

# Mathematical Analysis 1

## Lecture #13

### The indefinite integral

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- This lecture has six parts:
  - 1 The antiderivative and the indefinite integral: definition, examples, and basic properties
  - 2 A summary of important indefinite integrals
  - 3 Addition and scalar multiplication of indefinite integrals
  - 4 The Substitution Rule
  - 5 Integration by parts
  - 6 Convexity and concavity in the context of asymptotes

- ① The antiderivative and the indefinite integral: definition, examples, and basic properties
- In the past few lectures, we were interested in finding the derivative of a given function.
  - Here, we will concern ourselves with the opposite problem: determine the functions that have the given derivative.

### Definition

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## Example 5.1.1

- Ⓐ  $F_1(x) = x^2$  is an antiderivative of  $f_1(x) = 2x$  on  $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, +\infty)$ ;
- Ⓑ  $F_2(x) = \sin x$  is an antiderivative of  $f_2(x) = \cos x$  on  $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty)$ ;
- Ⓒ  $F_3(x) = \arcsin x$  is an antiderivative of  $f_3(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$  on  $(-1, 1)$ .

### Theorem 5.1.2

Suppose that  $F$  is an antiderivative of a function  $f$  on an interval  $I$ . Then the general form of the antiderivative of  $f$  on the interval  $I$  is  $F + C$ , where  $C$  is an arbitrary constant. More precisely, a function  $G$  is an antiderivative of  $f$  on  $I$  if and only if there exists some constant  $C \in \mathbb{R}$  such that for all  $x \in I$ , we have that  $G(x) = F(x) + C$ .

*Proof.* Suppose first that there exists some  $C \in \mathbb{R}$  such that for all  $x \in I$ , we have that  $G(x) = F(x) + C$ . Then for all  $x \in I$ , we have that  $G'(x) = F'(x) = f(x)$ , and so  $G$  is an antiderivative of  $f$  on  $I$ .

Suppose conversely that  $G$  is an antiderivative of  $f$  on  $I$ . Then for  $x \in I$ , we have that

$$\frac{d}{dx}(G(x) - F(x)) = G'(x) - F'(x) = f(x) - f(x) = 0.$$

So, by Theorem 4.13.1(a), the function  $G - F$  is constant on the interval  $I$ . Thus, there exists a constant  $C \in \mathbb{R}$  such that for all  $x \in I$ , we have that  $G(x) - F(x) = C$ , that is,  $G(x) = F(x) + C$ .  $\square$

- Suppose that a function  $f$  has at least one antiderivative, say  $F$ , on an interval  $I$ .
  - The *indefinite integral* of  $f$  on  $I$ , denoted by  $\int f(x)dx$ , is the set of all antiderivatives of  $f$  on  $I$ .
  - By Theorem 5.1.2, we have that

$$\int f(x)dx = \{F + C \mid C \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

- However, in practice, the set notation is virtually never used in the context of indefinite integrals.
- Instead, we write

$$\int f(x)dx = F(x) + C.$$

- Here,  $C$  is understood to be an arbitrary constant.
- Importantly, the above is supposed to be valid for a fixed interval  $I$  (which is either specified explicitly or is clear from context).

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- **Remark:** If we happen to know that  $F'(x) = f(x)$  for all  $x \in I$  (where  $I$  is some interval), then Theorem 5.1.2 guarantees that  $\int f(x)dx = F(x) + C$  on the interval  $I$ .

### Proposition 5.1.3

Let  $F : A \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function, differentiable on some interval  $I \subseteq A$ . Then  $\int F'(x)dx = F(x) + C$  on the interval  $I$ .

*Proof.* This follows immediately from the fact that  $F$  is an antiderivative of  $F'$  on the interval  $I$ .  $\square$

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### Example 5.1.4

- Ⓐ  $\int 2x dx = x^2 + C$ , valid on the interval  $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, +\infty)$ ;
- Ⓑ  $\int \cos x dx = \sin x + C$ , valid on the interval  $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, +\infty)$ ;
- Ⓒ  $\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \arcsin x + C$ , valid on the interval  $(-1, +1)$ .

