

# Antiderivatives

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1. What does it mean for  $F(x)$  to be an *antiderivative* of  $f(x)$ ?
2. Let  $f(x)$  be a function and  $F(x)$  an antiderivative. Prove that  $F(x) + C$  is also an antiderivative of  $f$ , where  $C$  is any constant. Why do we always refer to *an* antiderivative of a function, as opposed to *the* antiderivative?

In problems 3-5, if true prove it! If false, give a counterexample.

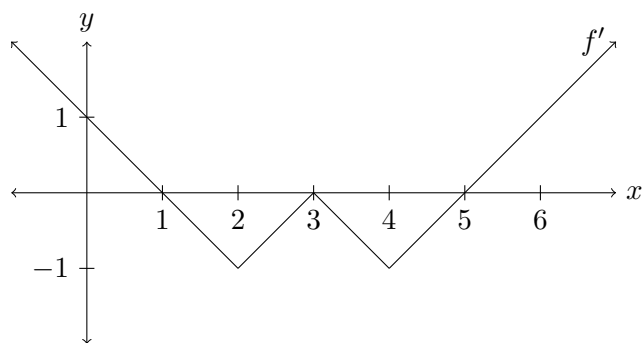
3. True or false: if  $F(x)$  is an antiderivative of  $f(x)$  and  $G(x)$  is an antiderivative of  $g(x)$ , then  $F(x) + G(x)$  is an antiderivative of  $f(x) + g(x)$ ?
4. True or false: if  $F(x)$  is an antiderivative of  $f(x)$  and  $c$  is a constant, then  $cF(x)$  is an antiderivative of  $cf(x)$ ?
5. True or false: if  $F(x)$  is an antiderivative of  $f(x)$  and  $G(x)$  is an antiderivative of  $g(x)$ , then  $F(x)G(x)$  is an antiderivative of  $f(x)g(x)$ ?

In problems 6-14, find an antiderivative for  $f(x)$ . A good strategy is to do the following:

- (a) Take a guess.
- (b) Check your guess by taking its derivative. If you get  $f(x)$ , congratulations: your guess was correct and you've found an antiderivative of  $f(x)$ ! Otherwise, revise your guess and repeat.

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| 6. $f(x) = x^4$        | 9. $f(x) = \frac{3}{x^2} + 4x^2 - 1$ | 12. $f(x) = \frac{\sin x - 1}{\cos^2 x}$ |
| 7. $f(x) = \sin(2x)$   | 10. $f(x) = (5x + 3)^4$              | 13. $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$      |
| 8. $f(x) = 3 \sec^2 x$ | 11. $f(x) = \frac{1}{2x} + e^{2x}$   | 14. $f(x) = \frac{1}{16x^2 + 25}$        |
15. Let  $f(x) = x^5 - 2x^{-2} + 1$ . Find an antiderivative  $F(x)$  such that  $F(1) = 0$ . Hint: use problem 2.
  16. Find a function  $f(x)$  such that  $f'(x) = 6 \sin(3x)$  and  $f(\pi/6) = 6$ .

17. Find the equation of a function  $f$  whose *derivative* is shown here:



Note: the derivative  $f'$  is defined everywhere, so your function should be differentiable (and therefore continuous) everywhere.