

Antiderivatives (Integration)

This is the reverse process of differentiation.

$$\frac{1}{n+1} x^{n+1}$$

Examples

Find the antiderivative of:

i) $f(x) = 2x^2 - x + 7$

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= 2\left(\frac{1}{3}x^3\right) - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 7(x) + C \\ &= \frac{2}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 7x + C \end{aligned}$$

C is a constant that may or may not exist.
 $\frac{dy}{dx} C = 0$. Reversing the process we have to assume a constant may exist.

ii) $f(x) = \frac{2}{x^2} - \frac{5}{x} + x = 2x^{-2} - 5\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + x$

$$F(x) = 2\left(\frac{1}{-2+1}x^{-2+1}\right) - 5\ln|x| + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C$$

$$= 2(-1x^{-1}) - 5\ln|x| + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C$$

$$= -\frac{2}{x} - 5\ln|x| + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C$$

Proof

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$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln x = \frac{1}{x}$$

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Trig/Exponential Antiderivatives

Find the antiderivative of:

i) $f(x) = \cos x - \sin x$

$$F(x) = \sin x - (-\cos x) + C$$

$$= \sin x + \cos x + C$$

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ii) $f(x) = -3e^{-2x} + 6e^{2x}$

$$e^{kx} \rightarrow \frac{1}{k} e^{kx}$$

$$F(x) = -3\left(\frac{1}{-1}e^{-2x}\right) + 6\left(\frac{1}{2}e^{2x}\right) + C$$

$$= 3e^{-2x} + 3e^{2x} + C$$

iii) $f(x) = \sin x + \frac{1}{x^3} = \sin x + x^{-3}$

$$F(x) = -\cos x + \frac{1}{-3+1} x^{-3+1} + C$$

$$= -\cos x - \frac{1}{2} x^{-2} + C$$

$$= -\cos x - \frac{1}{2x^2} + C$$

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iv) $f(x) = \sin 3x + 3\cos x$

$$F(x) = -\frac{1}{3}\cos 3x + 3\sin x + C$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= -\frac{1}{3}\cos 3x \\ &= \frac{1}{3}\sin 3x \frac{d}{dx} 3x \\ &= \sin 3x \end{aligned}$$