Section 5.7: Antiderivatives

DEFINITION 1. *A function F is called an* **antiderivative** *of f on an interval I if $F'(x) = f(x)$ for all x in I.*

EXAMPLE 2. **(a)** *Is the function $F(x) = x\ln(x) - x + \sin x$ is an antiderivative of $f(x) = \ln(x) + \cos x$?*

(b) *Is the function $F(x) = x\ln(x) - x + \sin x + 10$ is an antiderivative of $f(x) = \ln(x) + \cos x$?*

(c) *What is the most general antiderivative of $f(x) = \ln(x) + \cos x$?*

THEOREM 3. *If F is an antiderivative of f on an interval I, then the most general antiderivative of f on I is $F(x) + C$, where C is an arbitrary constant.*

EXAMPLE 4. *Find the most general antiderivative of $f = 2x$.*

Table of Antidifferentiation Formulas

Function	Particular antiderivative	Most general antiderivative
$k \quad (k \in \mathbb{R})$	kx	$kx + C$
$x^n \quad (n \neq -1)$	$\dfrac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}$	$\dfrac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C$
$\dfrac{1}{x}$	$\ln\lvert x\rvert$	
e^x	e^x	
$\cos x$	$\sin x$	
$\sin x$	$-\cos x$	
$\sec^2 x$	$\tan x$	
$\csc^2 x$	$-\cot x$	
$\sec x \tan x$	$\sec x$	
$\csc x \cot x$	$\csc x$	
$\dfrac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$	$\arcsin x$	
$\dfrac{1}{1+x^2}$	$\arctan x$	

EXAMPLE 5. *Find the most general antiderivative of f where*

(a) $f(x) = 5\sin x + \sqrt[8]{x^7} + 15e^x - 17$

(b) $f(x) = \dfrac{3x + 8 - x^2}{x^3}$

(c) $f(x) = e^x + (1 - x^2)^{-1/2}$

EXAMPLE 6. *Find $f(x)$ given that* $f'(x) = 4 - 3(1 + x^2)^{-1}, \quad f(1) = 0.$

EXAMPLE 7. *A particle is moving according to acceleration $a(t) = 2t + 2$. Find the position, $s(t)$, of the object at time t if we know $s(0) = 1$ and $v(0) = -2$.*