

LECTURE NOTES: 4-9 ANTIDERIVATIVES

MOTIVATING IDEAS:

1. If $s(t)$ give the position of an object at each time t , then $s'(t)$ is velocity and $s''(t)$ is acceleration.

2. If $P(t)$ is the number of individuals in a population at each time t , then $P'(t)$ is population growth rate.

- The point: Until now, we start w/ position and find velocity. What if we know the velocity of an object, can we determine position?
- More abstractly, can we "undo" differentiation?

Definition: Given a function $f(x)$, any function F such that $F'(x) = f(x)$ is called an antiderivative of $f(x)$.

EXAMPLE: Find three different antiderivatives of $f(x) = x^2$.

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3, \quad F(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + 1, \quad F(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - 21.37$$

QUESTION 1: How to any two antiderivatives of $f(x) = x^2$ differ?

They have different constant terms.

QUESTION 2: How can you characterize *all* antiderivatives of $f(x) = x^2$ simultaneously? Explain what your expression means.

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + C, \text{ where } C \text{ could be any real number.}$$

QUESTION 3: Fill in the blank:

Theorem: If F is an anti-derivative of f on an interval I , then the most general anti-derivative of f on I is

$$F(x) + C.$$

QUESTION 4: Do you really believe this Theorem? Here's a check. It's easy to see that $F(x) = x^2 - \pi$ is an antiderivative of $f(x) = 2x$. (Right?) Apply the Theorem in Question 3 to this choice of F .

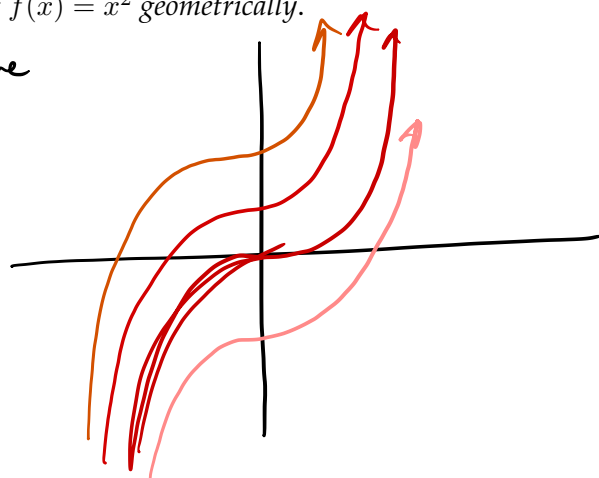
The theorem says the most general expression for antiderivatives of $f(x)$

is: $x^2 - \pi + C$

QUESTION 5: Describe the family of antiderivatives of $f(x) = x^2$ geometrically.

The collection of all anti derivatives of $f(x) = x^2$ consist of vertical translations of the graph $y = \frac{1}{3}x^3$.

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PRACTICE PROBLEMS:

1. Minnie Mouse says that $F(x) = 5x^{2/3} + x + \sqrt{2}$ is an antiderivative of $f(x) = \frac{10+3\sqrt[3]{x}}{3\sqrt[3]{x}}$. Find the most efficient way to determine if she is correct.

Take the derivative + simplify.

$$F'(x) = \frac{10}{3} x^{-1/3} + 1 = \frac{10}{3\sqrt[3]{x}} + 1$$

$$= \frac{10}{3\sqrt[3]{x}} + \frac{3\sqrt[3]{x}}{3\sqrt[3]{x}} = \frac{10 + 3\sqrt[3]{x}}{3\sqrt[3]{x}}$$

Minnie Mouse is right.

2. Fill in the table below. Assume n and a are fixed constants.

Function	Particular Anti-derivative	Function	Particular Anti-derivative
x^n ($n \neq -1$)	$\frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$	$\arcsin x$
$\cos x$	$\sin x$	$\frac{1}{1+x^2}$	$\arctan x$
$\sin x$	$-\cos x$	$\frac{1}{x}$	$\ln x $
$\sec^2 x$	$\tan x$	e^x	e^x
$\csc^2 x$	$-\cot x$	a^x	$\frac{a^x}{\ln a}$
$\sec x \tan x$	$\sec x$	$\csc x \cot x$	$-\csc x$

3. Assuming $F(x)$ is an antiderivative of $f(x)$ and $G(x)$ is an antiderivative of $g(x)$, fill in the blanks below.

(a) For any constant a the general antiderivative of $af(x)$ is $aF(x) + C$.

(b) The general antiderivative of $f(x) + g(x)$ is $F(x) + G(x) + C$.

