

4.1B Particular Solutions

WCID? I can find a particular solution of an antiderivative

A. Evaluate: $\int 2x dx = x^2 + C$

**this is called the general solution

1. Particular Solution- a solution for a specific instance

2. Given a value for x and $f(x)$, you will now find C

Examples:

Evaluate $\int 2x dx$, where $F(2) = 5$

$$x^2 + C \rightarrow f(x) = x^2 + 1$$
$$(2)^2 + C = 5 \quad C = 1$$

Evaluate $\int \frac{1}{x^2} dx$, where $F(1) = 0$

$$\int x^{-2} dx \rightarrow -\frac{1}{x} + C$$

$$\frac{x^{-1}}{-1} + C = -\frac{1}{x} + C \rightarrow -\frac{1}{1} + C = 0$$
$$-1 + C = 0$$
$$C = 1$$

If $f'(x) = \cos x$, find $f(x)$ if $F(\pi) = 2$

$$\int \cos x dx = \sin x + C \rightarrow \sin x + 2 = f(x)$$

$$= \sin(\pi) + C = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow C = 2$$

If $f'(x) = 2x + 3$, find $f(x)$ if $F(-3) = 5$

$$\int 2x + 3 \, dx$$
$$x^2 + 3x + C$$
$$x^2 + 3x + 5$$

$$(-3)^2 + 3(-3) + C = 5$$
$$9 - 9 + C = 5$$
$$C = 5$$

B. Similar to second derivatives, we can do antiderivatives twice

1. These are applications of particular solutions

Examples

If $f''(x) = 30x$, find $f(x)$ if $f(1) = 1$ and $f'(2) = 55$

$$\int 30x \, dx$$
$$15x^2 + C$$
$$15(2)^2 + C = 55$$
$$C = -5$$

$$\int 15x^2 - 5 \, dx$$
$$5x^3 - 5x + C$$
$$5(1)^3 - 5(1) + C = 1$$
$$C = 1$$

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If $f''(x) = 4$, find $f(x)$ if $f(2) = 14$ and $f'(1) = 8$

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