

Antiderivatives and Indefinite Integration I

Antiderivatives (integrals) “undo” derivatives. When taking the antiderivative, think of doing the opposite of taking the derivative.

Can we find a function $F(x)$ so that $F'(x) = 5x^2$?

- We need to do the opposite of taking the derivative: add one to the exponent and then divide!

$$F'(x) = 5x^2 \Rightarrow F(x) = \frac{5}{3}x^3$$

- Check: $F(x) = \frac{5}{3}x^3 \Rightarrow F'(x) = 5x^2 \checkmark$

- What about $F(x) = \frac{5}{3}x^3 + 10$?

$$F'(x) = 5x^2$$

- Hmm: We say that the antiderivative of $5x^2$ is $\frac{5}{3}x^3 + C$, where C is a constant.

Example 1: Evaluate the following integral.

$$\int \frac{x^2 + 5}{4} dx$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{4}(x^2 + 5) dx = \frac{1}{4} \int (x^2 + 5) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{3}x^3 + 5x \right) + C$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{12}x^3 + \frac{5}{4}x + C}$$

Example 2: Evaluate the following integral.

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \frac{x^2 - x^5}{\sqrt{x}} dx \\ &= \int \left(\frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x}} - \frac{x^5}{\sqrt{x}} \right) dx = \int \left(\frac{x^2}{x^{1/2}} - \frac{x^5}{x^{1/2}} \right) dx \\ &= \int (x^{3/2} - x^{9/2}) dx = \boxed{\frac{2}{5} x^{5/2} - \frac{2}{11} x^{11/2} + C} \end{aligned}$$

Example 3: Evaluate the following integral.

$$\begin{aligned} & \int (4 \cot(x) \sin(x) + 3 \sec^2(x)) dx \\ &= \int \left(4 \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \sin x + 3 \sec^2 x \right) dx = \int (4 \cos x + 3 \sec^2 x) dx \\ &= \boxed{4 \sin(x) + 3 \tan(x) + C} \end{aligned}$$

DIY

1. Evaluate the following integral.

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \frac{2 + 3xe^x}{x} dx \\ &= \int \left(\frac{2}{x} + \frac{3xe^x}{x} \right) dx = 2 \int \frac{1}{x} dx + 3 \int e^x dx \\ &= \boxed{2 \ln|x| + 3e^x + C} \end{aligned}$$

↖ use absolute value because we can't plug negative numbers into $\ln(x)$.

| Basic Differentiation Rules | Basic Integration Rules |
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| $\frac{d}{dx} C = 0$ | $\int 0 \, dx = C$ |
| $\frac{d}{dx} (kx) = k$ | $\int k \, dx = kx + C$ |
| $\frac{d}{dx} [kf(x)] = kf'(x)$ | $\int [kf(x)] \, dx = k \int f(x) \, dx$ |
| $\frac{d}{dx} [f(x) \pm g(x)] = f'(x) \pm g'(x)$ | $\int [f(x) \pm g(x)] \, dx = \int f(x) \, dx \pm \int g(x) \, dx$ |
| $\frac{d}{dx} x^n = nx^{n-1}$ | $\int x^n \, dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C, n \neq -1$ (Power Rule) |
| $\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \cos x$ | $\int \cos x \, dx = \sin x + C$ |
| $\frac{d}{dx} \cos x = -\sin x$ | $\int \sin x \, dx = -\cos x + C$ |
| $\frac{d}{dx} \tan x = \sec^2 x$ | $\int \sec^2 x \, dx = \tan x + C$ |
| $\frac{d}{dx} \cot x = -\csc^2 x$ | $\int \csc^2 x \, dx = -\cot x + C$ |
| $\frac{d}{dx} \sec x = \sec x \tan x$ | $\int \sec x \tan x \, dx = \sec x + C$ |
| $\frac{d}{dx} \csc x = -\csc x \cot x$ | $\int \csc x \cot x \, dx = -\csc x + C$ |
| $\frac{d}{dx} e^x = e^x$ | $\int e^x \, dx = e^x + C$ |
| $\frac{d}{dx} \ln x = \frac{1}{x}, x > 0$ | $\int \frac{1}{x} \, dx = \ln x + C$ |