

**MAT 137**  
**Tutorial #12– Antiderivatives**  
**January 14–15, 2019**

Do not confuse:

- $\int_a^b f(x)dx$  is a number and represents area.
- $\int f(x)dx$  represents the collection of *all* functions whose derivative is  $f(x)$ .

You have probably not seen this before today's tutorial. That is on purpose. We want you to realize that you already know how to compute a lot of antiderivatives without learning any new formulas. Your TA will guide you.

1. Let's warm up with some easier antiderivatives.

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \int x^3 dx & \int \sqrt{x} dx & \int \frac{1}{x^3} dx & \int (x^3 - 2x^2 + 7x - 5) dx \\ \int \sin x dx & \int \cos x dx & \int e^x dx & \int \sec^2 x dx \end{array}$$

2. The poor integral  $\int \frac{1}{x} dx$  is often misunderstood. Let's get to know her a bit better.

- (a) Calculate the domain and the derivative of  $F_1(x) = \ln x$ .
- (b) Calculate the domain and the derivative of  $F_2(x) = \ln(-x)$ .
- (c) Calculate the domain and the derivative of  $F_3(x) = \ln|x|$ .
- (d) In view of the above, what is  $\int \frac{1}{x} dx$  ?
- (e) Calculate the derivative of  $F_4(x) = \ln(2x)$ . Do we have a problem?

3. Next, try some harder antiderivatives. Remember: the key is often to make an educated guess, try it, and then take it from there.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \int (3x + 7)^{10} dx & \int 3 \sin(2x) dx & \int 5e^{-2x} dx \\ \int \frac{2}{(7 - 6x)^4} dx & \int \frac{x^3 + 2x^2}{x} dx & \int \sqrt{x}(x + 1) dx \\ \int \frac{2}{3x - 1} dx & \int \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{5 - 2x}} dx & \int \tan^2 x dx \end{array}$$

*Hint:* For the last one, think of the trig identity involving tangents and secants.

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## Harder question

4. These antiderivatives are more difficult. We will learn later a more systematic way to approach them, but it is a very good exercise to try to figure them out now without knowing any tricks or formulas, just by (sophisticated) guess and check. You will solidify your understanding in the process.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \int x(3x^2 + 1)^{100} dx & \int \frac{\cos \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x}} dx & \int xe^{-x^2} dx \\ \int \frac{(\ln x)^3}{x} dx & \int \frac{\sin \ln x}{x} dx & \int \frac{1}{x \ln x} dx \end{array}$$

*Hint:* For the first one, study the derivative of a function of the form  $F(x) = (3x^2 + 1)^n$  for some appropriate value of  $n$ .

For the second one, what is the derivative of  $F(x) = \sin \sqrt{x}$ ?