

## Section 4.7 Anti-Derivatives

Essentially, given a derivative, we want to find the function that produced it (you might want to think of this as doing derivatives backwards).

**Definition** A function  $F$  is called an anti-derivative of  $f$  on an interval  $I$  if  $F'(x) = f(x)$  for all  $x$  in  $I$ .

Are anti-derivatives unique? NO

Think of  $f(x) = 2x$

What function,  $F(x)$ , did this come from?

$$F'(x) = 2x \Rightarrow F(x) = x^2$$

i.e. OR  $F(x) = x^2 + 4$

OR  $F(x) = x^2 - 7$

There are of course countless other  $F(x)$ . Notice, however, that these functions  $F$  are all similar—their differences only being a constant.

**Theorem** If  $F$  is an anti-derivative of  $f$  on an interval  $I$ , then the most general anti-derivative of  $f$  on  $I$  is

$$F(x) + c$$

where  $c$  is an arbitrary constant.

In general, then, how do we puzzle out anti-derivatives? The come directly from the derivative rules that we already know!

**Example** Derivative Rule

|          |             |
|----------|-------------|
| function | derivative  |
| $x^n$    | $n x^{n-1}$ |

Now we go backwards...

Anti-derivative Rules

|                         |   |                         |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| anti-derivative         |   | derivative              |
| $\frac{1}{n+1} x^{n+1}$ | ← | $x^n \quad (n \neq -1)$ |
| $\ln x $                | ← | $\frac{1}{x}$           |
| $e^x$                   | ← | $e^x$                   |
| $-\cos x$               | ← | $\sin x$                |
| $\sin x$                | ← | $\cos x$                |
| $\sec x$                | ← | $\sec x \tan x$         |
| $\tan x$                | ← | $\sec^2 x$              |

Don't Forget "+c"!

Likewise, all of the general notions of sums and differences are maintained.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{anti-derivative} & & \text{derivative} \\ c f(x) & \leftarrow & c F(x) \\ f(x)+g(x) & \leftarrow & F(x)+G(x) \end{array}$$

**Example** Find a general anti-derivative for:

pg. 246 #2)  $f(x) = 1 - x^3 + 12x^5$

$$F(x) = x - \frac{1}{4}x^4 + 12\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)x^6 + c$$

$$F(x) = x - \frac{1}{4}x^4 + 2x^6 + c$$

Check:  $F'(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{4}(4x^3) + 2(6x^5) + 0$

$$F'(x) = 1 - x^3 + 12x^5$$

**Example** Find a general anti-derivative for:

pg. 246 #6)  $f(x) = \sqrt[4]{x^3} + \sqrt[3]{x^4}$   
 $f(x) = x^{\frac{3}{4}} + x^{\frac{4}{3}}$  simplify notation

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{\frac{7}{4}}x^{\frac{7}{4}} + \frac{1}{\frac{7}{3}}x^{\frac{7}{3}} + c$$

$$F(x) = \frac{4}{7}\sqrt[4]{x^7} + \frac{3}{7}\sqrt[3]{x^7} + c$$

$$F(x) = \frac{4}{7}x\sqrt[4]{x^3} + \frac{3}{7}x^2\sqrt[3]{x} + c$$

Check:  $F'(x) = \frac{4}{7}\left(\frac{7}{4}\right)x^{\frac{3}{4}} + \frac{3}{7}\left(\frac{7}{3}\right)x^{\frac{4}{3}} + 0$

$$F'(x) = x^{\frac{3}{4}} + x^{\frac{4}{3}} = f(x)$$

**Example** Find the anti-derivative  $F$  of  $f$  that satisfies the given condition.

pg. 246 # 14)  $f(x) = 4 - 3(1+x^2)^{-1} \quad F(1) = 0$   
 $f(x) = 4 - \frac{3}{1+x^2}$

$F(x) = 4x - 3 \tan^{-1}(x) + c$  note:  $\tan^{-1}(x) = \text{atan}(x) = \text{arctan}(x)$ ;  $\tan^{-1}(x) \neq \frac{1}{\tan(x)}$

So, we have the anti-derivative, but we now must satisfy the condition  $F(1)=0$

$$F(1) = 4(1) - 3 \tan^{-1}(1) + c = 0$$

$$4 - 3\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + c = 0$$

$$\frac{16}{4} - \frac{3\pi}{4} = -c$$

$$\frac{16 - 3\pi}{4} = -c$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{3\pi - 16}{4}$$

So:  $F(x) = 4x - 3 \tan^{-1}(x) + \frac{3\pi - 16}{4}$

\*\* In this case, then, our constant  $c$  is very specific to the problem.

$$F'(x) = 4 - 3\left(\frac{1}{1+x^2}\right) + 0$$

Check:

$$F'(x) = 4 - \frac{3}{1+x^2} = f(x)$$

**Example** Find  $f$ .

pg. 246 #23)  $f''(x) = 24x^2 + 2x + 10 \quad f(1) = 5 \quad f'(1) = -3$

$$f'(x) = 24\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)x^3 + 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)x^2 + 10x + c$$

$$f'(x) = 8x^3 + x^2 + 10x + c$$

apply condition  $f'(1) = 8(1)^3 + (1)^2 + 10(1) + c = -3$

$$8 + 1 + 10 + 3 = -c$$

$$-22 = c$$

$$f'(x) = 8x^3 + x^2 + 10x - 22$$

$$f(x) = 8\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)x^3 + 10\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)x^2 - 22x + d$$

$$f(x) = 2x^4 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + 5x^2 - 22x + d$$

apply condition:  $f(1) = 2(1)^4 + \frac{1}{3}(1)^3 + 5(1)^2 - 22(1) + d = 5$

$$2 + \frac{1}{3} + 5 - 22 - 5 = -d$$

$$\frac{1}{3} - 20 = -d$$

$$\frac{-59}{3} = -d$$

$$d = \frac{59}{3}$$

$$f(x) = 2x^4 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + 5x^2 - 22x + \frac{59}{3}$$

$$f(1) = 2(1)^4 + \frac{1}{3}(1)^3 + 5(1)^2 - 22(1) + \frac{59}{3} = 5$$

Check:  $f'(x) = 8x^3 + x^2 + 10x - 22$

$$f'(1) = 8(1)^3 + (1)^2 + 10(1) - 22 = -3$$

$$f''(x) = 24x^2 + 2x + 10$$

**Example:** A particle is moving with the given data. Find the position of the particle.

$$v(t) = 1.5\sqrt{t} \quad s(4) = 10$$

$$v(t) = \frac{3}{2}t^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$s(t) = \frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{1}{\frac{3}{2}}\right)t^{\frac{3}{2}} + c$$

$$s(t) = \frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)t^{\frac{3}{2}} + c$$

$$s(t) = t^{\frac{3}{2}} + c$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{apply condition: } s(4) &= 4^{\frac{3}{2}} + c = 0 \\ s(4) &= \sqrt{64} + c = 10 \\ 8 + c &= 10 \Rightarrow c = 2\end{aligned}$$

So:  $s(t) = t^{\frac{3}{2}} + 2$