

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

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?

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

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

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

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