



# Indefinite Integration

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The aim of this package is to provide a short self assessment programme for students who want to be able to calculate basic indefinite integrals.

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# 1. Anti-Derivatives

If  $f = \frac{dF}{dx}$ , we call  $F$  the **anti-derivative** (or **indefinite integral**) of  $f$ .

**Example 1** If  $f(x) = x$ , we can find its anti-derivative by realising that for  $F(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2$

$$\frac{dF}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{2}x^2\right) = \frac{1}{2} \times 2x = x = f(x)$$

Thus  $F(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2$  is an anti-derivative of  $f(x) = x$ .

However, if  $C$  is a constant:

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{2}x^2 + C\right) = \frac{1}{2} \times 2x = x$$

since the derivative of a constant is zero. The **general anti-derivative** of  $x$  is thus  $\frac{1}{2}x^2 + C$  where  $C$  can be *any* constant.

Note that you should **always check** an anti-derivative  $F$  by differentiating it and seeing that you recover  $f$ .

Quiz Using  $\frac{d(x^n)}{dx} = nx^{n-1}$ , select an anti-derivative of  $x^6$

- (a)  $6x^5$       (b)  $\frac{1}{5}x^5$       (c)  $\frac{1}{7}x^7$       (d)  $\frac{1}{6}x^7$

In general the anti-derivative or integral of  $x^n$  is:

$$\text{If } f(x) = x^n, \text{ then } F(x) = \frac{1}{n+1}x^{n+1} \text{ for } n \neq -1$$

**N.B.** this rule does not apply to  $1/x = x^{-1}$ . Since the derivative of  $\ln(x)$  is  $1/x$ , the anti-derivative of  $1/x$  is  $\ln(x)$  – see later.

Also **note** that since  $1 = x^0$ , the rule says that the anti-derivative of 1 is  $x$ . This is correct since the derivative of  $x$  is 1.

We will now introduce **two important properties of integrals**, which follow from the corresponding rules for derivatives.

If  **$a$  is any constant** and  $F(x)$  is the anti-derivative of  $f(x)$ , then

$$\frac{d}{dx}(aF(x)) = a\frac{d}{dx}F(x) = af(x).$$

Thus

$aF(x)$  is the anti-derivative of  $af(x)$

**Quiz** Use this property to select the **general anti-derivative** of  $3x^{\frac{1}{2}}$  from the choices below.

- (a)  $2x^{\frac{3}{2}} + C$    (b)  $\frac{3}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} + C$    (c)  $\frac{9}{2}x^{\frac{3}{2}} + C$    (d)  $6\sqrt{x} + C$

If  $\frac{dF}{dx} = f(x)$  and  $\frac{dG}{dx} = g(x)$ , from the sum rule of differentiation

$$\frac{d}{dx}(F + G) = \frac{d}{dx}F + \frac{d}{dx}G = f(x) + g(x).$$

(See the package on the **product and quotient rules**.) This leads to the **sum rule for integration**:

If  $F(x)$  is the anti-derivative of  $f(x)$  and  $G(x)$  is the anti-derivative of  $g(x)$ , then  $F(x) + G(x)$  is the anti-derivative of  $f(x) + g(x)$ .

Only one arbitrary constant  $C$  is needed in the anti-derivative of the sum of two (or more) functions.

**Quiz** Use this property to find the general **anti-derivative** of  $3x^2 - 2x^3$ .

(a)  $C$    (b)  $x^3 - \frac{1}{2}x^4 + C$    (c)  $\frac{3}{2}x^3 - \frac{2}{3}x^4 + C$    (d)  $x^3 + \frac{2}{3}x + C$

We now introduce the integral notation to represent anti-derivatives.

## 2. Indefinite Integral Notation

The notation for an anti-derivative or indefinite integral is:

$$\text{if } \frac{dF}{dx} = f(x), \quad \text{then } \int f(x) dx = F(x) + C$$

Here  $\int$  is called the **integral sign**, while  $dx$  is called the **measure** and  $C$  is called the **integration constant**. We read this as “the integral of  $f$  of  $x$  with respect to  $x$ ” or “the integral of  $f$  of  $x$   $dx$ ”.

In other words  $\int f(x) dx$  means the **general anti-derivative of  $f(x)$**  *including* an integration constant.