- **Remark:** When asked to compute  $\int f(x)dx$ , we must **include the constant  $C$ !**
  - If the constant  $C$  is omitted, then our answer is incorrect/incomplete.

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### Example 5.1.5

Find the antiderivative of  $f(x) = \cos x$  that passes through the point  $(\frac{\pi}{2}, 0)$ .

*Solution.* We know that

$$\int \cos x dx = \sin x + C.$$

By solving  $\sin(\frac{\pi}{2}) + C = 0$  for  $C$ , we get  $C = -1$ . So, the antiderivative that we need is the function  $F(x) = \sin x - 1$ .  $\square$

- Reminder:

### Proposition 4.4.7

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln x) = \frac{1}{x} \text{ for } x \in (0, +\infty).$$

### Proposition 5.1.6

For  $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ , we have the formula  $\frac{d}{dx} \ln |x| = \frac{1}{x}$ . Consequently, we have the formula  $\int \frac{dx}{x} = \ln |x| + C$ , valid on intervals  $(-\infty, 0)$  and  $(0, +\infty)$ .

*Proof.* For  $x \in (0, +\infty)$ , we have that

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln |x| \stackrel{x > 0}{=} \frac{d}{dx} \ln x = \frac{1}{x}.$$

So, the formula  $\int \frac{dx}{x} = \ln |x| + C$  is valid on  $(0, +\infty)$ .

For  $x \in (-\infty, 0)$ , we have that

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln |x| \stackrel{x < 0}{=} \frac{d}{dx} \ln(-x) = \frac{1}{-x} \frac{d}{dx}(-x) = \frac{1}{-x}(-1) = \frac{1}{x}.$$

So, the formula  $\int \frac{dx}{x} = \ln |x| + C$  is valid on  $(-\infty, 0)$ .  $\square$

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- **Remark:** Indefinite integrals are computed on intervals, not on arbitrary sets.
  - So, the formula  $\int \frac{dx}{x} = \ln |x| + C$  from Proposition 5.1.6 is valid on the interval  $(-\infty, 0)$ , and also on the interval  $(0, +\infty)$ , as well as for any subinterval of those two intervals.
  - However, the formula is **not** valid for the set  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, +\infty)$ , since this set is not an interval.
  - Let us explain the reasoning (next slide).

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- Define the function  $F : (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by setting

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} \ln |x| - 1 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ \ln |x| + 1 & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

for all  $x \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, +\infty)$ .

- Then for all  $x \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, +\infty)$ , we do indeed have that  $F'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ .
- However, there is no fixed constant  $C$  such that for all  $x \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, +\infty)$ , we have that  $F(x) = \ln |C| + C$ .
- The reason for this “pathology” is the fact that  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, +\infty)$  is not an interval.

2 A summary of important indefinite integrals

- Reminder:

function $f(x)$	derivative $f'(x)$	differentiable for
$c = \text{const.}$	$0$	$x \in \mathbb{R}$
$x^\alpha$ (for a fixed constant $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ )	$\alpha x^{\alpha-1}$	$x > 0$
$e^x$	$e^x$	$x \in \mathbb{R}$
$\ln x$	$\frac{1}{x}$	$x > 0$
$\sin x$	$\cos x$	$x \in \mathbb{R}$
$\cos x$	$-\sin x$	$x \in \mathbb{R}$
$\tan x$	$\frac{1}{\cos^2 x}$	$x \neq \frac{2k+1}{2}\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}$
$\arcsin x$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$	$x \in (-1, 1)$
$\arctan x$	$\frac{1}{1+x^2}$	$x \in \mathbb{R}$

- Using the table above, as well as Proposition 5.1.6, we get the following table of indefinite integrals (next slide).