4. Find the most general antiderivative of each function below and then check your answer.

(a) $f(x) = x^{20} + 4x^{10} + 8$

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{21} x^{21} + \frac{4}{11} x^{11} + 8x + C$$

check

$$F'(x) = x^{20} + 4x^{10} + 8 \checkmark$$

(b) $f(t) = \frac{5 \sec t \tan t}{3} - 4 \sin t - \frac{1}{t^2} + e^2$

$$F(t) = \frac{5}{3} \sec t + 4 \cos t + t^{-1} + e^2 t + C$$

check:

$$F'(t) = \frac{5}{3} \sec t \tan t - 4 \sin t - 1 \cdot t^{-2} + e^2 \checkmark$$

(c) $g(x) = x(2x^5 + \sqrt{x}) + \sqrt{2}x$

$$g(x) = 2x^6 + x^{3/2} + \sqrt{2}x$$

$$G(x) = \frac{2}{7} x^7 + \frac{2}{5} x^{5/2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} x^2 + C$$

(d) $f(t) = \frac{3x^7 - \sqrt{x}}{x^2} = 3x^5 - x^{-3/2}$

$$F(t) = \frac{3}{6} x^6 - (-2) x^{-1/2} + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} x^6 + 2 x^{-1/2} + C$$

(e) $g(x) = 8 \left(\frac{e^x}{5} - \frac{5}{x^2+1} \right)$

$$G(x) = 8 \left(\frac{1}{5} e^x - 5 \arctan x \right) + C$$

(f) $s(t) = \frac{9t^3 - 4t^{5/3} - 4}{t} = 9t^2 - 4t^{2/3} - 4t^{-1}$

$$S(t) = \frac{9}{3} t^3 - 4 \left(\frac{3}{5} \right) t^{5/3} - 4 \ln|t| + C$$

5. Given $f'(x) = x\sqrt{x}$ and $f(1) = 2$, find $f(x)$. **Note:** The directions are different here. You are not asked to find a family of antiderivatives but a particular antiderivative.

$$f'(x) = x^{3/2}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{5}x^{5/2} + C$$

$$2 = f(1) = \frac{2}{5}(1)^{5/2} + C$$

$$\text{So } C = 2 - \frac{2}{5} = \frac{8}{5}$$

Answer

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{5}x^{5/2} + \frac{8}{5}$$

6. Explain *geometrically* what piece of information you are given in the previous problem that allows you to identify a particular member of the family of antiderivatives.

We are given a point on the graph of $f(x)$. So, among all the vertical translations, we can pick out a single one.

7. Find (the particular function) $f(x)$ assuming:

- $f''(x) = \sqrt[3]{x} = x^{1/3}$
- $f'(8) = 1$ and $f(1) = -6$.

$$\text{So } f'(x) = \frac{3}{4}x^{4/3} + C$$

$$-6 = f(1) = \frac{9}{28} - 11 + C$$

$$1 = f'(8) = \frac{3}{4}(8)^{4/3} + C$$

$$\text{So } C = 5 - \frac{9}{28} = \frac{140-9}{28} = \frac{131}{28}$$

$$\text{So } C = 1 - 12 = -11$$

$$\text{So } f'(x) = \frac{3}{4}x^{4/3} - 11$$

ANS:

$$f(x) = \frac{9}{28}x^{7/3} - 11x + \frac{131}{28}$$

$$\text{Now } f(x) = \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{3}{7}x^{7/3} - 11x + C$$

$$f(x) = \frac{9}{28}x^{7/3} - 11x + C$$

8. A particle moves in a straight line and has acceleration given by $a(t) = 5 \cos t - 2 \sin t$. Its initial velocity is $v(0) = -6$ m/s and its initial position is $s(0) = 2$ m. Find its position function $s(t)$.

$$v(t) = 5 \sin t + 2 \cos t + C$$

$$-6 = v(0) = 0 + 2 + C$$

$$\text{So } C = -8.$$

$$\text{Now } v(t) = 5 \sin t + 2 \cos t - 8$$

$$s(t) = -5 \cos t + 2 \sin t - 8t + C$$

$$2 = s(0) = -5 + 0 + 0 + C$$

$$C = 7$$

answer:

$$s(t) = -5 \cos t + 2 \sin t - 8t + 7$$

9. A ball is thrown upward with a speed of 48 ft/s from the edge of a cliff 432 feet above the ground. Find its height above the ground t seconds later. When does it reach its maximum height? When does it hit the ground?

hint: acceleration due to gravity is 32 ft/s^2 . So $a(t) = -32 \text{ ft/sec}^2$

- $v(0) = 48 \text{ ft/s}$
 - $s(0) = 432 \text{ ft}$
- } initial conditions

$$\text{If } v'(t) = a(t) = -32, \text{ then } v(t) = -32t + C.$$

$$\text{Using } \bullet, 48 = -32(0) + C. \text{ So } 48 = C. \text{ So } v(t) = -32t + 48.$$

$$\text{If } s'(t) = v(t) = -32t + 48, \text{ then } s(t) = -16t^2 + 48t + C.$$

$$\text{Using } \bullet, 432 = s(0) = -16 \cdot 0^2 + 48 \cdot 0 + C. \text{ So } 432 = C. \text{ So } s(t) = -16t^2 + 48t + 432.$$

- max height when? At t (time) when $v=0$.
So $0 = -32t + 48$, or, $t = \frac{48}{32} = \frac{3}{2}$. Ans: The maximum height occurs after 1.5 seconds.
- hit ground when? At t when $s=0$.
 $0 = -16t^2 + 48t + 432 = -16(t^2 - 3t - 27)$. or $t = 6.9$ seconds