

## 4.9 Antiderivatives

antiderivative - is the reverse of derivative

→ given  $f(x)$  find  $F(x)$  such that  $F'(x) = f(x)$

for example,  $F(x) = -\cos x$  is antiderivative of  $f(x) = \sin x$

because  $F' = -(-\sin x) = \sin x = f(x)$

### Antiderivative of $x^n$

an antiderivative of  $x^n$  is  $\frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}$  if  $n \neq -1$

why  $\frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}$ ? because  $\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \right) = \frac{1}{n+1} \frac{d}{dx} (x^{n+1})$

$$= \frac{1}{n+1} (n+1) \cdot x^n = x^n$$

for example, an antiderivative of  $x^2$  is  $\frac{x^{2+1}}{2+1} = \frac{x^3}{3} = \frac{1}{3}x^3$

check:  $\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{3} x^3 \right) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 3x^2 = x^2$

but notice  $\frac{1}{3} x^3 + 1$  is also an antiderivative of  $x^2$

because  $\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{3} x^3 + 1 \right) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 3x^2 + 0 = x^2$

in fact, so is  $\frac{1}{3} x^3 + 5$ ,  $\frac{1}{3} x^3 - 10$ ,  $\frac{1}{3} x^3 + \pi$ ,  $\frac{1}{3} x^3 + e^\pi + 55$

all have derivatives equal to  $x^2$

all of these are possible antiderivatives of  $x^2$

all of these are in form of  $\frac{1}{3} x^3 + C$

$C$   
some  
constant

so, the most general antiderivative of  $x^n$  ( $n \neq -1$ )

is  $\frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C$

example Find the antiderivative of  $f(x) = -\frac{10}{x^{12}}$

what function  $F(x)$  gave us this as its derivative?

$$\text{rewrite: } f(x) = -\frac{10}{x^{12}} = \underbrace{(-10)}_{\text{constant multiple}} \underbrace{x^{-12}}_{x^n \text{ part}}$$

constant multiple  
doesn't participate in the process  
(just like differentiation)

$$F(x) = -10 \left( \frac{x^{-12+1}}{-12+1} \right) + C \quad \text{"constant of integration"}$$

$$= \frac{-10}{-11} x^{-11} + C$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{10}{11} x^{-11} + C}$$

$$\text{check: is } \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{10}{11} x^{-11} + C \right) = -\frac{10}{x^{12}}?$$

$$\frac{10}{11} \cdot -11x^{-12} = -10x^{-12}$$

so, yes

the indefinite integral is used to denote the process of

finding the antiderivative

$$\int f(x) \underline{dx} = F(x) + C$$

↑  
integral sign

↑ part of the notation  
(dx and ∫ sandwich the thing whose antiderivative you want)

so, from last example, we know  $\int -\frac{10}{x^{12}} dx = \frac{10}{11} x^{-11} + C$

since finding the antiderivative is closely related to differentiation, many rules carry over to this

for example, we can handle things separated by + or -  
separately

example

$$\int \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{x}} + 2\sqrt{x} \right) dx$$

what function has  
this as derivative?

rewrite:

$$\int (2x^{-1/2} + 2x^{1/2}) dx$$
$$= 2 \left( \frac{x^{-1/2+1}}{-1/2+1} \right) + 2 \left( \frac{x^{1/2+1}}{1/2+1} \right) + C$$

just need one +C

$$= 2 \left( \frac{x^{1/2}}{1/2} \right) + 2 \left( \frac{x^{3/2}}{3/2} \right) + C$$

$$= 4x^{1/2} + 2 \cdot \frac{2}{3} x^{3/2} + C = \boxed{4x^{1/2} + \frac{4}{3}x^{3/2} + C}$$

$2 \cdot \frac{2}{1}$  →

example

$$\int \left[ \frac{x^7 + x^5}{x^4} + (x+1)^2 \right] dx$$

rewrite as combinations of  $x^n$

$$= \int \left[ \frac{x^7}{x^4} + \frac{x^5}{x^4} + (x^2 + 2x + 1) \right] dx$$

$$= \int (x^3 + x + x^2 + 2x + 1) dx = \int (x^3 + x^2 + 3x^1 + 1) dx$$

$\nearrow 1 \cdot x^0$

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

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

$$\int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C \quad \text{if } n \neq -1$$

but what happens with  $n = -1$ ?

$$\int x^{-1} dx = \int \frac{1}{x} dx$$

what has  
this as derivative?

→  $\ln x$

$$\text{So, } \int x^{-1} dx = \int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x| + C$$

absolute value to make  
 $\ln|x|$  defined.