antiderivative $\int f(x)dx$	constraints on the parameter $\alpha$	constraints on the variable $x$
$\int 0dx = C$		
$\int x^\alpha dx = \frac{1}{\alpha+1}x^{\alpha+1} + C$	$\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1\}$	$x > 0$
$\int \frac{dx}{x} = \ln x  + C$		$x \neq 0$
$\int e^x dx = e^x + C$		
$\int \sin x dx = -\cos x + C$		
$\int \cos x dx = \sin x + C$		
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$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \arcsin x + C$		$x \in (-1, 1)$
$\int \frac{dx}{1+x^2} = \arctan x + C$		

- Remark:** When our table gives no constraints on the variable  $x$ , it means that the formula is valid on the entire interval  $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, +\infty)$ .

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- Remark:** The formula  $\int \frac{dx}{x} = \ln|x| + C$  is valid on the intervals  $(-\infty, 0)$  and  $(0, +\infty)$ .
  - However, the formula is **not** valid on the set  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, +\infty)$ , since that set is not an interval.

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- Remark:** The formula  $\int \frac{dx}{\cos^2 x} = \tan x + C$  is valid for any interval of the form  $(\frac{2k-1}{2}\pi, \frac{2k+1}{2}\pi)$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
  - However, the formula is **not** valid on the set  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{\frac{2k+1}{2}\pi \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ , since this set is **not** an interval.

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- Remark:** The formula above is guaranteed to work on the interval  $(0, +\infty)$ .
  - However, assuming everything is defined, we do not have to assume that  $x > 0$ .
  - For instance, formulas  $\int x^3 dx = \frac{1}{4}x^4 + C$  and  $\int x^{1/3} dx = \frac{3}{4}x^{4/3} + C$  are valid on the interval  $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, +\infty)$ , because everything is defined.
  - The formula  $\int x^{-1/5} dx = \frac{5}{4}x^{4/5} + C$  is valid on the intervals  $(-\infty, 0)$  and  $(0, +\infty)$ , because everything is defined on those intervals.
    - Note that  $x^{-1/5}$  is undefined for  $x = 0$ , which is why the formula  $\int x^{-1/5} dx = \frac{5}{4}x^{4/5} + C$  is **not** valid on the entire interval  $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, +\infty)$ .
    - Once again, we do **not** say that  $\int x^{-1/5} dx = \frac{5}{4}x^{4/5} + C$  is valid on the set  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, +\infty)$ , because that set is not an interval.

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$\int \frac{dx}{x} = \ln x  + C$		$x \neq 0$

- **Remark:** For  $\alpha = 0$ , the formula from the table becomes

$$\int 1dx = x + C \quad \text{or} \quad \int dx = x + C,$$

which is valid on the interval  $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, +\infty)$ .

- **Remark:** Note that for  $\alpha = -1$ , we have a special formula, namely

$$\int x^{-1}dx = \ln|x| + C,$$

which is valid on the intervals  $(-\infty, 0)$  and  $(0, +\infty)$ .

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③ Addition and scalar multiplication of indefinite integrals

- Suppose that functions  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  have antiderivatives  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ , respectively, on an interval  $I$ , so that

$$\int f_1(x)dx = F_1(x) + C \quad \text{and} \quad \int f_2(x)dx = F_2(x) + C.$$

- Then we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \int f_1(x)dx + \int f_2(x)dx &= (F_1(x) + C_1) + (F_2(x) + C_2) \\ &= F_1(x) + F_2(x) + C_1 + C_2 \\ &= F_1(x) + F_2(x) + C. \end{aligned}$$

- Here,  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are arbitrary real constants, and  $C_1 + C_2$  yields an arbitrary real constant, which we simply denote by  $C$ .
- Similarly,  $\int f_1(x)dx - \int f_2(x)dx = F_1(x) - F_2(x) + C$ .

