

6.2.2 ANTIDERIVATIVES AND INDEFINITE INTEGRALS

RECALL THAT THE GENERAL ANTIDERIVATIVE OF $f(x)$ (i.e. THE ENTIRE FAMILY OF ANTIDERIVATIVES) IS OBTAINED BY CHOOSING A PARTICULAR ANTIDERIVATIVE $F(x)$ AND ADDING AN ARBITRARY CONSTANT C .

$$F(x) + C$$

IN PARTICULAR, WE MAY PICK $F(x) = \int_a^x f(u) du$, THUS

$$\int_a^x f(u) du + C$$

REPRESENTS ALL ANTIDERIVATIVES OF $f(x)$, UPON CHOOSING ALL POSSIBLE CONSTANTS C .

NOTATION: WE WRITE $\int f(x) dx$ TO STAND FOR THIS ENTIRE FAMILY OF ANTIDERIVATIVES. THUS

$$\int f(x) dx = F(x) + C$$

where $F(x)$ is any particular antiderivative of $f(x)$.

The expression $\int f(x) dx$ is called the indefinite integral of $f(x)$ to distinguish it from the definite integral.

Table 6.1 (p. 366) gives some common indefinite integrals.

$$\int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C \quad (n \neq -1)$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x| + C$$

$$\int e^x dx = e^x + C$$

$$\int b^x dx = \frac{b^x}{\ln(b)} + C$$

$$\int \cos x \, dx = \sin x + C$$

$$\int \sin x \, dx = -\cos x + C$$

$$\int \sec^2 x \, dx = \tan x + C$$

$$\int \csc^2 x \, dx = -\cot x + C$$

$$\int \sec x \tan x \, dx = \sec x + C$$

$$\int \csc x \cot x \, dx = -\csc x + C$$

$$\int \tan x \, dx = \ln |\sec x| + C$$

$$\int \cot x \, dx = -\ln |\csc x| + C$$

$$\int \frac{1}{1+x^2} \, dx = \tan^{-1} x + C$$

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \, dx = \sin^{-1} x + C$$

EACH OF THESE FORMULAS CORRESPONDS WITH A DIFFERENTIATION FORMULA.

For instance

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln|x| = \begin{cases} \frac{d}{dx} \ln(x) & \text{if } x > 0 \\ \frac{d}{dx} \ln(-x) & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } x > 0 \\ \frac{1}{-x} \cdot (-1) & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x}$$

Proving ~~TAN~~ $\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x| + C$
 Also

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln|\sec x| = \frac{1}{\sec x} \cdot \cancel{\sec x} \tan x$$

$$= \tan x$$

showing $\int \tan x dx = \ln|\sec x| + C.$

$$\underline{\text{Ex.}} \int \frac{1}{\cos^2 x - 1} dx = \int \frac{1}{\sin^2 x} dx = \int \csc^2 x dx$$

$$= -\cot x + C$$

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{\text{Ex.}} \quad \int \frac{x^2}{x^2+1} dx &= \int \frac{(x^2+1)-1}{x^2+1} dx \\ &= \int \left(1 - \frac{1}{x^2+1}\right) dx \\ &= x - \text{TAN}^{-1}x + c.\end{aligned}$$