

7.1 Antiderivatives

The reverse of finding a derivative is known as **antidifferentiation**. The antiderivative is defined as follows:

Antiderivative:

If $F'(x) = f(x)$, then $F(x)$ is an **antiderivative** of $f(x)$.

Example. If $F(x) = x^2$, then $F'(x) = 2x$, making $F(x) = x^2$ an antiderivative of $f(x) = 2x$.

Example. Find an antiderivative of $f(x) = 4x^3$.

Example. Find three antiderivatives of $f(x) = 2x$.

If $F(x)$ and $G(x)$ are both antiderivatives of a function $f(x)$ on an interval, then there is a constant C such that

$$F(x) - G(x) = C.$$

Indefinite Integral

If $F'(x) = f(x)$, then

$$\int f(x) dx = F(x) + C$$

for any real number C .

The symbol \int is the **integral sign**

$f(x)$ is the **integrand**

$\int f(x) dx$ is called an **indefinite integral**

The dx in the indefinite integral indicates that $\int f(x) dx$ is the integral of $f(x)$ with respect to the variable x .

Example. Find $\int 2ax dx =$ _____

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Power Rule:For any real number $n \neq -1$,

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

Example. Find each indefinite integral below:

(A) $\int t^4 dt$

(B) $\int \frac{1}{t^3} dt$

(C) $\int \sqrt{x} dx$

(D) $\int dx$

Constant Multiple Rule and Sum or Difference Rule:

If all indicated integral exist,

$$\int k \cdot f(x) dx = k \int f(x) dx \quad \text{for any real number } k$$

and

$$\int [f(x) \pm g(x)] dx = \int f(x) dx \pm \int g(x) dx.$$

Example. Find each integral

(A) $\int 3x^2 dx$

(B) $\int \frac{10}{z^4} dz$

(C) $\int (5t^7 + 3t - 4) dt$

(D) $\int \frac{t+2}{\sqrt{t}} dt$

Indefinite Integrals of Exponential Functions:

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

$$\int e^{kx} dx = \frac{e^{kx}}{k} + C, \quad k \neq 0$$

For $a > 0$, $a \neq 1$,

$$\int a^x dx = \frac{a^x}{\ln a} + C$$

$$\int a^{kx} dx = \frac{a^{kx}}{k(\ln a)} + C, \quad k \neq 0.$$

Example. Find each intergral

(A) $\int 5e^t dt$

(B) $\int e^{8t} dt$

(C) $\int 3^{-2x} dx$

Indefinite Integral of x^{-1} :

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

Example. Find the integral

$$\int -\frac{2}{x} dx$$

Example. Find the cost function for the following marginal cost function, $C'(x) = 6x - 7$ with fixed cost \$5.

Example. Given the marginal revenue function, $R'(q) = 500 - 4e^{0.0005q}$.

(A) Find the revenue function, $R(q)$

(B) Find the demand function, $p(q)$.