### Proposition 5.1.7

Suppose that functions  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  have antiderivatives on an interval  $I$ . Then  $f_1 + f_2$  and  $f_1 - f_2$  also have antiderivatives on  $I$ , and moreover, we have the formula

$$\int f_1(x) \pm f_2(x) dx = \int f_1(x) dx \pm \int f_2(x) dx,$$

valid on the interval  $I$ .

- **Notation:** It is customary to omit parentheses as we did above, i.e. for a (potentially complicated) expression  $\square$ , we normally write  $\int \square dx$  instead of  $\int (\square) dx$ .

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*Proof.* In what follows, all formulas, and all antiderivatives, are assumed to be on the interval  $I$ . Let  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  be antiderivatives of  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ , respectively, so that

$$\int f_1(x) dx = F_1(x) + C \quad \text{and} \quad \int f_2(x) dx = F_2(x) + C.$$

Note that

$$\frac{d}{dx}(F_1(x) + F_2(x)) \stackrel{(*)}{=} F_1'(x) + F_2'(x) \stackrel{(**)}{=} f_1(x) + f_2(x),$$

where  $(*)$  follows from the properties of the derivative, whereas  $(**)$  follows from the fact that  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are antiderivatives of  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ , respectively.

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*Proof.* Reminder:

- $\int f_1(x) dx = F_1(x) + C$  and  $\int f_2(x) dx = F_2(x) + C$ ;
- $\frac{d}{dx}(F_1(x) + F_2(x)) = f_1(x) + f_2(x)$ .

Thus,  $F_1 + F_2$  is an antiderivative of  $f_1 + f_2$ , and it follows that

$$\int f_1(x) + f_2(x) dx = F_1(x) + F_2(x) + C = \int f_1(x) dx + \int f_2(x) dx.$$

The formula

$$\int f_1(x) - f_2(x) dx = \int f_1(x) dx - \int f_2(x) dx,$$

is obtained analogously.  $\square$

- Suppose that a function  $f$  has an antiderivative  $F$  on an interval  $I$ , so that  $\int f(x)dx = F(x) + C$ , valid on  $I$ .
  - For a constant  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha \int f(x)dx &= \alpha(F(x) + C_1) \\ &= \alpha F(x) + \alpha C_1 \\ &= \alpha F(x) + C\end{aligned}$$

is valid on the interval  $I$ .

- Here  $C_1$  is an arbitrary constant, which yields an arbitrary constant  $\alpha C_1$  (because  $\alpha \neq 0$ ), which we simply denote by  $C$ .

### Proposition 5.1.8

Suppose that a function  $f$  has an antiderivative on an interval  $I$ , and let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$  be a constant. Then  $\alpha f$  also has an antiderivative on  $I$ , and moreover, we have the formula

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*Proof.* In what follows, all formulas, and all antiderivatives, are assumed to be on the interval  $I$ . Let  $F$  be an antiderivative of  $f$ , so that  $\int f(x) dx = F(x) + C$ . Note that

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\alpha F(x)) \stackrel{(*)}{=} \alpha F'(x) \stackrel{(**)}{=} \alpha f(x),$$

where  $(*)$  follows from the properties of the derivative, whereas  $(**)$  follows from the fact that  $F$  is an antiderivative of  $f$ .

Therefore,  $\alpha F$  is an antiderivative of  $\alpha f$ , and it follows that

$$\int \alpha f(x) dx = \alpha F(x) + C \stackrel{\alpha \neq 0}{=} \alpha \int f(x) dx. \quad \square$$

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$$\int \alpha f(x) dx = \alpha \int f(x) dx,$$

valid on the interval  $I$ .

- **Remark:** Suppose that a function  $f$  has an antiderivative  $F$  on an interval  $I$ , so that  $\int f(x) dx = F(x) + C$ , valid on  $I$ .
  - The formula from Proposition 5.1.8 fails for  $\alpha = 0$ , since we have the following:
    - $\int 0f(x) dx = \int 0 dx = C$ ;
    - $0 \int f(x) dx = 0(F(x) + C) = 0$ .

