

17A-17C - Indefinite Integrals

In this chapter, you will learn:

- to reverse the process of differentiation (this process is called integration)
- to find the equation of a curve given its derivative and a point on the curve
- to integrate $\sin x$, $\cos x$, and $\tan x$
- to integrate e^x and $1/x$
- to find the area between a curve and the x - or y -axis
- to find the area enclosed between two curves

How easy are things to undo/reverse?

- Walking down the hallway
- Driving to school
- Mixing two decks of cards together
- Making/baking a cake

Integral Calculus

Integration \longrightarrow Antidifferentiation

Integration is the inverse of differentiation

Differentiation

$$f(x) = x^2 + 7$$

$$f'(x) = 2x$$

Integration

$$f'(x) = 2x$$

$$f(x) = x^2 + c$$

Integration

Integrate the following equations, giving your answer as y in terms of x .

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x$$

$$y = x^2 + c$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x^2 - 8x + 9$$

$$y = \frac{4}{3}x^3 - 4x^2 + 9x + c$$

Indefinite Integral

$$\int 2x dx = x^2 + c, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

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Elongated letter S

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 dx is always added to an integral to represent the variable you are integrating with respect to

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Constant of Integration

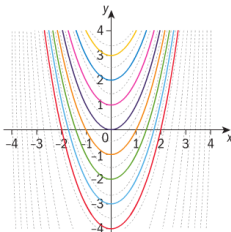
$$f(x) = x^2$$

$$f(x) = x^2 + 5$$

$$f(x) = x^2 - 1$$

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

Every function has an infinite number of anti-derivatives. This family of functions, known as the **indefinite integral**, is found using the rules of differentiation/integration.



▲ Graph of family of curves of $y = x^2 + c$ for different values of c

Indefinite Integral

$f(x)$ is the derivative of $F(x)$

$$\int f(x) dx = F(x) + c, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

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Variable of integration (with respect to)

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Constant of Integration

Note: When listing general rules of integration, the constant " c " is sometimes left off for simplicity

Function	First Derivative
$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
$f'(x)$	$f''(x)$
Uppercase $F \longrightarrow F(x)$	$f(x) \longleftarrow$ Lowercase f

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Finding the derivative

$$x^n \xrightarrow{\text{Multiply the coefficient of } x \text{ by } n} nx^{n-1} \xrightarrow{\text{Decrease the exponent of } x \text{ by } 1} nx^{n-1}$$

Finding the integral (Reverse the process)

$$nx^{n-1} \xrightarrow{\text{Increase the exponent of } x \text{ by } 1} nx^n \xrightarrow{\text{Divide by the new exponent}} x^n \xrightarrow{\text{Add a constant of integration, } c} x^n + c$$

The general rule for integrating x^n for any rational power where $n \neq -1$ is:

$$\int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + c, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

Note the condition $n \neq -1$ to avoid division by 0.

$$\text{Alternate form: } \int x^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1} \cdot x^{n+1} + c$$

EXAM HINT

The + c is a part of the answer, and you must write it every time.

To integrate a multiple of a function, we use a process similar to differentiation.

$$\int k \cdot f(x) dx = k \cdot \int f(x) dx$$

EXAM HINT
This rule only works if k is a constant.

Also, since we can differentiate term by term, then we can also split up integrals of sums and differences.

$$\int f(x) \pm g(x) dx = \int f(x) dx \pm \int g(x) dx$$

EXAM HINT
Be warned! You cannot integrate products or quotients by integrating each part separately.

Ex: $\int (x^2 + 7x + 8) dx = \int x^2 dx + \int 7x dx + \int 8 dx$
 $= \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{7}{2}x^2 + 8x + c$

Worked example 17.1

Find (a) $\int 6x^{-3} dx = -3x^{-2} + c$
 (b) $\int (3x^4 - 8x^{-\frac{1}{3}} + 2) dx = \frac{3}{5}x^5 + 24x^{\frac{2}{3}} + 2x + c$

Worked example 17.2

Find (a) $\int 5x^2 \sqrt{x} dx = \int 5x^2 \cdot x^{\frac{1}{2}} dx = \int 5x^{\frac{5}{2}} dx = \frac{5 \cdot \frac{2}{7}}{\frac{2}{7}} x^{\frac{7}{2}} + c = \frac{5}{2} x^{\frac{7}{2}} + c$
 (b) $\int \frac{(x-3)^2}{\sqrt{x}} dx = \int \frac{x^2 - 6x + 9}{x^{\frac{1}{2}}} dx = \int x^{\frac{3}{2}} - 6x^{\frac{1}{2}} + 9x^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx = \frac{2}{5} x^{\frac{5}{2}} - 6 \cdot \frac{2}{3} x^{\frac{3}{2}} + 9 \cdot 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} + c = \frac{2}{5} x^{\frac{5}{2}} - 4x^{\frac{3}{2}} + 18x^{\frac{1}{2}} + c$

- 17A p.570 #1
- 17B p.571 #1-2
- 17C p.574 #1-4