**Example 2** To calculate the integral  $\int x^4 dx$ , we recall that the anti-derivative of  $x^n$  for  $n \neq -1$  is  $x^{n+1}/(n+1)$ . Here  $n = 4$ , so we have

$$\int x^4 dx = \frac{x^{4+1}}{4+1} + C = \frac{x^5}{5} + C$$

**Quiz** Select the correct result for the indefinite integral  $\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx$

- (a)  $-\frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{3}{2}} + C$    (b)  $2\sqrt{x} + C$    (c)  $\frac{1}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}} + C$    (d)  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{x^2}} + C$

The previous **rules** for anti-derivatives may be expressed in integral notation as follows.

The integral of a function multiplied by any constant  $a$  is:

$$\int a f(x) dx = a \int f(x) dx$$

The sum rule for integration states that:

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



To be able to integrate a greater number of functions, it is convenient first to recall the **derivatives of some simple functions**:

$y$	$\sin(ax)$	$\cos(ax)$	$e^{ax}$	$\ln(x)$
$\frac{dy}{dx}$	$a \cos(ax)$	$-a \sin(ax)$	$a e^{ax}$	$\frac{1}{x}$

**EXERCISE 1.** From the above table of derivatives calculate the indefinite integrals of the following functions: (click on the **green** letters for the solutions)

(a)  $\sin(ax)$ ,

(b)  $\cos(ax)$ ,

(c)  $e^{ax}$ ,

(d)  $\frac{1}{x}$

These results give the following table of indefinite integrals (the integration constants are omitted for reasons of space):

$y(x)$	$x^n$ ( $n \neq -1$ )	$\sin(ax)$	$\cos(ax)$	$e^{ax}$	$\frac{1}{x}$
$\int y(x)dx$	$\frac{1}{n+1}x^{n+1}$	$-\frac{1}{a}\cos(ax)$	$\frac{1}{a}\sin(ax)$	$\frac{1}{a}e^{ax}$	$\ln(x)$

**EXERCISE 2.** From the above table, calculate the following integrals: (click on the **green** letters for the solutions)

(a)  $\int x^7 dx$ ,

(b)  $\int 2 \sin(3x) dx$ ,

(c)  $\int 4 \cos(2x) dx$ ,

(d)  $\int 15 e^{-5s} ds$ ,

(e)  $\int \frac{3}{w} dw$ ,

(f)  $\int (e^s + e^{-s}) ds$ .

**Quiz** Select the indefinite integral of  $4 \sin(5x) + 5 \cos(3x)$ .

- (a)  $20 \cos(5x) - 15 \sin(3x) + C$       (b)  $4 \sin\left(\frac{5x^2}{2}\right) + 5 \cos\left(\frac{3x^2}{2}\right) + C$   
(c)  $-\frac{2}{3} \cos(5x) + \frac{5}{4} \sin(3x) + C$       (d)  $-\frac{4}{5} \cos(5x) + \frac{5}{3} \sin(3x) + C$

**EXERCISE 3.** It may be shown that

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x(\ln(x) - 1)] = \ln(x).$$

(See the package on the **product and quotient rules** of differentiation.) From this result and the properties reviewed in the package on **logarithms** calculate the following integrals: (click on the **green** letters for the solutions)

- (a)  $\int \ln(x) dx$ ,      (b)  $\int \ln(2x) dx$ ,  
(c)  $\int \ln(x^3) dx$ ,      (d)  $\int \ln(3x^2) dx$ .

**Hint** expressions like  $\ln(2)$  are constants!

### 3. Fixing Integration Constants

**Example 3** Consider a rocket whose velocity in metres per second at time  $t$  seconds after launch is  $v = bt^2$  where  $b = 3 \text{ ms}^{-3}$ . If at time  $t = 2$  s the rocket is at a position  $x = 30$  m away from the launch position, we can calculate its position at time  $t$  s as follows.

Velocity is the derivative of position with respect to time:  $v = \frac{dx}{dt}$ , so it follows that  $x$  is the integral of  $v$  ( $= bt^2 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ ):

$$x = \int 3t^2 dt = 3 \times \frac{1}{3}t^3 + C = t^3 + C$$

The information that  $x = 30$  m at  $t = 2$  s, can be substituted into the above equation to find the value of  $C$ :

$$30 = 2^3 + C$$

$$30 = 8 + C$$

$$i.e., \quad 22 = C.$$

Thus at time  $t$  s, the rocket is at  $x = t^3 + 22$  m from the launch site.

