## Section 4.1 Antiderivatives and Indefinite Integration

## Antiderivatives

Suppose you were asked to find a function $F$ whose derivative is $f(x)=3 x^{2}$. From your knowledge of derivatives, you would probably say that

$$
F(x)=x^{3} \text { because } \frac{d}{d x}\left[x^{3}\right]=3 x^{2} .
$$

The function $F$ is an antiderivative of $f$.

## Definition of an Antiderivative

A function $F$ is an antiderivative of $f$ on an interval $I$ if $F^{\prime}(x)=f(x)$ for all $x$ in $I$.

Note that $F$ is called an antiderivative of $f$, rather than the antiderivative of $f$. To see why, observe that

$$
F_{1}(x)=x^{3}, \quad F_{2}(x)=x^{3}-5, \quad \text { and } \quad F_{3}(x)=x^{3}+97
$$

are all antiderivatives of $f(x)=3 x^{2}$. In fact, for any constant $C$, the function given by $F(x)=x^{3}+C$ is an antiderivative of $f$.

## THEOREM 4.I Representation of Antiderivatives

If $F$ is an antiderivative of $f$ on an interval $I$, then $G$ is an antiderivative of $f$ on the interval $I$ if and only if $G$ is of the form $G(x)=F(x)+C$, for all $x$ in $I$ where $C$ is a constant.

Using Theorem 4.1, you can represent the entire family of antiderivatives of a function by adding a constant to a known antiderivative. For example, knowing that $D_{x}\left[x^{2}\right]=2 x$, you can represent the family of all antiderivatives of $f(x)=2 x$ by

$$
G(x)=x^{2}+C \quad \text { Family of all antiderivatives of } f(x)=2 x
$$

where $C$ is a constant. The constant $C$ is called the constant of integration. The family of functions represented by $G$ is the general antiderivative of $f$, and $G(x)=x^{2}+C$ is the general solution of the differential equation

$$
G^{\prime}(x)=2 x .
$$

Differential equation
A differential equation in $x$ and $y$ is an equation that involves $x, y$, and derivatives of $y$. For instance, $y^{\prime}=3 x$ and $y^{\prime}=x^{2}+1$ are examples of differential equations.

## Ex. 1 Solving a Differential Equation

Find the general solution of $\frac{d y}{d x}=2 x^{-3}$, and check the result by differentiation.

## Notation for Antiderivatives

When solving a differential equation of the form

$$
\frac{d y}{d x}=f(x)
$$

it is convenient to write it in the equivalent differential form

$$
d y=f(x) d x
$$

The operation of finding all solutions of this equation is called antidifferentiation (or indefinite integration) and is denoted by an integral sign $\int$. The general solution is denoted by


The expression $\int f(x) d x$ is read as the antiderivative of $f$ with respect to $x$. So, the differential $d x$ serves to identify $x$ as the variable of integration. The term indefinite integral is a synonym for antiderivative.

## NOTE In this text, the notation

$\int f(x) d x=F(x)+C$ means that $F$ is an antiderivative of $f$ on an interval.

## Basic Integration Rules

The inverse nature of integration and differentiation can be verified by substituting $F^{\prime}(x)$ for $f(x)$ in the indefinite integration definition to obtain

$$
\int F^{\prime}(x) d x=F(x)+C . \quad \text { Integration is the "inverse" of differentiation. }
$$

Moreover, if $\int f(x) d x=F(x)+C$, then

$$
\frac{d}{d x}\left[\int f(x) d x\right]=f(x)
$$

Differentiation is the "inverse" of integration.

These two equations allow you to obtain integration formulas directly from differentiation formulas, as shown in the following summary.

## Basic Integration Rules

Differentiation Formula
$\frac{d}{d x}[C]=0$

## Integration Formula

$\frac{d}{d x}[k x]=k$

$$
\frac{d}{d x}[k f(x)]=k f^{\prime}(x)
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \int 0 d x=C \\
& \int k d x=k x+C \\
& \int k f(x) d x=k \int f(x) d x \\
& \int[f(x) \pm g(x)] d x=\int f(x) d x \pm \int g(x) d x
\end{aligned}
$$

$\frac{d}{d x}[f(x) \pm g(x)]=f^{\prime}(x) \pm g^{\prime}(x)$
$\frac{d}{d x}\left[x^{n}\right]=n x^{n-1}$
$\int x^{n} d x=\frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}+C, \quad n \neq-1 \quad$ Power Rule
$\frac{d}{d x}[\sin x]=\cos x$
$\int \cos x d x=\sin x+C$
$\frac{d}{d x}[\cos x]=-\sin x$
$\int \sin x d x=-\cos x+C$
$\frac{d}{d x}[\tan x]=\sec ^{2} x$
$\int \sec ^{2} x d x=\tan x+C$
$\frac{d}{d x}[\sec x]=\sec x \tan x$
$\int \sec x \tan x d x=\sec x+C$
$\frac{d}{d x}[\cot x]=-\csc ^{2} x$
$\int \csc ^{2} x d x=-\cot x+C$
$\frac{d}{d x}[\csc x]=-\csc x \cot x$
$\int \csc x \cot x d x=-\csc x+C$

NOTE Note that the Power Rule for Integration has the restriction that $n \neq-1$. The evaluation of $\int 1 / x d x$ must wait until the introduction of the natural logarithmic function in Chapter 5.

