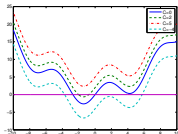


## Lecture 6: Antiderivatives and Integrals

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## Blackboard

From **today** (24/09/08) I won't be updating the pages at <http://www.maths.nuigalway.ie/MA211/>

If you are registered for MA211, you should be able to access all course material through <http://blackboard.nuigalway.ie>

If for some reason you can't, then send me an email.

In today's class...

## Problem Set 1

**Problem Set 1** is available for down-load.

Write out, clearly and carefully, solutions to the selected exercises and submit them by 11am, Monday Oct 6th.

However, you should attempt **all** exercises. Some of them may feature on the final exam.

Tutorials take place

- Tuesday, 3pm, AC202
- Wednesday, 5pm, QA003 (Physiology lecture room)

## 1 Antiderivatives

- Indefinite Integrals
- Fundamental Examples
- The Mathematical Tables
- More examples

## 2 Differential equations

## 3 General V Particular Solutions

## 4 Particular Solutions

## Antiderivatives

See Stewart's *Calculus* 5.3

On Monday we considered problems of the form: *given a function  $f$  find its derivative*. That is, find  $g$  such that  $g(x) = \frac{d}{dx}f(x)$ .

However, much of this course is related to the *inverse* of this problem: *given a function  $f$  find its antiderivative*

### Definition (Antiderivative)

Given a function  $f$  in an interval  $I$ , the function  $F$  is an **antiderivative** of  $f$  on  $I$  if

$$F'(t) = f(t) \quad \text{for all } x \in I.$$

## Antiderivatives

### Example

- $F(t) = t$  is an antiderivative of  $f(x) = 1$ .
- $F(t) = \frac{1}{2}t^2$  is an antiderivative of  $f(t) = t$ .
- $F(t) = -\cos(t)$  is an antiderivative of  $f(t) = \sin(t)$ .

## Antiderivatives

## Indefinite Integrals

Note that  $F(t) = -1/t$  is an antiderivative of  $f(t) = 1/t^2$  (on any interval that excludes  $t = 0$ ).

But so too is  $F(t) = 5 - 1/t$  and  $F(t) = -1/t - 3.1415$  and, indeed, any function of the form  $F(t) = -1/t + C$  for some constant  $t$ .

When we write down the antiderivative of  $f$  and include the constant  $C$  we usually call it the **General Antiderivative** of  $f$  or, more commonly, the **The Indefinite Integral**.

## Antiderivatives

## Indefinite Integrals

### Definition (Indefinite Integral)

The **Indefinite Integral** of  $f(t)$  on the interval  $I$  is

$$\int f(t)dt = F(t) + C \quad \text{for } t \in I,$$

where  $F'(t) = f(t)$  for all  $t$  in  $I$ .

We call  $C$  the **constant of integration**.

(Next week we'll do **definite integrals**, which have limits of

integration:  $\int_a^b f(x)dx$ ).





## Exercise (Q6.1)

- (i)  $6t^2 - 1$ ,  
 (ii)  $\frac{x+3}{x^{3/2}}$   
 (iii)  $\int 6dx$   
 (iv)  $\int x^{-2}dx$   
 (v)  $\int (x^2 + \cos(x))dx$   
 (vi)  $\int \cos(t) \tan(t) dt$   
 (vii)  $\int (A + Bx + Cx^2)dx$   
 (viii)  $\int \cos(3x)dx$

Don't forget the constant of integration!

When we see a problem like:

$$\text{Evaluate } \int 3t^2 - 1 dt$$

we can think of it as

Find a function whose derivative (with respect to  $t$ ) is  $3t^2 - 1$ .

Another equivalent way of asking the same question is:

Find a function  $f$  that solves the equation  $f'(t) = 3t^2 - 1$ .

This is an example of a simple *Differential Equation (DE)*, and we'll study much more of these as go through the course.

## Differential equations

Our 1st Differential Equation is:

## Example (1)

Find a function  $f$  that solves the equation  $f'(t) = 3t^2 - 1$ .

and its solution is of the form

$$f(t) = t^3 - t + C$$

for an *arbitrary* constant  $C$ .

## Definition (General Solution)

The **general solution** of a differential equation is one that includes one or more arbitrary constants corresponding to constants of integration.

## Differential equations

## Example (2)

Find the general solution to the differential equation

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

## Differential equations

### Example (3)

Show that the function

$$f(x) = C_1x^3 + C_2/x$$

is a solution to the differential equation

$$x^2 f''(x) - xf'(x) - 3f(x) = 0.$$

## Differential equations

### Exercise (Q6.2)

(i) Show that, for any constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ ,

$$y(x) = C_1x^2 + C_2x^{-2}$$

is a solution to the differential equation

$$x^3 y'''(x) + 6x^2 y''(x) = 12y(x).$$

(ii) Write down a 2nd order differential equation that has  $f(x) = x^2 - x$  as a solution.

## Differential equations

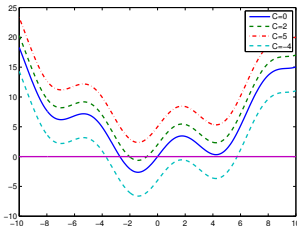
### Example (4)

Write down the **general solution** to the following differential equation:

$$y'(x) = x/3 + 3\cos(x)$$

## Differential equations

$$\frac{x^2}{6} + 3\sin(x) + C$$



## General V Particular Solutions

The following is an example of a simple differential equation:

**Q:** If you travel east at a constant speed of 90km/hr for 1 hour, where are you?

**A:** 90km east of where we started!

This is the *general solution*.

An alternative problem is:

**Q:** If you travel east *from Galway* at a constant speed of 90km/hr for 1 hour, where are you?

**A:** Athlone.

This is a *particular solution*: the arbitrary constant is specified.

## Particular Solutions

### Example (5)

Find the solution to the differential equation

$$y'(x) = \frac{x}{3} + 3 \cos(x),$$

given that  $y(0) = 2$ .

## Particular Solutions

### Exercise (Q6.3)

Find solutions to the following differential equations. If possible, give a particular solution, otherwise, give the general solution.

- (i)  $y'(t) = x - 2$
- (ii)  $f'(x) = x^{-2} - x^{-3}$ , subject to  $f(-1) = 0$ .
- (iii)  $y''(x) = x^3 - 1$ , given that  $y'(0) = 0, y(0) = 8$ .