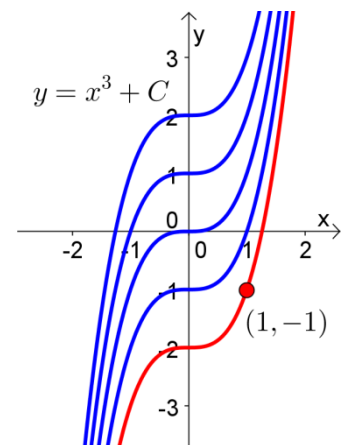
$$h(x) = \frac{1}{x} + 2e^{2x}$$



Note: The **general antiderivative** of $f(x) = 2x$ is $F(x) = x^2 + C$.

Ex 2.

Find the antiderivative of $f(x) = 3x^2$ that satisfies $F(1) = -1$.



Let's fill out the following table of antiderivatives:

Function	General antiderivative
x^n	
$\sin x$	
$\cos x$	
$\sec^2 x$	
$\csc^2 x$	$-\cot x + C$
$\sec x \tan x$	$\sec x + C$
$\csc x \cot x$	$-\csc x + C$
e^x	
$\frac{1}{x}$	
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$	$\sin^{-1} x + C$
$\frac{1}{1+x^2}$	$\tan^{-1} x + C$
a^x	$\frac{a^x}{\ln a} + C$

Ex 3.

Find the most general antiderivative for each of the following functions.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$$

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{x} + \sin x - 2^x$$

$$h(x) = \cos 2x + e^{-3x} + 17$$

Ex 4.

Find f if $f'(x) = \sec^2 x + \sin x$, and $f(\pi) = 1$.

Note: Since $v'(t) = a(t)$, velocity is an antiderivative of acceleration. And since $s'(t) = v(t)$, position is an antiderivative of velocity.

Ex 5.

A particle is moving with the given data. Find the position of the particle.

$$a(t) = 6t + 4, \quad v(0) = -6, \quad s(0) = 9$$

Going forward, we'll use the following notation to represent the general antiderivative of $f(x)$:

$$\int f(x) dx$$

This is called the **integral** of f with respect to x .

Ex 6.

Evaluate

$$\int (x^2 - 2x + 5) dx$$

Ex 7.

Evaluate

$$\int \left(\frac{5}{x} + \sec^2 3x \right) dx$$

Notes:

$\frac{d}{dx} (\int f(x) dx) = f(x)$ (That is, the derivative “undoes” the integral.)

$\int \frac{d}{dx} (f(x)) dx = f(x) + C$ (That is, the integral basically “undoes” the derivative.)