

5.1 Antiderivatives and indefinite integrals

ex: $3x^2$ is the derivative of what $f(x)$?

One answer: $f(x) = x^3$ because $f'(x) = 3x^2$

Another answer: $f(x) = x^3 + 1$ because $f'(x) = 3x^2$

Yet another: $f(x) = x^3 - 17$ because $f'(x) = 3x^2$.

These are all "antiderivatives" of $3x^2$.

Notation: $\int 3x^2 dx = x^3 + C$ is the "indefinite integral" of $3x^2$.

ex: $\int 10x^4 dx = 2x^5 + C$

check: $\frac{d}{dx} [2x^5 + C] = 2 \cdot 5x^4 + 0 = 10x^4$

ex: $\int x^7 dx = \frac{1}{8} x^8 + C$

check: $\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{8} x^8 \right] = \frac{1}{8} \cdot 8x^7 = x^7$

What's going on? $\frac{d}{dx} x^8 = 8 \cdot x^7$

$\int x^7 dx = \frac{1}{7+1} x^{7+1} + C = \frac{1}{8} x^8 + C$

$$\boxed{\int x^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1} x^{n+1} + C}$$

Power Rule
for integration

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ex: $\int \sqrt[3]{x} dx = \int x^{1/3} dx$

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

check: $\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{3}{4} x^{\frac{4}{3}} + C \right] = \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{3} x^{\frac{1}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{x}$

ex: $\int 10x^2 dx = 10 \int x^2 dx$

$$= 10 \cdot \frac{1}{3} x^3 + C = \frac{10}{3} x^3 + C$$

check: $\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{10}{3} x^3 + C \right] = \frac{10}{3} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} x^3 = \frac{10}{3} \cdot 3x^2 = 10x^2$

$$\boxed{\int k \cdot f(x) dx = k \cdot \int f(x) dx}$$

constant multiple
rule for integration

ex: $\int (7x^6 + 6x^2) dx = \int 7x^6 dx + \int 6x^2 dx$

$$= 7 \int x^6 dx + 6 \int x^2 dx$$

$$= 7 \cdot \frac{1}{7} x^7 + 6 \cdot \frac{1}{3} x^3 + C$$

$$= x^7 + 2x^3 + C$$

Sum Rule
for
integration

$$\boxed{\int [f(x) + g(x)] dx = \int f(x) dx + \int g(x) dx}$$

Notation: $\int dx = \int 1 \cdot dx = \int x^0 dx$
 $= \frac{1}{1} x^1 + C = x + C$

ex: $\int 17 dx = 17 \int dx = 17x + C$

$$\boxed{\int k dx = kx + C}$$

Integral of a
constant

Remark: we can find the indefinite integral
of any polynomial.

ex: $\int (4x^3 + 9x^2 + 8x + 17) dx$
 $= \int 4x^3 dx + \int 9x^2 dx + \int 8x dx + \int 17 dx$
 $= 4 \int x^3 dx + 9 \int x^2 dx + 8 \int x dx + 17 \int dx$
 $= 4 \cdot \frac{1}{4} x^4 + 9 \cdot \frac{1}{3} x^3 + 8 \cdot \frac{1}{2} x^2 + 17x + C$
 $= x^4 + 3x^3 + 4x^2 + 17x + C$

Warning: (1) There is no product rule for integration.

(2) There is no quotient rule for integration.

But we may be able to get around this with a little algebra.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{ex: } \int (x+3)^2 x \, dx &= \int (x^2 + 6x + 9)x \, dx \\ &= \int (x^3 + 6x^2 + 9x) \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{4}x^4 + 2x^3 + \frac{9}{2}x^2 + C\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{ex: } \int \frac{x^3 + x}{\sqrt{x}} \, dx &= \int \frac{x^3 + x}{x^{1/2}} \, dx \\ &= \int \left(\frac{x^3}{x^{1/2}} + \frac{x^1}{x^{1/2}} \right) \, dx = \int (x^{5/2} + x^{1/2}) \, dx \\ &= \frac{2}{7} x^{7/2} + \frac{2}{3} x^{3/2} + C\end{aligned}$$

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5.1 44) A company's marginal cost function is

$$MC(x) = 21x^{4/3} - 6x^{1/2} + 50$$

where x = number of units and fixed costs are \$3000,
Find the cost function.

$$\begin{aligned} C(x) &= \int MC(x) dx \\ &= \int (21x^{4/3} - 6x^{1/2} + 50) dx \\ &= 21 \cdot \frac{3}{7} x^{7/3} - 6 \cdot \frac{2}{3} x^{3/2} + 50x + C \\ &= 9x^{7/3} - 4x^{3/2} + 50x + C \end{aligned}$$

What is C ?

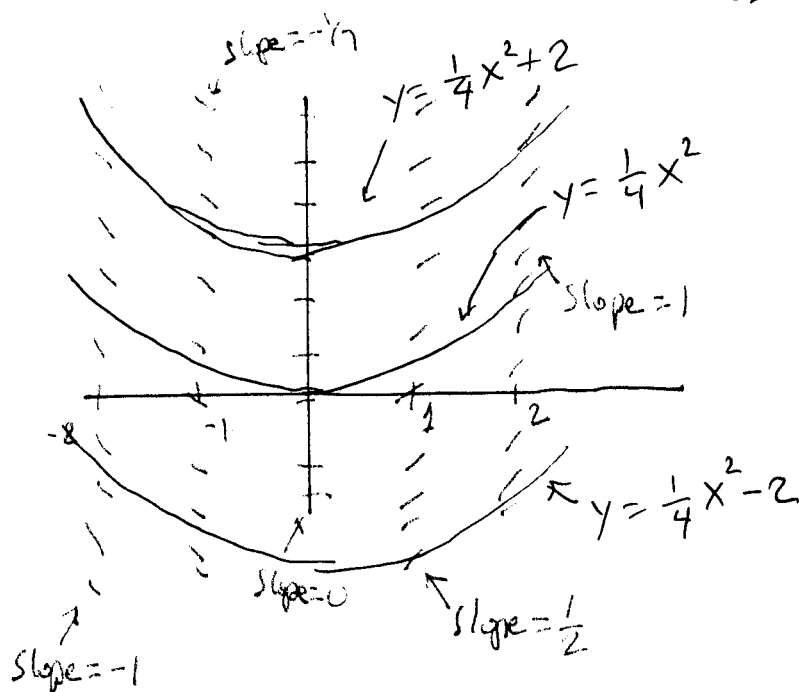
$$\begin{aligned} \$3000 = C(0) &= 9 \cdot 0^{7/3} - 4 \cdot 0^{3/2} + 50 \cdot 0 + C = C \\ &\text{so } C = 3000 \end{aligned}$$

$$C(x) = 9x^{7/3} - 4x^{3/2} + 50x + 3000$$

Graphical interpretation of indefinite integrals

ex: $\int \frac{1}{2} x \, dx$ means find $F(x)$ so that

$$F'(x) = \frac{1}{2} x \quad \left(\text{so } F(x) = \frac{1}{4} x^2 + C \right)$$



Draw line segments to represent slopes of potential tangent lines

The curves of the form

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

have tangent line (segments) with the specified slopes.