## Ex. 2 Applying the Basic Integration Rules

Find the indefinite integral of $\int\left(x^{3}-10 x-3\right) d x$, and check the result by differentiation.

In Example 2, note that the general pattern of integration is similar to that of differentiation.
Original integral $\quad \square$ Rewrite $\square$ Integrate $\square$ Simplify

Ex. Rewriting Before Integrating

Original Integral
Rewrite
a. $\int \frac{1}{x^{3}} d x$
$\int x^{-3} d x \quad \frac{x^{-2}}{-2}+C$
$\qquad$
Integrate -
b. $\int \sqrt{x} d x$ $\int x^{1 / 2} d x \quad \frac{x^{3 / 2}}{3 / 2}+C$ $\frac{2}{3} x^{3 / 2}+C$
c. $\int 2 \sin x d x$
$2 \int \sin x d x$
$2(-\cos x)+C$
$-2 \cos x+C$

Ex. 4 Rewriting Before Integrating and Applying the Basic Integration Rules
Find the indefinite integral of $\int\left(\sqrt{x}+\frac{1}{2 \sqrt{x}}\right) d x$, and check the result by differentiation.

Ex. 5 Rewriting Before Integrating and Applying the Basic Integration Rules
Find the indefinite integral of $\int\left(2 t^{2}-1\right)^{2} d t$, and check the result by differentiation.

Ex. 6 Rewriting Before Integrating and Applying the Basic Integration Rules
Find the indefinite integral of $\int\left(\frac{y^{2}+2 y-3}{y^{4}}\right) d y$, and check the result by differentiation.

Ex. 7 Rewriting Before Integrating and Applying the Basic Integration Rules Find the indefinite integral of $\int\left(\theta^{2}+\sec ^{2}(\theta)\right) d \theta$, and check the result by differentiation.

Ex. 8 Rewriting Before Integrating and Applying the Basic Integration Rules Find the indefinite integral of $\int[\tan (z)-\sec (z)] \sec (z) d z$, and check the result by differentiation.

## Initial Conditions and Particular Solutions

You have already seen that the equation $y=\int f(x) d x$ has many solutions (each differing from the others by a constant). This means that the graphs of any two antiderivatives of $f$ are vertical translations of each other. For example, Figure 4.2 shows the graphs of several antiderivatives of the form

$$
y=\int\left(3 x^{2}-1\right) d x=x^{3}-x+C \quad \text { General solution }
$$

for various integer values of $C$. Each of these antiderivatives is a solution of the differential equation

$$
\frac{d y}{d x}=3 x^{2}-1
$$

In many applications of integration, you are given enough information to determine a particular solution. To do this, you need only know the value of $y=F(x)$ for one value of $x$. This information is called an initial condition. For example, in Figure 4.2, only one curve passes through the point (2,4). To find this curve, you can use the following information.

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
F(x)=x^{3}-x+C & \text { General solution } \\
F(2)=4 & \text { Initial condition }
\end{array}
$$

By using the initial condition in the general solution, you can determine that $F(2)=8-2+C=4$, which implies that $C=-2$. So, you obtain

$$
F(x)=x^{3}-x-2 . \quad \text { Particular solution }
$$



The particular solution that satisfies the initial condition $F(2)=4$ is $F(x)=x^{3}-x-2$.
Figure 4.2

## Ex. 9 Finding a Particular Solution

Find the general solution of

$$
F^{\prime}(x)=\frac{1}{x^{2}}, \quad x>0
$$

and find the particular solution that satisfies the initial condition $F(1)=0$.


The particular solution that satisfies the initial condition $F(1)=0$ is $F(x)=-(1 / x)+1$, $x>0$.
Figure 4.3

## Ex. 10 Solving a Vertical Motion Problem

A ball is thrown upward with an initial velocity of 64 feet per second from an initial height of 80 feet.
a. Find the position function giving the height $s$ as a function of the time $t$.
b. When does the ball hit the ground?


Height of a ball at time $t$
Figure 4.4

Before you begin the exercise set, be sure you realize that one of the most important steps in integration is rewriting the integrand in a form that fits the basic integration rules. To illustrate this point further, here are some additional examples.
$\left.\begin{array}{llll}\text { Original Integral } & \text { Rewrite } & \text { Integrate } & \text { Simplify } \\ \int \frac{2}{\sqrt{x}} d x & 2 \int x^{-1 / 2} d x & 2\left(\frac{x^{1 / 2}}{1 / 2}\right)+C & 4 x^{1 / 2}+C \\ \int\left(t^{2}+1\right)^{2} d t & \int\left(t^{4}+2 t^{2}+1\right) d t & \frac{t^{5}}{5}+2\left(\frac{t^{3}}{3}\right)+t+C & \frac{1}{5} t^{5}+\frac{2}{3} t^{3}+t+C \\ \int \frac{x^{3}+3}{x^{2}} d x & \int\left(x+3 x^{-2}\right) d x & \frac{x^{2}}{2}+3\left(\frac{x^{-1}}{-1}\right)+C & \frac{1}{2} x^{2}-\frac{3}{x}+C \\ \int \sqrt[3]{x}(x-4) d x & \int\left(x^{4 / 3}-4 x^{1 / 3}\right) d x & \frac{x^{7 / 3}}{7 / 3}-4\left(\frac{x^{4 / 3}}{4 / 3}\right)+C & \frac{3}{7} x^{7 / 3}-3 x^{4 / 3}\end{array} . \begin{array}{llll} & & & \end{array}\right)$

