

§3.9 - Antiderivatives

Consider a function $y = f(x)$. An antiderivative of f is a function F satisfying $F'(x) = f(x)$ for all x in $\text{dom}(f)$.

Ex. $f(x) = x^2$

Guess: $F(x) = x^3$ $F'(x) = 3x^2$ ~~XX~~

Instead: $F(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3$ $F'(x) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 3x^2 = x^2 = f(x)$

This is an antiderivative of x^2 .

The general antiderivative of $f(x) = x^2$ is the family of functions $F(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + C$ where C can be any number.

Ex. $h(x) = x^5$

$H(x) = \frac{1}{6}x^6 + C$ $H'(x) = \frac{1}{6} \cdot 6x^5 + 0 = x^5 = h(x)$ ✓

Power Rule for Antiderivatives:

if $f(x) = x^n$, then $F(x) = \frac{1}{n+1}x^{n+1} + C$, $n \neq -1$

Ex. $f(x) = \sqrt{x} = x^{1/2}$ $F(x) = \frac{2}{3}x^{3/2} + C$

Ex. $g'(x) = 4\sin x + \frac{2x^5 - \sqrt{x}}{x}$ Find g .

$$g'(x) = 4\sin x + 2x^4 - x^{-1/2}$$

$$g(x) = -4\cos x + \frac{2}{5}x^5 - 2x^{1/2} + C$$

Ex. $f'(x) = x\sqrt{x}$, $f(1) = 2$

$$f'(x) = x \cdot x^{1/2} = x^{3/2}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{5}x^{5/2} + C$$

$$f(1) = \frac{2}{5}1^{5/2} + C = 2$$

$$C = 2 - 2/5 = 8/5$$

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{5}x^{5/2} + 8/5$$

Ex. $f''(x) = 12x^2 + 6x - 4 \rightarrow \begin{cases} f(0) = 4 \\ f(1) = 1 \end{cases}$

$$f''(x) = (f'(x))'$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{12}{3}x^3 + \frac{6}{2}x^2 - 4x + C = 4x^3 + 3x^2 - 4x + C$$

$$f(x) = \frac{4}{4}x^4 + \frac{3}{3}x^3 - \frac{4}{2}x^2 + Cx + D = x^4 + x^3 - 2x^2 + Cx + D$$

$$f(0) = 0^4 + 0^3 - 2 \cdot 0^2 + C \cdot 0 + D = D = 4$$

$$f(1) = 1^4 + 1^3 - 2 \cdot 1^2 + C \cdot 1 + 4 = 1 + 1 - 2 + C + 4 = C + 4 = 1$$

$$C = -3$$

$$f(x) = x^4 + x^3 - 2x^2 - 3x + 4$$

Ex. $a(t) = 6t + 4$ acceleration $\begin{cases} s(0) = 9 \text{ cm} \\ v(0) = -6 \text{ cm/s} \end{cases}$
 we construct the position function $s(t)$.

$$v(t) = s'(t)$$

$$a(t) = v'(t) = s''(t)$$

$$v(t) = \frac{6t^2}{2} + 4t + C = 3t^2 + 4t + C$$

$$v(0) = C = -6$$

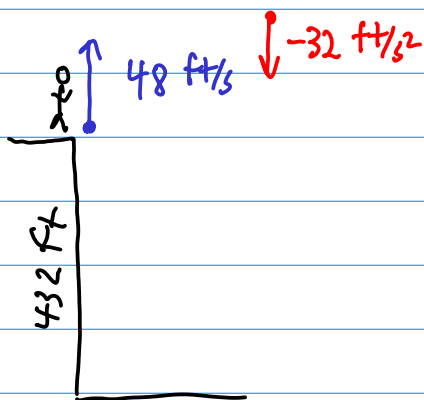
$$v(t) = 3t^2 + 4t - 6$$

$$s(t) = t^3 + 2t^2 - 6t + C$$

$$s(0) = C = 9$$

$$s(t) = t^3 + 2t^2 - 6t + 9$$

Ex.



Find $h(t)$

$$\begin{cases} h(0) = 432 \\ h'(0) = 48 \end{cases}$$

$$h''(t) = -32$$

$$h'(t) = -32t + C$$

$$h'(0) = 0 + C = 48$$

$$h'(t) = -32t + 48$$

$$h(t) = -16t^2 + 48t + C$$

$$h(0) = C = 432$$

RE. Find Max height

$$h(t) = -16t^2 + 48t + 432$$

Q. How long until it hits the ground?

$$h(t) = 0 \quad \text{solve for } t.$$

$$-16t^2 + 48t + 432 = 0$$

$$-16(t^2 - 3t - 27) = 0$$

$$t^2 - 3t + \frac{9}{4} = 27 + \frac{9}{4}$$

$$(t - \frac{3}{2})^2 = \frac{117}{4}$$

$$t = \frac{3}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{117}}{2}$$

$$t = \frac{3 + \sqrt{117}}{2} \text{ sec}$$