

Section 5.2

Integration: “The Indefinite Integral”



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Introduction

- In the last section we saw how antidifferentiation could be used to find exact areas. In this section we will develop some fundamental results about antidifferentiation.

5.2.1 DEFINITION A function F is called an *antiderivative* of a function f on a given open interval if $F'(x) = f(x)$ for all x in the interval.

- For example, $F(x) = 1/3 x^3$ is an antiderivative “ F ” of $f(x) = x^2$ because the derivative of $F(x)$ is $F'(x) = x^2 = f(x)$.
- The problem is that $F(x) = 1/3 x^3$ is not the ONLY antiderivative of $f(x)$.

The Problem with the Previous Example

- If we **add any constant C** to $\frac{1}{3}x^3$, then the function $G(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + C$ is also an antiderivative of $f(x)$ since the derivative of $G(x)$ is $G'(x) = x^2 + 0 = f(x)$
- For example, take the derivatives of the following: $F(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - 5$, $F(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{4}$, $F(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + 1$, $F(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + 7$, etc.

5.2.2 THEOREM *If $F(x)$ is any antiderivative of $f(x)$ on an open interval, then for any constant C the function $F(x) + C$ is also an antiderivative on that interval. Moreover, each antiderivative of $f(x)$ on the interval can be expressed in the form $F(x) + C$ by choosing the constant C appropriately.*

The Indefinite Integral

- The process of finding antiderivatives is called antidifferentiation or integration.

- Since $F'(x) = f(x)$, when we go backwards means the same thing.

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

- For a more specific example:

$$\int x^2 dx = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + C \text{ is equivalent to } \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{3}x^3 \right] = x^2$$

- The integral of $f(x)$ with respect to x is equal to $F(x)$ plus a constant.

Integration Formulas

- Here are some examples of derivative formulas and their equivalent integration formulas:
- The integration formula is just “backwards” when compared to the derivative formula you know.

DIFFERENTIATION FORMULA	INTEGRATION FORMULA
1. $\frac{d}{dx}[x] = 1$	$\int dx = x + C$
2. $\frac{d}{dx}\left[\frac{x^{r+1}}{r+1}\right] = x^r \quad (r \neq -1)$	$\int x^r dx = \frac{x^{r+1}}{r+1} + C \quad (r \neq -1)$
3. $\frac{d}{dx}[\sin x] = \cos x$	$\int \cos x dx = \sin x + C$
4. $\frac{d}{dx}[-\cos x] = \sin x$	$\int \sin x dx = -\cos x + C$
5. $\frac{d}{dx}[\tan x] = \sec^2 x$	$\int \sec^2 x dx = \tan x + C$
6. $\frac{d}{dx}[-\cot x] = \csc^2 x$	$\int \csc^2 x dx = -\cot x + C$
7. $\frac{d}{dx}[\sec x] = \sec x \tan x$	$\int \sec x \tan x dx = \sec x + C$

Integration Formulas

- Here are more examples of derivative formulas and their equivalent integration formulas:
- When you need to refer back to these (you probably will need to quite often), you will find the list on [pg 324](#). You might want to mark it with a post-it.

DIFFERENTIATION FORMULA	INTEGRATION FORMULA
8. $\frac{d}{dx}[-\csc x] = \csc x \cot x$	$\int \csc x \cot x \, dx = -\csc x + C$
9. $\frac{d}{dx}[e^x] = e^x$	$\int e^x \, dx = e^x + C$
10. $\frac{d}{dx}\left[\frac{b^x}{\ln b}\right] = b^x \quad (0 < b, b \neq 1)$	$\int b^x \, dx = \frac{b^x}{\ln b} + C \quad (0 < b, b \neq 1)$
11. $\frac{d}{dx}[\ln x] = \frac{1}{x}$	$\int \frac{1}{x} \, dx = \ln x + C$

Examples

- Here are some common examples to follow when integrating x raised to a power other than -1 .
- Remember: To integrate a power of x , add 1 to the exponent and divide by the new exponent.