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### Example 5.1.9

Compute  $\int x + \frac{7}{x} dx$ .

*Solution.* We compute:

$$\int x + \frac{7}{x} dx = \int x dx + 7 \int \frac{dx}{x} = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 7 \ln |x| + C.$$



## 4 The Substitution Rule

### The Substitution Rule

Let  $I, J \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be intervals, let  $f$  be a function that has an antiderivative  $F$  on the interval  $I$ , and let  $\varphi : J \rightarrow I$  is a continuously differentiable function.<sup>a</sup> Then

$$\int f(\varphi(x))\varphi'(x)dx = F(\varphi(x)) + C$$

on the interval  $J$ .

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<sup>a</sup>So, we are assuming  $\varphi$  is differentiable at all points  $x \in J$ , and that  $\varphi' : J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous.

- Proof: Lecture Notes (relies on the Chain Rule).

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on the interval  $J$ .

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<sup>a</sup>So, we are assuming  $\varphi$  is differentiable at all points  $x \in J$ , and that  $\varphi' : J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous.

- **Notation:** For  $u = \varphi(x)$ , where  $\varphi$  is a differentiable function, we write  $du(x) = \varphi'(x)dx$ , or simply  $du = \varphi'(x)dx$ . So, under the assumptions of the Substitution Rule, we get the following formula:

$$\int f(\varphi(x))\varphi'(x)dx = \int f(u)du, \quad \begin{array}{l} u = \varphi(x) \\ du = \varphi'(x)dx. \end{array}$$

- The Substitution Rule:

$$\int f(\varphi(x))\varphi'(x)dx = \int f(u)du, \quad \begin{array}{l} u = \varphi(x) \\ du = \varphi'(x)dx. \end{array}$$

- **Remark:** In applying substitution, the most difficult part tends to be finding the right choice of  $u$ .
  - While there are some tricks, there is no algorithm for choosing the right kind of substitution, and so this is largely a matter of trial and error.
- Let's take a look at some examples!

$$\int f(\varphi(x))\varphi'(x)dx = \int f(u)du, \quad \begin{array}{l} u = \varphi(x) \\ du = \varphi'(x)dx. \end{array}$$

### Example 5.1.10

Compute  $\int \frac{x}{1+x^2} dx$ .

*Solution.* We introduce the substitution  $u = 1 + x^2$  (so,  $du = 2xdx$ , and therefore  $xdx = \frac{1}{2}du$ ), and we compute:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{x}{1+x^2} dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{du}{u} & \begin{array}{l} u = 1 + x^2 \\ du = 2xdx \end{array} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln |u| + C \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln |1 + x^2| + C \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \ln(1 + x^2) + C & \text{because } 1 + x^2 > 0. \end{aligned}$$

### Example 5.1.10

Compute  $\int \frac{x}{1+x^2} dx$ .

*Solution (continued).* Reminder:  $\int \frac{x}{1+x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+x^2) + C$ .

**Optional:** We can check that our answer is correct by differentiating the answer:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+x^2) \right) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1+x^2} \frac{d}{dx} (1+x^2) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1+x^2} \cdot 2x = \frac{x}{1+x^2}.$$

Since we got the function that we originally integrated, our answer is correct.

**Remark:** Note that we omitted the constant  $C$  when we differentiated to check our answer. This is because the derivative of a constant function is zero, and so the constant  $C$  would immediately vanish from our calculation.  $\square$

$$\int f(\varphi(x))\varphi'(x)dx = \int f(u)du, \quad \begin{array}{l} u = \varphi(x) \\ du = \varphi'(x)dx. \end{array}$$

### Example 5.1.11

Compute  $\int x^2 e^{-x^3} dx$ .

