

Math 1210-3

Monday March 24. Welcome back!!

§3.8 Antiderivatives

Recall, from early in the course and from repeated physics problems,

Definition: $F(x)$ is an antiderivative of $f(x)$ on the interval I if and only if $D_x F(x) = f(x) \quad \forall x \in I$

Exercise 1a) Find an antiderivative for $f(x) = x^3$ on $(-\infty, \infty)$.

1b) Find all antiderivs for $f(x) = x^3$ on $(-\infty, \infty)$.

The correct answer to 1b) is justified by

Theorem A (the "+C" theorem)

a) If $F(x)$ is an antideriv of $f(x)$ on interval I , and if C is a constant, then $F(x) + C$ is an antiderivative of $f(x)$ too.

b) If $F(x)$ is an antideriv of $f(x)$ on I , then the only other antiderivs are $F(x) + C$, where C is a const.

Exercise 2 : Prove A.a)

proof of A.b: Another way to state A.b is that every other antideriv. of f differs from F by a constant, i.e. if $G(x)$ is another antideriv.

then

$$\underbrace{G(x) - F(x)} = C \quad \text{for some const. } C.$$

Call this expression $H(x)$

Exercise 3 Why is $H'(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in I$?

Since $H'(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in I$, it sure seems like $H(x)$ must be constant.

Let's prove this fact with the mean value theorem:

Pick any $x_0 \in I$. Set $C = H(x_0)$.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} b > x_0 &\Rightarrow \frac{H(b) - H(x_0)}{b - x_0} = \underbrace{H'(c)}_{=0!} \quad \text{some } x_0 < c < b \\ &\Rightarrow H(b) = H(x_0) = C, \text{ any } b \in I, b > x_0 \\ a < x_0 &\Rightarrow \frac{H(x_0) - H(a)}{x_0 - a} = \underbrace{H'(c)}_{=0!} \quad \text{some } a < c < x_0 \\ &\Rightarrow H(a) = C \text{ any } a \in I, a < x_0 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} H(x) &= C \\ \forall x \in I! \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } H(x) = C$$

$$\text{so } G(x) - F(x) = C \quad \blacksquare$$

Recall,

Definition $\int f(x) dx$ is Leibniz' notation (and ours too)
for the set of all antiderivatives of $f(x)$, with respect to the variable x . We read this expression as
"the integral of $f(x)$ dx "
or "with respect to x "

Exercise 4a) $\int x^3 dx =$

4b) $\int t^2 + 7t + 6 \, dt =$

Exercise 5

$$a) \int 3x^7 - \frac{4}{x^2} + \frac{5}{\sqrt{x}} dx$$

$$b) \int 4 \cos t + 8 \sec^2 t + 3 \csc t \cot t dt$$

$$c) \int u^n du$$

$$\int \cos u du$$

$$\int \sin u du$$

$$d) \int f'(x) dx$$

$$e) D_x \left(\int f(x) dx \right)$$

Remark: (d), (e) show that differentiation and antiderivation are almost inverse procedures: (e) says that differentiation undoes antiderivation. (f) says that (up to an additive constant), antiderivation undoes differentiation.

Each differentiation rule can be read in the other direction to get an antiderivation rule:

Theorem B

$$(i) \int k f(x) dx = k \int f(x) dx$$

const. mult. rule

$$(ii) \int f(x) + g(x) dx = \int f(x) dx + \int g(x) dx$$

sum rule.

$$(iii) \int f'(g(x)) g'(x) dx = f(g(x)) + C$$

chain rule

$$(iv) \int f g'(x) dx = f(x) g(x) - \int f'(x) g(x) dx$$

product rule ("integration by parts" - 1220)

$$(v) \int (g(x))^r g'(x) dx = \frac{1}{r+1} g(x)^{r+1} + C$$

generalized power rule, special case of (iii)

Exercise 6a) $\int (x^4 + 3x)^{30} (4x^3 + 3) dx =$

6b) Differentials, i.e. the method of substitution, often help us see how to use the chain rule backwards to find antiderivatives.

Try this in the problem above, using

$$u = x^4 + 3x$$

$$du = (4x^3 + 3) dx$$

6c) Try differential substitutions to solve

$$\int \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 4}} dx$$

Check your answer!

6d) $\int \sin^2(2x) \cos 2x dx$