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Section 5.8 Antiderivatives

Antiderivative Problem: Given a function f

The function F (F is an antiderivative of f)

For x in the interval I if $F'(x) = f(x)$ for

x in the interval I . ($\frac{d}{dx} F(x) = f(x)$)

where $I = \mathbb{R}, (a, b), [a, b), (a, b], (-\infty, a),$

$(-\infty, a], (a, \infty), [a, \infty)$

Ex: ① Find an antiderivative of $f(x) = x^2$

Solution: $f(x) = x^2/3, F(x) = x^3/3 + C$

Hint: Power Rule for derivatives: $\frac{d}{dx} (x^r) = r x^{r-1}$

~~$F(x) = x^3$~~

Suggestion: $F(x) = \frac{x^3}{3}$ (check to see if correct)

$\left(\frac{x^3}{3}\right)' = \left(\frac{1}{3} x^3\right)' = \frac{1}{3} (3x^2) = x^2$

because $f(x) = x^2, F'(x) = \frac{x^3}{3}$

Question: Is $F(x) = x^3/3$ is it the only antiderivative

of $f(x) = x^2$

Suggestion 2: $F(x) = \frac{x^3}{3} + 1$ is an antiderivative of $f(x) = x^2$

because $\left(\frac{x^3}{3} + 1\right)' = \left(\frac{x^3}{3}\right)' + (1)' = x^2$

Therefore we know all antiderivatives of $f(x) = x^2$,

which are $F(x) = \frac{x^3}{3} + C$ (C is a constant).

Definition of an antiderivative problem: $F(x) + C$ (C is a

constant). These are all antiderivatives, also known

as a general antiderivative of $f(x)$, x is in the

interval I . In this context $f(x)$ is a particular

antiderivative of $F(x)$. We know $F(x) + C$ is an

antiderivative, because $F(x)$ is an antiderivative

because $(F(x) + C)' = F'(x) = f(x)$ is an antiderivative

② Find the general antiderivative of $f(x) = 2e^{2x}$ ($(e^x)' = e^x$)

Solution: $F(x) = e^{2x} + C$

$F(x) = e^{2x}$ is a particular antiderivative because $(e^{2x})' =$

$2e^{2x}$

$F(x) = e^{2x} + C$, C is the general antiderivative of $f(x) = 2e^{2x}$