with trig functions, need to think of the differentiations rules in reverse

$$\int \cos x \, dx = \sin x + C \quad \text{because } \frac{d}{dx} (\sin x + C) = \cos x$$

$$\int \sin x \, dx = -\cos x + C \quad \text{because } \frac{d}{dx} (-\cos x + C) = -(-\sin x) = \sin x$$

$$\int \sec^2 x \, dx = \tan x + C$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \csc x \cot x \, dx &= -\csc x + C \quad \text{because } \frac{d}{dx} (-\csc x + C) \\ &= -\frac{d}{dx} (\csc x) \\ &= -(-\csc x \cot x) \\ &= \csc x \cot x \end{aligned}$$



example

$$\int (\sin x + \sec x \tan x) dx$$

Separated by + or - , so we can deal w/ them separately

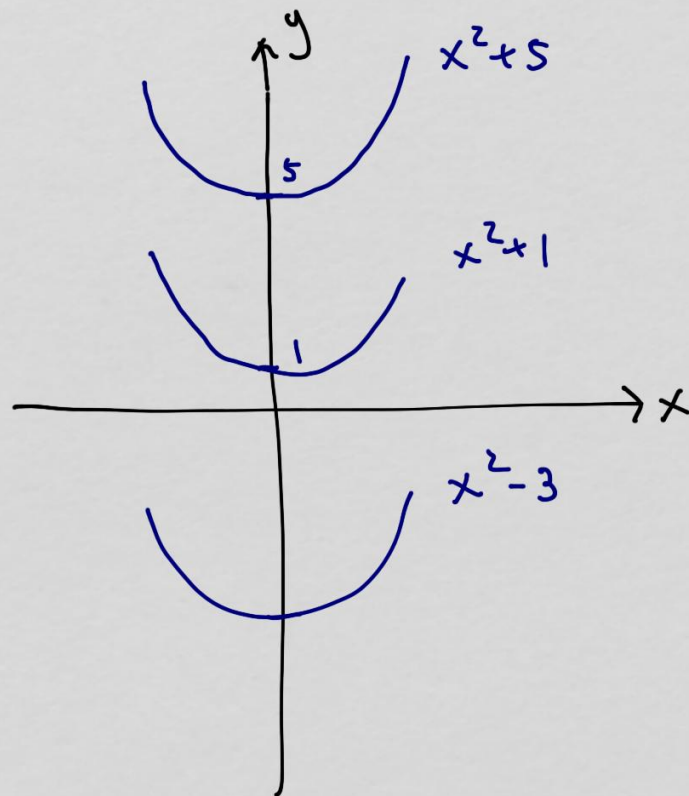
$$= \int \sin x dx + \int \sec x \tan x dx$$

$$= \boxed{-\cos x + \sec x + C}$$

to find what the actual value of  $C$  is, we need to know one point that the antiderivative passes through

for example,  $\int 2x \, dx = 2 \cdot \left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right) + C = x^2 + C$

family of parabolas w/  
vertex at  $y = C$



all of these are candidates, but  
which one is it?

if we know one point the  
"real one" passes through,

then we know

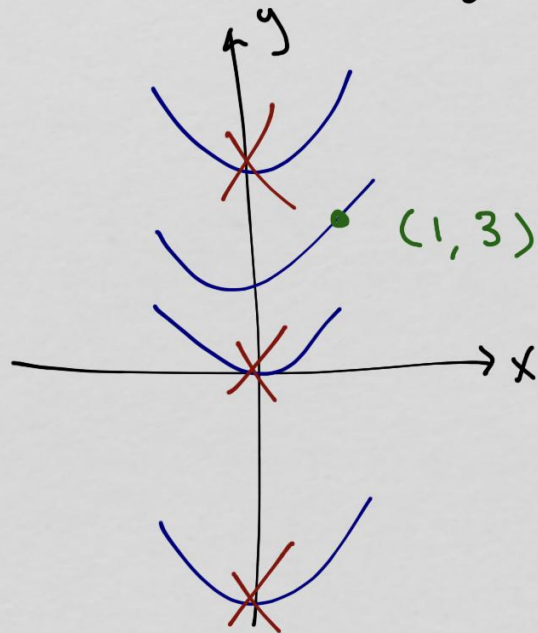
example

$$f(x) = 2x$$

find  $F(x)$  such that  $F'(x) = f(x)$  and  $F(1) = 3$

$$F(x) = \int 2x \, dx = 2 \cdot \frac{x^2}{2} + C = x^2 + C$$

one point  
on the  
true antideriv.



$$F(x) = x^2 + C$$

$$F(1) = 3$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ x & y \end{array}$$

$$3 = (1)^2 + C$$

$$3 = 1 + C$$

$$C = 2, \text{ so,}$$

$$F(x) = x^2 + 2$$

we handle higher-order derivatives the same way, but there are more constants and more points are needed to find those constants

example  $F''(x) = x$  find  $F(x)$

$$F'(x) = \int x \, dx \quad \text{this undoes one derivative}$$

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

now undo one more derivative

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= \int \left( \frac{x^2}{2} + C \right) dx = \int \left( \frac{1}{2} x^2 + C x^0 \right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x^3}{3} \right) + C \left( \frac{x^1}{1} \right) + D \quad \rightarrow \text{the 2nd constant of integration} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{1}{6} x^3 + Cx + D} \quad \text{(don't reuse letters)} \end{aligned}$$

to find  $C$  and  $D$ , we need to know one point on  $F(x)$   
and one point on  $F'(x)$

example  $F''(x) = \sin x$  and  $F'(0) = 3$ ,  $F(0) = 4$

$$F'(x) = \int \sin x \, dx = -\cos x + C$$

$$F'(x) = -\cos x + C$$

$$3 = -\cos(0) + C = -1 + C \rightarrow C = 4$$

→ update:  $F'(x) = -\cos x + 4$

$$F(x) = \int (-\cos x + 4) \, dx = -\sin x + 4x + D$$

$$4 = -\sin(0) + 4(0) + D \rightarrow D = 4$$

→ update:  $F(x) = -\sin x + 4x + 4$