**Quiz** If  $y = \int 3x dx$  and at  $x = 2$ , it is measured that  $y = 4$ , calculate the integration constant.

- (a)  $C = 2$       (b)  $C = 4$       (c)  $C = -2$       (d)  $C = 10$

**Quiz** Find the position of an object at time  $t = 4$  s if its velocity is  $v = \alpha t + \beta \text{ ms}^{-1}$  for  $\alpha = 2 \text{ ms}^{-2}$  and  $\beta = 1 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  and its position at  $t = 1$  s was  $x = 2$  m.

- (a) 12 m      (b) 24 m      (c) 0 m      (d) 20 m

**Quiz** Acceleration  $a$  is the rate of change of velocity  $v$  with respect to time  $t$ , i.e.,  $a = \frac{dv}{dt}$ .

If a ball is thrown upwards on the Earth, its acceleration is constant and approximately  $a = -10 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ . If its initial velocity was  $3 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , when does the ball stop moving upwards (i.e., at what time is its velocity zero)?

- (a) 0.3 s      (b) 1 s      (c) 0.7 s      (d) 0.5 s

## 4. Final Quiz

**Begin Quiz** Choose the solutions from the options given.

- Which of the following is an anti-derivative with respect to  $x$  of  $f(x) = 2 \cos(3x)$ ?  
(a)  $2x \cos(3x)$     (b)  $-6 \sin(3x)$     (c)  $\frac{2}{3} \sin(3x)$     (d)  $\frac{2}{3} \sin(\frac{3}{2}x^2)$
- What is the integral with respect to  $x$  of  $f(x) = 11 \exp(10x)$ ?  
(a)  $\frac{11}{10} \exp(10x) + C$                       (b)  $11 \exp(5x^2) + C$   
(c)  $\exp(11x) + C$                               (d)  $110 \exp(10x) + C$
- If the speed of an object is given by  $v = bt^{-\frac{1}{2}} \text{ ms}^{-1}$  for  $b = 1 \text{ ms}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ , what is its position  $x$  at time  $t = 9 \text{ s}$  if the object was at  $x = 3 \text{ m}$  at  $t = 1 \text{ s}$ ?  
(a)  $x = 7 \text{ m}$     (b)  $x = 11 \text{ m}$     (c)  $x = 4 \text{ m}$     (d)  $x = 0 \text{ m}$

**End Quiz**

## Solutions to Exercises

**Exercise 1(a)** To calculate the indefinite integral  $\int \sin(ax) dx$  let us use the table of derivatives to find the function whose derivative is  $\sin(ax)$ .

From the table one can see that if  $y = \cos(ax)$ , then its derivative with respect to  $x$  is

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\cos(ax)) = -a \sin(ax), \quad \text{so} \quad \frac{d}{dx} \left( -\frac{1}{a} \cos(ax) \right) = \sin(ax).$$

Thus one can conclude

$$\int \sin(ax) dx = -\frac{1}{a} \cos(ax) + C.$$

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**Exercise 1(b)** We have to find the indefinite integral of  $\cos(ax)$ . From the table of derivatives we have

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin(ax)) = a \cos(ax), \quad \text{so} \quad \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{a} \sin(ax) \right) = \cos(ax).$$

This implies

$$\int \cos(ax) dx = \frac{1}{a} \sin(ax) + C.$$

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**Exercise 1(c)** We have to find the integral of  $e^{ax}$ . From the table of derivatives

$$\frac{d}{dx}(e^{ax}) = a e^{ax}, \quad \text{so} \quad \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{a}e^{ax}\right) = e^{ax}.$$

Thus the indefinite integral of  $e^{ax}$  is

$$\int e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a} e^{ax} + C.$$

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**Exercise 1(d)** We need to find the function whose derivative is  $\frac{1}{x}$ . From the table of derivatives we see that the derivative of  $\ln(x)$  with respect to  $x$  is

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\ln(x)) = \frac{1}{x}.$$

This implies that

$$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln(x) + C.$$

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**Exercise 2(a)** We want to calculate  $\int x^7 dx$ . From the table of indefinite integrals, for any  $n \neq -1$ ,

$$\int x^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1} x^{n+1}.$$

In the case of  $n = 7 (\neq -1)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int x^7 dx &= \frac{1}{7+1} \times x^{7+1} + C \\ &= \frac{1}{8} x^8 + C. \end{aligned}$$

