

SECTION 4.9: ANTIDERIVATIVES

DEFINITION: A function F is an **antiderivative** of a function f on an interval I if $F'(x) = f(x)$ for all x in I .

EXAMPLE 1: Verify $F(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x \cos(2x) + \frac{1}{4} \sin(2x) + 6$ is an antiderivative of $f(x) = x \sin(2x)$ for all x .

$$\begin{aligned}
 F'(x) &= D_x \left[-\frac{1}{2}x \cos(2x) + \frac{1}{4} \sin(2x) + 6 \right] \\
 &= D_x \left[-\frac{1}{2}x \cos(2x) \right] + D_x \left[\frac{1}{4} \sin(2x) \right] + D_x[6] && \text{Sum and Difference Rule} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} D_x [x \cos(2x)] + \frac{1}{4} D_x [\sin(2x)] + 0 && \text{Constant Multiple and Constant Rule} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} (D_x[x] \cos(2x) + x D_x [\cos(2x)]) + \frac{1}{4} \cos(2x) D_x[2x] && \text{Product Rule and Chain Rule} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} (\cos(2x) + x(-\sin(2x)) D_x[2x]) + \frac{1}{4} \cos(2x)(2) && \text{Chain Rule} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} (\cos(2x) - x \sin(2x)(2)) + \frac{1}{2} \cos(2x) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} \cos(2x) + x \sin(2x) + \frac{1}{2} \cos(2x) \\
 F'(x) &= x \sin(2x) \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM: Antiderivatives differ by at most a constant: If f is continuous on an interval I and F and G are antiderivatives of f on I then there is a constant C so that $F(x) = G(x) + C$.

PROOF: MVT is the MVP!

NOTATION: The notation $\int f(x) dx$ is called the **indefinite integral** of f .

$\int f(x) dx$ represents the **family** of antiderivatives of f .

EXAMPLE 2: Since $D_x [x^2] = 2x$, we write: $\int 2x dx = x^2 + C$.

EXAMPLE 3:

1. Use the fact $D_x [\sin(x)] = \cos(x)$ to find: $\int \cos(x) dx$.

$$\int \cos(x) dx = \sin(x) + C$$

2. Use the fact $D_x [\sin(2x)] = 2 \cos(2x)$ to find: $\int \cos(2x) dx$.

$$\int \cos(2x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x) + C$$

PROPERTIES OF ANTIDERIVATIVES:

Suppose F and G are antiderivatives of f and g , respectively, on some open interval I .

- **CONSTANT MULTIPLE RULE:** $\int k \cdot f(x) dx = k \int f(x) dx = k \cdot F(x) + C$
- **SUM AND DIFFERENCE RULE:** $\int [f(x) \pm g(x)] dx = \int f(x) dx \pm \int g(x) dx = F(x) \pm G(x) + C$
- **BASIC FORMULAS:**
 - $\int dx = \int 1 dx = x + C$
 - $\int x^p dx = \frac{1}{p+1} x^{p+1} + C, \quad p \neq -1$
 - $\int \sin(x) dx = -\cos(x) + C$
 - $\int \cos(x) dx = \sin(x) + C$
 - $\int \csc(x) \cot(x) dx = -\csc(x) + C$
 - $\int \sec(x) \tan(x) dx = \sec(x) + C$
 - $\int \csc^2(x) dx = -\cot(x) + C$
 - $\int \sec^2(x) dx = \tan(x) + C$

OTHER COMMON FORMULAS: If $k \neq 0$:

- $\int \sin(kx) dx = -\frac{1}{k} \cos(kx) + C$
- $\int \cos(kx) dx = \frac{1}{k} \sin(kx) + C$
- $\int \csc(kx) \cot(kx) dx = -\frac{1}{k} \csc(kx) + C$
- $\int \sec(kx) \tan(kx) dx = \frac{1}{k} \sec(kx) + C$
- $\int \csc^2(kx) dx = -\frac{1}{k} \cot(kx) + C$
- $\int \sec^2(kx) dx = \frac{1}{k} \tan(kx) + C$

QUESTION: Why is there the restriction that $p \neq -1$ in the formula: $\int x^p dx = \frac{1}{p+1} x^{p+1} + C$?

EXAMPLE 4: Find the following antiderivatives. Check your answer by taking the derivative.

$$1. \int \left(3x - \cos(2x) + \csc^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \right) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \left(3x - \cos(2x) + \csc^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \right) dx &= \int 3x dx - \int \cos(2x) dx + \int \csc^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) dx \\ &= 3 \int x dx - \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x) - \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} \cot\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + C \end{aligned}$$

$$\int \left(3x - \cos(2x) + \csc^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \right) dx = \frac{3}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x) - 2 \cot\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + C$$

To check, we verify $D_x \left[\frac{3}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x) - 2 \cot\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + C \right] = \dots = 3x - \cos(2x) + \csc^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \checkmark$.