$$\int x^2 dx = \frac{x^3}{3} + C \quad r=2$$

$$\int x^3 dx = \frac{x^4}{4} + C \quad r=3$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x^5} dx = \int x^{-5} dx = \frac{x^{-5+1}}{-5+1} + C = -\frac{1}{4x^4} + C \quad r=-5$$

$$\int \sqrt{x} dx = \int x^{\frac{1}{2}} dx = \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}+1}}{\frac{1}{2}+1} + C = \frac{2}{3}x^{\frac{3}{2}} + C = \frac{2}{3}(\sqrt{x})^3 + C \quad r=\frac{1}{2}$$

Properties of the Indefinite Integral

- Our first properties of antiderivatives (integrals) follow directly from the simple constant factor, sum, and difference rules for limits and derivatives:

○ 1.

$$\int cf(x) dx = c \int f(x) dx$$

○ 2.

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

○ 3.

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

Combining Those Properties

- We can combine those three properties for combinations of sums, differences, and/or multiples of constants.
- Example:

$$\begin{aligned}\int (3x^6 - 2x^2 + 7x + 1) dx &= 3 \int x^6 dx - 2 \int x^2 dx + 7 \int x dx + \int 1 dx \\ &= \frac{3x^7}{7} - \frac{2x^3}{3} + \frac{7x^2}{2} + x + C \blacktriangleleft\end{aligned}$$

- General Rule:

$$\begin{aligned}\int [c_1 f_1(x) + c_2 f_2(x) + \cdots + c_n f_n(x)] dx \\ = c_1 \int f_1(x) dx + c_2 \int f_2(x) dx + \cdots + c_n \int f_n(x) dx\end{aligned}$$

Consider Simplifying First

- Sometimes it is useful to rewrite an integrand (the thing you are taking the integral of) in a different form before performing the integration.

- Examples:

► **Example 4** Evaluate

$$(a) \int \frac{\cos x}{\sin^2 x} dx \quad (b) \int \frac{t^2 - 2t^4}{t^4} dt \quad (c) \int \frac{x^2}{x^2 + 1} dx$$

Solution (a).

$$\int \frac{\cos x}{\sin^2 x} dx = \int \frac{1}{\sin x} \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} dx = \int \csc x \cot x dx = -\csc x + C$$

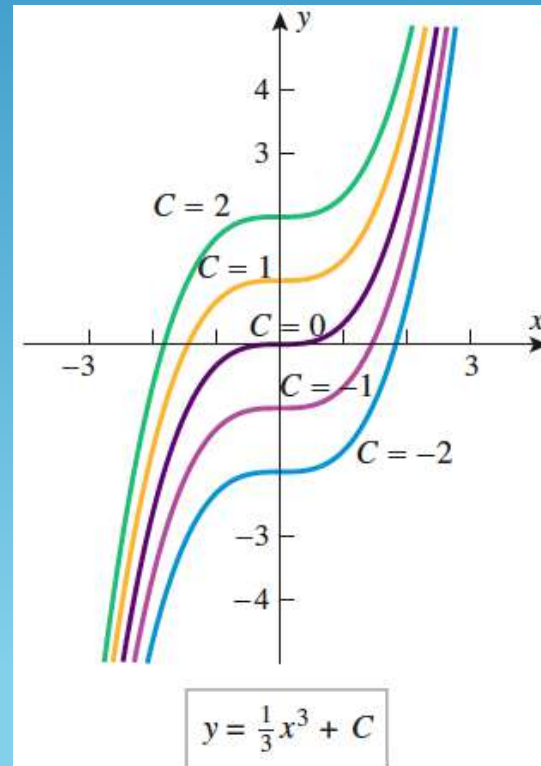
Formula 8 in Table 5.2.1

Solution (b).

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{t^2 - 2t^4}{t^4} dt &= \int \left(\frac{1}{t^2} - 2 \right) dt = \int (t^{-2} - 2) dt \\ &= \frac{t^{-1}}{-1} - 2t + C = -\frac{1}{t} - 2t + C \end{aligned}$$

Integral Curves

- As we discussed on slide #4, any of these curves could be the integral (antiderivative) of $f(x) = x^2$ because we do not know what the value of C is.