Checking this:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{8} x^8 + C \right) = \frac{1}{8} \frac{d}{dx} x^8 = \frac{1}{8} \times 8 x^7 = x^7.$$

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**Exercise 2(b)** To calculate the integral  $\int 2 \sin(3x) dx$  we use the formula

$$\int \sin(ax) dx = -\frac{1}{a} \cos(ax).$$

In our case  $a = 3$ . Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int 2 \sin(3x) dx &= 2 \int \sin(3x) dx = 2 \times \left( -\frac{1}{3} \cos(3x) \right) + C \\ &= -\frac{2}{3} \cos(3x) + C. \end{aligned}$$

Checking:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( -\frac{2}{3} \cos(3x) + C \right) = -\frac{2}{3} \frac{d}{dx} \cos(3x) = -\frac{2}{3} \times (-3 \sin(3x)) = 2 \sin(3x).$$

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**Exercise 2(c)** To calculate the integral  $\int 4 \cos(2x) dx$  we use the formula

$$\int \cos(ax) dx = \frac{1}{a} \sin(ax),$$

with  $a = 2$ . This yields

$$\begin{aligned} \int 4 \cos(2x) dx &= 4 \int \cos(2x) dx \\ &= 4 \times \left( \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x) \right) \\ &= 2 \sin(2x) + C. \end{aligned}$$

It may be checked that

$$\frac{d}{dx} (2 \sin(2x) + C) = 2 \frac{d}{dx} \sin(2x) = 2 \times (2 \cos(2x)) = 4 \cos(2x).$$

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**Exercise 2(d)** To find the integral  $\int 15 e^{-5s} ds$  we use the formula

$$\int e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a} e^{ax}$$

with  $a = -5$ . This gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int 15e^{-5s} ds &= 15 \int e^{-5s} ds \\ &= 15 \times \left( -\frac{1}{5} e^{-5s} \right) \\ &= -3 e^{-5s} + C, \end{aligned}$$

and indeed

$$\frac{d}{ds} (-3 e^{-5s} + C) = -3 \frac{d}{ds} e^{-5s} = -3 \times (-5e^{-5s}) = 15e^{-5s}.$$

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**Exercise 2(e)** To find the integral  $\int \frac{3}{w} dw$  we use the formula

$$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln(x).$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{3}{w} dw &= \int 3 \times \frac{1}{w} dw &= 3 \int \frac{1}{w} dw \\ &= 3 \ln(w) + C. \end{aligned}$$

This can be checked as follows

$$\frac{d}{dw} (3 \ln(w) + C) = 3 \frac{d}{dw} \ln(w) = 3 \times \frac{1}{w} = \frac{3}{w}.$$

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**Exercise 2(f)** To find the integral  $\int(e^s + e^{-s}) ds$  we use the **sum rule for integrals**, rewriting it as the sum of two integrals

$$\int(e^s + e^{-s}) ds = \int e^s ds + \int e^{-s} ds$$

and then use

$$\int e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a} e^{ax}.$$

Take  $a = 1$  in the first integral and  $a = -1$  in the second integral. This implies

$$\begin{aligned} \int(e^s + e^{-s}) ds &= \int e^s ds + \int e^{-s} ds \\ &= e^s + \left(\frac{1}{-1}\right) e^{-s} + C \\ &= e^s - e^{-s} + C. \end{aligned}$$

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**Exercise 3(a)** To calculate the indefinite integral  $\int \ln(x) dx$  we have to find the function whose derivative is  $\ln(x)$ . We are given

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x(\ln(x) - 1)] = \ln(x).$$

This implies

$$\int \ln(x) dx = x [\ln(x) - 1] + C.$$

This can be checked by differentiating  $x [\ln(x) - 1] + C$  using the **product rule**. (See the package on the **product and quotient rules** of differentiation.)

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**Exercise 3(b)** To calculate the indefinite integral  $\int \ln(2x) dx$  we recall the following property of **logarithms**

$$\ln(ax) = \ln(a) + \ln(x)$$

and then use the integral  $\int \ln(x) dx = x [\ln(x) - 1] + C$  calculated in Exercise 3(a). This gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int \ln(2x) dx &= \int (\ln(2) + \ln(x)) dx \\ &= \ln(2) \times \int 1 dx + \int \ln(x) dx \\ &= x \ln(2) + x (\ln(x) - 1) + C \\ &= x (\ln(2) + \ln(x) - 1) + C \\ &= x (\ln(2x) - 1) + C. \end{aligned}$$

In the last line we used  $\ln(2) + \ln(x) = \ln(2x)$ .

