

MATH 100 – WORKSHEET 35
ANTIDERIVATIVES

1. WARMUP

(1) Simple differentiation

(a) Find one f such that $f'(x) = 1$.

Solution: $f(x) = x$ works.

(b) Find *all* such f .

Solution: $f(x) = x + c$ is a solution for any constant c ; these are all the solutions since if f is a solution, $(f(x) - x)' = 1 - 1 = 0$ so by the MVT $f(x) - x$ is constant.

(c) Find f such that $f(7) = 3$.

Solution: We have $f(x) = x + c$ for some c . Then $3 = f(7) = 7 + c$ so $c = -4$ and $f(x) = x - 4$.

2. ANTIDIFFERENTIATION BY MASSAGING

(1) Find f such that $f'(x) = -\frac{1}{x}$.

Solution: $f(x) = -\ln|x|$ works.

(2) Find f such that $f'(x) = \cos x$, $f'(x) = -\frac{1}{x}$.

Solution: $f(x) = \sin x$ works

(3) Find all f such that $f'(x) = \cos x - \frac{1}{x}$, $f'(x) = -\frac{1}{x}$.

Solution: By the sum rule, if $f(x) = \sin x - \ln|x| + c$ then $f'(x) = \cos x - \frac{1}{x}$ as desired.

(4) Find f such that $f'(x) = 2x^{1/3} - x^{-2/3}$ and $f(1000) = 5$.

Solution: First recall that $(x^{4/3})' = \frac{4}{3}x^{1/3}$ and $(x^{1/3})' = \frac{1}{3}x^{-2/3}$. Now multiply by constants to get what we want: $(2 \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot x^{4/3})' = 2x^{1/3}$ and $(3x^{1/3})' = x^{-2/3}$ so f must have the form $f(x) = \frac{3}{2}x^{4/3} - 3x^{1/3} + c$. The condition $f(1000) = 5$ then reads $\frac{3}{2}10^4 - 3 \cdot 10 + c = 5$ so $c = -14,695$ and

$$f(x) = \frac{3}{2}x^{4/3} - 3x^{1/3} - 14,695.$$

(5) Find f such that $f''(x) = \sin x + \cos x$, $f(0) = 0$ and $f'(0) = 1$.

Solution: Since $(f')' = f''$ we have $f'(x) = -\cos x + \sin x + c$ so $f(x) = -\sin x - \cos x + cx + d$. Note 2 constants since 2 anti-differentiations. Now $f'(0) = 1$ means $-\cos 0 + \sin 0 + c = 1$ so $c = 2$ and $f(0) = 0$ means $-\sin 0 - \cos 0 + 2 \cdot 0 + d = 0$ so $d = 1$ and finally $f(x) = -\sin x - \cos x + 2x + 1$.

(6) A cannonball is thrown off a tower of height H . Suppose that it starts from rest at the top of the tower and that its acceleration is constant (equal to g). When does it hit the ground?

Solution: Put coordinates where vertical axis is y axis and the ball's position is $y(t)$, with velocity $v(t) = y'(t)$ and acceleration $a(t) = v'(t)$. Then $a(t) = -g$ (falling down) so $v(t) = -gt + v_0$ for some constant v_0 . Setting $t = 0$ we see that $v_0 = 0$ (starting at rest) so $v(t) = -gt$. Now $y(t) = -\frac{g}{2}t^2 + y_0$ ($(t^2)' = 2t$, so now multiply by $-\frac{g}{2}$ to get $-gt$) and $y(0) = H$ so $y(t) = H - \frac{g}{2}t^2$. Finally, we need

to find t such that $y(t) = 0$, that is $H - \frac{g}{2}t^2 = 0$ so $t = \sqrt{\frac{2H}{g}}$.