

**Objectives:**

- Define an antiderivative.
- Compute the antiderivatives of some familiar functions.

Let  $f(x)$  be any function. We call  $g(x)$  an antiderivative of  $f(x)$   
if  $g'(x) = f(x)$ .

For example, if  $f(x) = 3$ , some antiderivatives of  $f(x)$  are:  $3x, 3x + 10, 3x - 10, 000$

A way we could represent all of these solutions is:  $3x + c$  where  $c$  is any constant.

In general, we write the antiderivative of  $f(x)$  as  $F(x) + c$  where  $F'(x) = f(x)$ .

$f(x)$	Antiderivative of $f(x)$
$f(x) = 0$	$F(x) = c$
$f(x) = 5$	$F(x) = 5x + c$
$f(x) = 3x^2$	$F(x) = x^3$
$f(x) = x^2$	$F(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + c$
$f(x) = x$	$F(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + c$
$f(x) = x^n$	$F(x) = \frac{1}{n+1}x^{n+1} + c$
$f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$	$F(x) = \ln(x) + c$
$f(x) = 5x^2$	$F(x) = \frac{5}{3}x^2 + c$
$f(x) = x - 3$	$F(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 - 3x + c$
$f(x) = e^x$	$F(x) = e^x + c + c$
$f(x) = b^x$	$F(x) = \frac{b^x}{\ln(b)} + c$

**Some Antiderivative Rules:**

If the antiderivative of  $f(x)$  is  $F(x) + c$  and the antiderivative of  $g(x)$  is  $G(x) + c$  then the antiderivative of  $f(x) + g(x)$  is

$$F(x) + G(x) + c$$

If the antiderivative of  $f(x)$  is  $F(x) + c$  and  $b$  is a constant, the antiderivative of  $b \cdot f(x)$  is

$$b \cdot F(x) + c$$

**Examples:** Find the antiderivatives, (Don't forget "+c"!):

1.  $F'(x) = 3x^4 + 7x^2 + 5$

$$f(x) = \frac{3}{5}x^5 + \frac{7}{3}x^2 + 5x + c$$

2.  $G'(z) = \frac{z^2 + 1}{\sqrt{z}}$

$$G'(z) = z^{3/2} + z^{-1/2} \text{ so } G(z) = \frac{2}{5}z^{5/2} - 2z^{1/2} + c$$

3.  $k'(t) = \frac{2}{3} + \frac{4}{t} + \frac{7}{\sqrt{t}}$

$$k'(t) = \frac{2}{3} + 4t^{-1} + 7t^{-1/2} \text{ so } k(t) = \frac{2}{3}t + 4\ln(t) + 14t^{1/2} + c$$

More antiderivatives!

$f(x)$	Antiderivative of $f(x)$
$f(x) = \cos(x)$	$F(x) = \sin(x) + c$
$f(x) = \sin(x)$	$F(x) = -\cos(x) + c$
$f(x) = (\sec(x))^2$	$F(x) = \tan(x) + c$
$f(x) = \sec(x) \tan(x)$	$F(x) = \sec(x) + c$
$f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$	$F(x) = \arctan(x) + c$
$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$	$F(x) = \arcsin(x) + c$

**More Examples:** Find the antiderivatives:

1.  $H'(x) = \sin(x) + \pi + (\sec(x))^2$

$$H(x) = -\cos(x) + \pi x + \tan(x) + c$$

2.  $s'(t) = 2^x - \cos(x)$

$$s(t) = \frac{1}{\ln(2)}2^x - \sin(x) + c$$

(Did you remember to include “+c”?)

**Initial value problems:** Given  $f'(x)$ , we have seen that we can find  $f(x) + c$ . If we also know the value of  $f(x)$  at some point, we can find the value of the constant  $c$ .

1.  $s'(t) = -32t + 8$  and  $s(0) = 40$ . Find an equation for  $s(t)$ .

$$s(t) = -16t^2 + 8t + c. \text{ Now use } s(0) = 40. \quad 40 = -16(0)^2 + 8(0) + c, \text{ so } 40 = c. \text{ So we know } s(t) = -16t^2 + 8t + 40.$$

2.  $f''(\theta) = \sin(\theta) + \cos(\theta)$  and  $f'(0) = 3, f(0) = 4$ . (Find  $f(\theta)$ .)

$$f'(\theta) = -\cos(\theta) + \sin(\theta) + c.$$

$$\text{So } 3 = -\cos(0) + \sin(0) + c = -1 + c \text{ and so } c = 4.$$

$$\text{Then } f'(\theta) = -\cos(\theta) + \sin(\theta) + 4, \text{ so } f(\theta) = -\sin(\theta) - \cos(\theta) + 4\theta + b.$$

$$\text{Now } 4 = -\sin(0) - \cos(0) + 4(0) + b = -1 + b \text{ so } b = 5.$$

$$\text{Then } f(\theta) = -\sin(\theta) - \cos(\theta) + 4\theta + 5$$

3. A stopped car accelerated at  $4 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{sec}^2}$  for 6 sec. Find a formula for velocity,  $v(t)$ , and a formula for position,  $s(t)$ .

Since the car started from a stationary position, we know  $v(0) = 0$  and  $s(0) = 0$ .

Acceleration is the derivative of velocity, so to find  $v(t)$  we take the antiderivative of  $a(t) = 4$ . Then  $v(t) = 4t + c$ . Use initial condition to solve for  $c$ :  $0 = 4(0) + c$  so  $c = 0$ . Then  $v(t) = 4t$ . Velocity is the derivative of position, so to find  $s(t)$  we take the antiderivative of  $v(t)$ . Then  $s(t) = 2t^2 + b$ . Use initial condition:  $0 = 2(0)^2 + b$  leads to  $b = 0$ . So  $s(t) = 2t^2$ .

4. Acceleration due to gravity on earth is  $-32 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}^2}$ . A pumpkin is dropped from a 64 ft tall building. How long does it take to hit the ground and what is the impact velocity?

$$v(0) = 0, s(0) = 64$$

$$v(t) = -32t,$$

$$s(t) = -16t^2 + 64 = -16(t^2 - 4) = -16(t+2)(t-2) \text{ so the pumpkin hits the ground at } t = 2\text{sec.}$$

$$v(2) = -32(2) = -64 \text{ so the impact velocity is } -64 \frac{\text{ft}}{\text{sec}}$$