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**Exercise 3(c)** To calculate the indefinite integral  $\int \ln(x^3) dx$  we first recall from the package on **logarithms** that

$$\ln(x^n) = n \ln(x)$$

and the integral

$$\int \ln(x) dx = x [\ln(x) - 1] + C$$

calculated in Exercise 3(a). This all gives

$$\begin{aligned} \int \ln(x^3) dx &= \int (3 \ln(x)) dx \\ &= 3 \times \int \ln(x) dx \\ &= 3x (\ln(x) - 1) + C. \end{aligned}$$

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**Exercise 3(d)** Using the rules from the package on **logarithms**,  $\ln(3x^2)$  may be simplified

$$\ln(3x^2) = \ln(3) + \ln(x^2) = \ln(3) + 2\ln(x).$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}\int \ln(3x^2) dx &= \int (\ln(3) + 2\ln(x)) dx \\ &= \ln(3) \times \int 1 dx + 2 \times \int \ln(x) dx \\ &= \ln(3)x + 2x [\ln(x) - 1] + C \\ &= x [\ln(3) + 2\ln(x) - 2] + C \\ &= x [\ln(3x^2) - 2] + C,\end{aligned}$$

where the final expression for  $\ln(3x^2)$  is obtained by using the rules of logarithms.

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## Solutions to Quizzes

**Solution to Quiz:** To find an anti-derivative of  $x^6$  first calculate the derivative of  $F(x) = \frac{1}{7}x^7$ . Using the basic formula

$$\frac{d}{dx}x^n = nx^{n-1}$$

with  $n = 7$

$$\frac{dF}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{7}x^7 \right) \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{7} \frac{d}{dx} (x^7) \quad (2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{7} \times 7x^{7-1} \quad (3)$$

$$= x^6. \quad (4)$$

This result shows that the function  $F(x) = \frac{1}{7}x^7 + C$  is the general anti-derivative of  $f(x) = x^6$ . End Quiz

**Solution to Quiz:** To find the general anti-derivative of  $3x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , recall that for constant  $a$  the anti-derivative of  $af(x)$  is  $aF(x)$ , where  $F(x)$  is the anti-derivative of  $f(x)$ .

Thus the anti-derivative of  $3x^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is  $3 \times$  (the anti-derivative of  $x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ).

To calculate the anti-derivative of  $x^{\frac{1}{2}}$  we recall the anti-derivative of  $f(x) = x^n$  is  $F(x) = \frac{1}{n+1}x^{n+1}$  for  $n \neq -1$ . In our case  $n = \frac{1}{2}$  and therefore this result can be used. The anti-derivative of  $x^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is thus

$$\frac{1}{\frac{1}{2} + 1} x^{(\frac{1}{2}+1)} = \frac{1}{3/2} x^{3/2} = 1 \times \frac{2}{3} x^{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{2}{3} x^{\frac{3}{2}}.$$

Thus the general anti-derivative of  $3x^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is  $3 \times \frac{2}{3} x^{\frac{3}{2}} + C = 2x^{\frac{3}{2}} + C$ .

This result may be checked by differentiating  $F(x) = 2x^{3/2} + C$ .

End Quiz

**Solution to Quiz:** To find the general anti-derivative of  $3x^2 - 2x^3$ , we use the **sum rule** for anti-derivatives. The anti-derivative of  $3x^2 - 2x^3$  is (anti-derivative of  $3x^2$ ) - (anti-derivative of  $2x^3$ ). Since the anti-derivative of  $f(x) = x^n$  is  $F(x) = \frac{1}{n+1}x^{n+1}$  for  $n \neq -1$ , for  $n = 2$ :

$$\text{anti-derivative of } x^2 = \frac{1}{2+1}x^{2+1} = \frac{1}{3}x^3.$$

Thus the anti-derivative of  $3x^2$  is

$$3 \times (\text{anti-derivative of } x^2) = 3 \times \frac{1}{3}x^3 = x^3.$$

Similarly the anti-derivative of  $2x^3$  is

$$2 \times (\text{anti-derivative of } x^3) = 2 \times \frac{1}{3+1}x^{3+1} = \frac{1}{2}x^4.$$

Putting these results together we find that the general anti-derivative of  $3x^2 - 2x^3$  is

$$F(x) = x^3 - \frac{1}{2}x^4 + C,$$

which may be confirmed by differentiation.