$$2. \int \frac{\sqrt{x} - 3x^3}{4x^2} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{\sqrt{x} - 3x^3}{4x^2} dx &= \int \left(\frac{\sqrt{x}}{4x^2} - \frac{3x^3}{4x^2} \right) dx \\ &= \int \frac{\sqrt{x}}{4x^2} dx - \int \frac{3x^3}{4x^2} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x^2} dx - \frac{3}{4} \int \frac{x^3}{x^2} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{x^2} dx - \frac{3}{4} \int x dx \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int x^{-\frac{3}{2}} dx - \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{1}{2} x^2 \right) + C \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \frac{x^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)} - \frac{3}{8} x^2 + C \end{aligned}$$

$$\int \frac{\sqrt{x} - 3x^3}{4x^2} dx = -\frac{1}{2} x^{-\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{3}{8} x^2 + C$$

Taking derivatives and doing some algebra, we verify $D_x \left[-\frac{1}{2} x^{-\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{3}{8} x^2 + C \right] = \dots = \frac{\sqrt{x} - 3x^3}{4x^2} \checkmark$.

$$3. \int \sec(x) [\sec(x) - \tan(x)] dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sec(x) [\sec(x) - \tan(x)] dx &= \int (\sec^2(x) - \sec(x) \tan(x)) dx \\ &= \int \sec^2(x) dx - \int \sec(x) \tan(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\int \sec(x) [\sec(x) - \tan(x)] dx = \tan(x) - \sec(x) + C$$

To check, we find $D_x [\tan(x) - \sec(x) + C] = \dots = \sec(x) [\sec(x) - \tan(x)] \checkmark$.

EXAMPLE 5: (VIDEO) Find the following antiderivatives and check your answers by taking the derivative.

$$1. \int \frac{2 - 3x^2}{5\sqrt{x}} dx$$

$$\text{Ans: } \int \frac{2 - 3x^2}{5\sqrt{x}} dx = \frac{4}{5} x^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{6}{25} x^{\frac{5}{2}} + C$$

$$2. \int [\cos(2\theta) - \sin(3\theta)] d\theta$$

$$\text{Ans: } \int [\cos(2\theta) - \sin(3\theta)] d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\theta) + \frac{1}{3} \cos(3\theta) + C$$

$$3. \int \frac{1}{\csc(4t)} dt$$

$$\text{Ans: } \int \frac{1}{\csc(4t)} dt = \int \sin(4t) dt = -\frac{1}{4} \cos(4t) + C, \text{ provided } \sin(4t) \neq 0.$$

$$4. \int \frac{1 - \sin(x)}{\cos^2(x)} dx$$

$$\text{Ans: } \int \frac{1 - \sin(x)}{\cos^2(x)} dx = \int [\sec^2(x) - \sec(x) \tan(x)] dx = \tan(x) - \sec(x) + C$$

EXAMPLE 6: Suppose the acceleration of an object moving along the line $x = 2$ is given by $a(t) = \sin(2t)$.

1. If the initial velocity of the object is -2 , find a formula for the velocity of the object.

Since $v'(t) = a(t)$, we have that $v(t) = \int a(t) dt$:

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &= \int a(t) dt \\ &= \int \sin(2t) dt \\ v(t) &= -\frac{1}{2} \cos(2t) + C \end{aligned}$$

We are told the initial velocity of the object is -2 . In other words, $v(0) = -2$.

Since $v(t) = -\frac{1}{2} \cos(2t) + C$, knowing $v(0) = -2$ allows us to solve for C :

$$v(0) = -2 \implies -\frac{1}{2} \cos(2(0)) + C = -2 \implies -\frac{1}{2} + C = -2 \implies C = -\frac{3}{2}$$

Hence, $v(t) = -\frac{1}{2} \cos(2t) - \frac{3}{2}$.

2. If the initial position of the object is $(2, 5)$, find a formula for the position of the object, $s(t)$.

Since $v(t) = s'(t)$, we can find $s(t) = \int v(t) dt$:

$$\begin{aligned} s(t) &= \int v(t) dt \\ &= \int \left(-\frac{1}{2} \cos(2t) - \frac{3}{2} \right) dt \\ &= \int \left(-\frac{1}{2} \cos(2t) \right) dt - \int \left(\frac{3}{2} \right) dt \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \int \cos(2t) dt - \frac{3}{2} \int dt \\ s(t) &= -\frac{1}{4} \sin(2t) - \frac{3}{2}t + C \end{aligned}$$

Since the initial position of the object is $(2, 5)$, we know $s(0) = 5$, hence:

$$s(0) = 5 \implies -\frac{1}{4} \sin(2(0)) - \frac{3}{2}(0) + C = 5 \implies C = 5$$

Hence, $s(t) = -\frac{1}{4} \sin(2t) - \frac{3}{2}t + 5$.

EXAMPLE 7: (VIDEO)

A projectile launched directly upwards from a height h with initial velocity v_0 can be modeled by:

$$a(t) = -g, \quad v(0) = v_0, \quad s(0) = h.$$

Here, we assume the only force acting on the object is gravity and ' g ' is the (constant) acceleration due to gravity.

Derive a formula for the height of the object off of the ground, $s(t)$ in terms of g , v_0 , h , and t .

$$\text{Ans: } s(t) = -\frac{1}{2} g t^2 + v_0 t + h, \quad t \geq 0.$$