Initial Condition

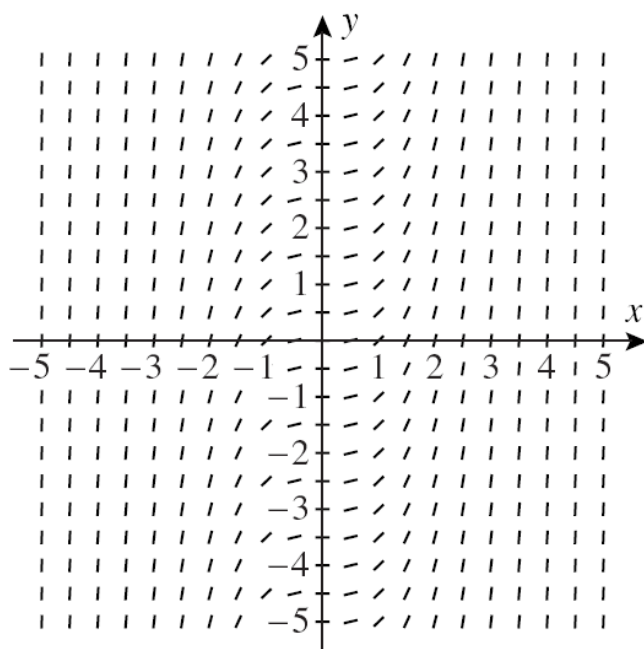
- When an “initial condition” is introduced, such as a requirement that the graph pass through a certain point, we may then solve for C and find the specific integral.
- Example: Instead of finding that the integral of $f(x) = x^2$ is $F(x) = \frac{1}{3} x^3 + C$, if we were given that the graph passes through the point $(2,1)$ we could solve for C: $1 = \frac{1}{3} (2)^3 + C$
- This gives us $1 = \frac{8}{3} + C$ so $C = -\frac{5}{3}$ and our anti-derivative is more specific:

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{3} x^3 - \frac{5}{3}$$

Slope Fields

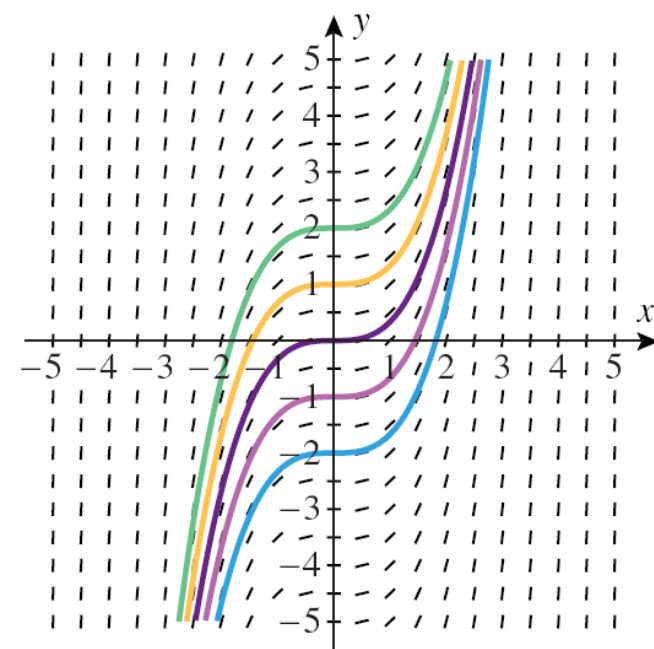
- If we interpret dy/dx as the slope of a tangent line, then at a point (x,y) on an integral curve of the equation $dy/dx=f(x)$, the slope of the tangent line is $f(x)$.
- We can find the slopes of the tangent lines by doing repeated substitution and drawing small portions of the tangent lines through those points.
- The resulting picture is called a slope field and it shows the “direction” of the integral curves at the gridpoints.
- We can do it by hand, but it is a lot of work and it is more commonly done by computer.

Example



Slope field for $dy/dx = x^2$

(a)



Slope field with integral curves

(b)

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