

4.7 Antiderivatives

Definition: A function F is called an antiderivative of f on an interval I if $F'(x) = f(x)$ for all x in I

Notice that $G(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + x^2 + 2$, $H(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + x^2$ AND $F(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + x^2 - 5$ are all antiderivatives of $f(x)$ since $G'(x) = H'(x) = F'(x) = f(x)$. These functions only differ by a constant. In fact if $F(x)$ and $G(x)$ are antiderivatives of $f(x)$ then

$$F(x) - G(x) = C \quad \text{so} \quad G(x) = F(x) + C$$

So if $F(x)$ is any antiderivative of $f(x)$ then all antiderivatives have the form $F(x) + C$

The process of finding all antiderivatives is called antidifferentiation or indefinite integration.

Notation:

Basic Rules of Integration

$$1) \int k \, dx$$

$$2) \int c f(x) \, dx$$

$$3) \int f(x) \pm g(x) \, dx$$

$$4) \int x^n \, dx$$

$$5) \int \frac{1}{x} \, dx$$

Examples:

$$1) \int (4x^5 - 3x^2 + 5x + 6) \, dx$$

$$2) \int \frac{x^2 + 2x^{1/2} - 5}{\sqrt{x}} \, dx$$

Since we know the derivatives of other functions we can use these to make more integration rules:

$$6) \int e^x dx$$

$$7) \int \cos x dx$$

$$8) \int \sin x dx$$

$$9) \int \sec^2 x dx$$

$$10) \int \sec x \tan x dx$$

$$11) \int \csc^2 x dx$$

$$12) \int \csc x \cot x dx$$

$$13) \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx$$

$$14) \int \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$$

$$15) \int \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2-1}} dx$$

WHY DON'T WE NEED $\int \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \cos^{-1} x + C$?

Examples:

1) FIND ALL FUNCTIONS $g(x)$ SUCH THAT

$$g'(x) = 3 \sin x + (\sqrt{x} - 2x)(4x^2 - 7) + 7e^x - \frac{4x}{x^3 + x} + 3 \sec x \tan x$$

2) FIND f IF $f'(x) = e^x + 20(1+x^2)^{-1}$ AND $f(0) = -2$

Ex: Find the most general antiderivatives of the following functions

$$1) f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x^2} + x\sqrt{x}$$

$$2) f(t) = \frac{3t^4 - t^3 + 6t^2}{t^4}$$

$$3) r(\theta) = \sec\theta \tan\theta - 2e^\theta$$

Ex: Find f.

$$1) f'''(t) = e^t + t^{-4}$$

$$2) f''(t) = 2e^t + 3\sin t, \quad f(0) = 0, \quad f(\pi) = 0$$