End Quiz

**Solution to Quiz:** To calculate the indefinite integral

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx = \int \frac{1}{x^{1/2}} dx = \int x^{-1/2} dx$$

we recall the basic result, that the anti-derivative of  $f(x) = x^n$  is  $F(x) = \frac{1}{n+1}x^{n+1}$  for  $n \neq -1$ . In this case  $n = -\frac{1}{2}$  and so

$$\begin{aligned} \int x^{-1/2} dx &= \frac{1}{-\frac{1}{2} + 1} x^{(-\frac{1}{2} + 1)} + C = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} x^{\frac{1}{2}} + C \\ &= 1 \times \frac{2}{1} x^{\frac{1}{2}} + C = 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} + C \\ &= 2\sqrt{x} + C, \end{aligned}$$

where we recall that dividing by a fraction is equivalent to multiplying by its inverse (see the package on **fractions**). End Quiz



**Solution to Quiz:** To evaluate  $\int(4 \sin(5x) + 5 \cos(3x)) dx$  we use the **sum rule** for indefinite integrals to rewrite the integral as the sum of two integrals. Using

$$\int \sin(ax) dx = -\frac{1}{a} \cos(ax) \quad \text{and} \quad \int \cos(ax) dx = \frac{1}{a} \sin(ax)$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int(4 \sin(5x) + 5 \cos(3x)) dx &= 4 \int \sin(5x) dx + 5 \int \cos(3x) dx \\ &= 4 \times \left(-\frac{1}{5}\right) \cos(5x) + 5 \times \frac{1}{3} \sin(3x) + C \\ &= -\frac{4}{5} \cos(5x) + \frac{5}{3} \sin(3x) + C. \end{aligned}$$

This can be checked by differentiation.

End Quiz

**Solution to Quiz:** If  $y = \int 3x \, dx$  and at  $x = 2$ ,  $y = 4$  then

$$\begin{aligned}y &= \int 3x \, dx &= 3 \times \int x \, dx \\ & &= 3 \times \frac{1}{2} x^{1+1} + C \\ & &= \frac{3}{2} x^2 + C\end{aligned}$$

is the general solution. Substituting  $x = 2$  and  $y = 4$  into the above equation, the value of  $C$  is obtained

$$\begin{aligned}4 &= \frac{3}{2} \times (2)^2 + C \\ 4 &= 6 + C \\ \text{i.e., } C &= -2.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for all  $x$ ,  $y = \frac{3}{2}x^2 - 2$ .

End Quiz

**Solution to Quiz:**

We are told that  $v = \alpha t + \beta$  with  $\alpha = 2\text{ms}^{-2}$ ,  $\beta = 1\text{ms}^{-1}$  and at  $t = 1\text{s}$ ,  $x = 2\text{m}$ . Since  $x$  is the integral of  $v$ :

$$x = \int v dt = \int (2t + 1) dt = 2 \times \int t dt + \int 1 dt = t^2 + t + C.$$

The position at time  $t = 1\text{s}$  was  $x = 2\text{m}$  so these values may be substituted into the above equation to find  $C$ :

$$2 = 1^2 + 1 + C$$

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$$\text{i.e., } 0 = C.$$

Therefore, for all  $t$ ,  $x = t^2 + t + 0 = t^2 + t$ . At  $t = 4\text{s}$ ,

$$x = (4)^2 + 4 = 16 + 4 = 20 \text{ m.}$$

End Quiz

**Solution to Quiz:** We are given  $a = \frac{dv}{dt} = -10\text{ms}^{-2}$  and initial velocity  $v = 3\text{ms}^{-1}$ , and want to find when the velocity is zero. Since  $a = \frac{dv}{dt}$ , velocity is the integral of acceleration,  $v = \int a dt$ . The acceleration of the ball is constant,  $a = -10\text{ms}^{-2}$ , so that

$$v = \int (-10) dt = -10 \times \int dt = -10t + C.$$

At  $t = 0$ ,  $v = 3\text{ms}^{-1}$ , so these values may be substituted into the above equation to find the constant  $C$ :

$$\begin{aligned}3 &= -10 \times 0 + C \\3 &= C.\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $v = -10t + 3$  for this problem. Therefore if  $v = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= -10t + 3 \\10t &= 3, \quad t = 3/10.\end{aligned}$$

The ball stops moving upwards at 0.3 s.

End Quiz