

4.10. Anti Derivatives.

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Definition of an antiderivative of a function:

f : function defined on an interval I .

A function F is an antiderivative of f on I

if $F'(x) = f(x)$ for every x in I .

In short, an antiderivative of a function is another function whose derivative is equal to the given function.

E.g. $f(x) = x$; defined on $(-\infty, \infty)$

Find an antiderivative of this :

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 \quad \left(\text{check: } \left(\frac{1}{2}x^2 \right)' = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2x = x \right)$$

$$G(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 1$$

$$H(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \pi$$

Any function that looks like:

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C ; C : \text{constant}$$

will be a solution.

E.g. $f(x) = x^2$

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 \text{ is an antiderivative.}$$

In general, any antiderivative of $f(x) = x^2$ must have the form:

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + C = \frac{x^3}{3} + C$$

$C : \text{constant}$

The formula

$\frac{x^3}{3} + C$ is called the general antiderivative of x^2

$$f(x) = x^{2018}$$

The general antiderivative of f : $\frac{x^{2019}}{2019} + C$.

$$f(x) = x^n ; n \text{ is a constant}; n \neq -1$$

The general antiderivative of f : $\frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C$

$$\text{when } n = -1 ; f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

The general antiderivative of f : $\ln|x| + C$

Find the general antiderivative of $f(x) = \sqrt{x} = x^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$F(x) = \boxed{\frac{2x^{3/2}}{3} + C}$$

$$\left(\text{Check solution: } \left(\frac{2x^{3/2}}{3} + C \right)' = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot x^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

Important Notation: notation for the general antiderivative.

$$\int f(x) dx = \text{the general antiderivative of } f(x)$$

(people also call this the indefinite integral of f)

$$\int f(x) dx = F(x) + C \quad \text{s.t.} \quad F'(x) = f(x)$$

read as: antiderivative of f

Table of very useful Antiderivatives

Function $f(x)$ General Antiderivative

$$f(x) = x^n ; n \neq -1$$

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

($n \neq -1$)

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x| + C$$

$$f(x) = e^x$$

$$\int e^x dx = e^x + C$$

$$f(x) = \cos x$$

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

$$f(x) = \sin x$$

$$\int \sin x dx = -\cos x + C$$

$$f(x) = \sec^2 x$$

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

$$f(x) = \csc^2 x$$

$$\int \csc^2 x \, dx = -\cot x + C$$

$$f(x) = \sec x \tan x$$

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

$$f(x) = \csc x \cot x$$

$$\int \csc x \cot x \, dx = -\csc x + C$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{1+x^2} \, dx = \arctan x + C$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \, dx = \arcsin x + C$$

$$f(x) = k, \quad k: \text{constant}$$

$$\int k \, dx = kx + C$$

Useful Properties of Antiderivatives / Indefinite Integrals.

$$\int (f(x) \pm g(x)) dx = \int f(x) dx \pm \int g(x) dx$$

Warning:

~~$$\int f(x)g(x) dx = \int f(x) dx \cdot \int g(x) dx$$~~

We don't have this.

$$\int k \cdot f(x) dx = k \cdot \int f(x) dx$$

Ex. Find the antiderivatives.

$$\textcircled{1} \int (7x^{2/5} + 8x^{-4/5}) dx$$

$$\textcircled{2} \int (2 \sin x - \sec^2 x) dx$$

$$\textcircled{3} \int e^2 dx$$

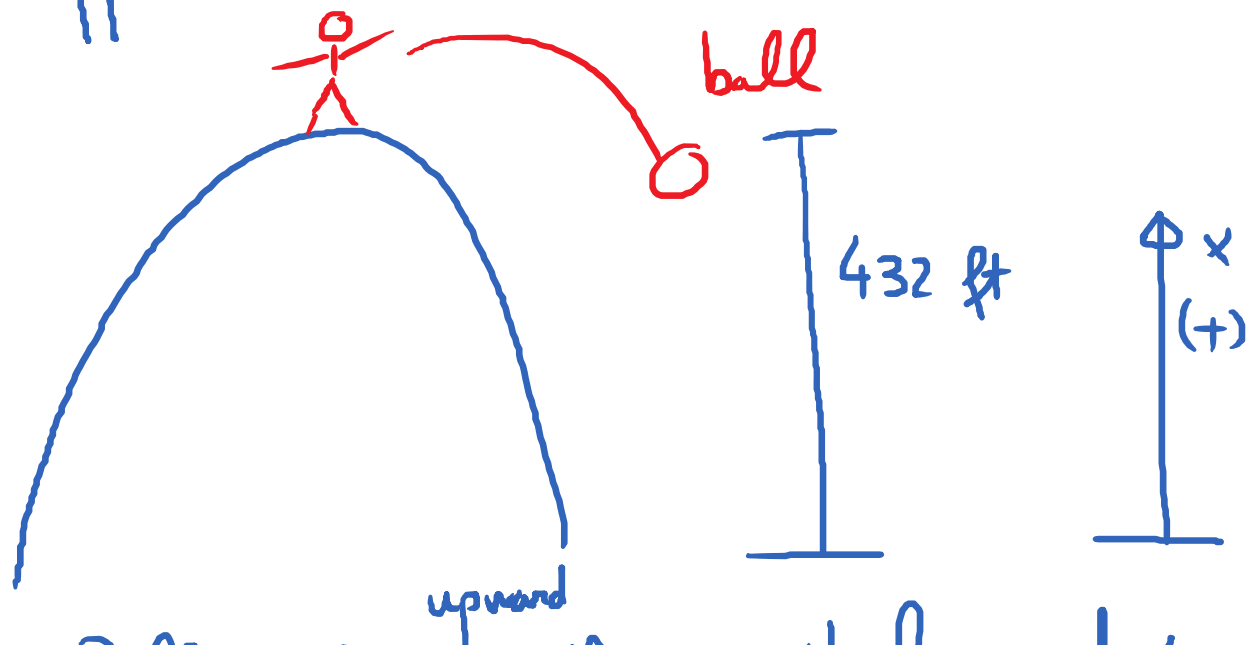
$$\textcircled{4} \int (4\sqrt{x} - \sqrt[4]{x}) dx$$

$$\textcircled{5} \int (x+1)(2x-1) dx$$

$$\textcircled{6} \int \frac{2x^5 - \sqrt{x}}{x} dx$$

$$* \textcircled{7} \int \frac{2 + x^2}{1 + x^2} dx$$

An application:



Ball is thrown ^{upward} with an initial speed $v_0 = 48 \text{ ft/s}$.
from top of a cliff 432 ft above ground.

Constant acceleration due to gravity is

$$-32 \text{ ft/s}^2.$$

Q: Find position function $s(t)$ of ball.

$$a(t) = -32 \rightarrow v(t) = -32t + C$$

Since $v(0) = C \rightarrow C = \text{initial speed} = 48 \text{ ft/s}$.