*Solution.* We compute:

$$\begin{aligned} \int x^2 e^{-x^3} dx &= -\frac{1}{3} \int e^u du & \begin{array}{l} u = -x^3 \\ du = -3x^2 dx \end{array} \\ &= -\frac{1}{3} e^u + C \\ &= -\frac{1}{3} e^{-x^3} + C. \end{aligned}$$

**Optional:** We check our answer as follows:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( -\frac{1}{3} e^{-x^3} \right) = -\frac{1}{3} e^{-x^3} (-3x^2) = x^2 e^{-x^3}.$$

So, our answer is correct.  $\square$

$$\int f(\varphi(x))\varphi'(x)dx = \int f(u)du, \quad \begin{array}{l} u = \varphi(x) \\ du = \varphi'(x)dx. \end{array}$$

### Example 5.1.12

Let  $a \in (0, 1) \cup (1, +\infty)$  be a constant. Compute  $\int a^x dx$ .

*Solution.* We compute:

$$\begin{aligned} \int a^x dx &= \int e^{x \ln a} dx & \begin{array}{l} u = x \ln a \\ du = \ln a dx \end{array} \\ &= \frac{1}{\ln a} \int e^u du \\ &= \frac{1}{\ln a} e^u + C \\ &= \frac{1}{\ln a} e^{x \ln a} + C \\ &= \frac{a^x}{\ln a} + C. \end{aligned}$$

### Example 5.1.12

Let  $a \in (0, 1) \cup (1, +\infty)$  be a constant. Compute  $\int a^x dx$ .

*Solution (continued).* Reminder:  $\int a^x dx = \frac{a^x}{\ln a} + C$ .

**Optional:** We check our answer as follows:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{a^x}{\ln a} \right) = \frac{1}{\ln a} \left( \frac{d}{dx} a^x \right) = \frac{1}{\ln a} \left( \frac{d}{dx} e^{x \ln a} \right) = \frac{1}{\ln a} \cdot \underbrace{e^{x \ln a}}_{=a^x} \ln a = a^x.$$

So, our answer is correct.  $\square$

$$\int f(\varphi(x))\varphi'(x)dx = \int f(u)du, \quad \begin{array}{l} u = \varphi(x) \\ du = \varphi'(x)dx. \end{array}$$

### Example 5.1.13

Compute  $\int \tan x dx$ .

*Solution.* We compute:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \tan x dx &= \int \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} dx && \begin{array}{l} u = \cos x \\ du = -\sin x dx \end{array} \\ &= \int \frac{-du}{u} \\ &= -\ln |u| + C \\ &= -\ln |\cos x| + C. \end{aligned}$$

### Example 5.1.13

Compute  $\int \tan x dx$ .

*Solution (continued).* Reminder:  $\int \tan x dx = -\ln |\cos x| + C$ .

**Optional:** We check our answer as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}(-\ln |\cos x|) &= -\frac{d}{dx} \ln |\cos x| \\ &= -\frac{1}{\cos x} \left( \frac{d}{dx} \cos x \right) && \text{by Proposition 5.1.6} \\ &= -\frac{1}{\cos x} (-\sin x) && \text{and the Chain Rule} \\ &= \tan x.\end{aligned}$$

So, our answer is correct.  $\square$

## 5 Integration by parts

### Integration by parts

Let function  $u$  and  $v$  be continuously differentiable on an interval  $I$ . Then  $\int u(x)dv(x) = u(x)v(x) - \int v(x)du(x)$  on the interval  $I$ .

- Proof: Later!
- **Notation:** To simplify notation, we may write the formula above simply as

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

- **Remark:** As with substitution, the hardest part of using integration by parts is figuring out how to choose  $u$  and  $v$ .
  - The rule of thumb is that we want  $v$  to be easy to integrate, and we want  $du$  to be simpler than  $u$ .
  - Apart from that, this is largely a matter of trial and error.

- Integration by parts:  $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$ .
- **Remark:** When integrating by parts, we choose suitable  $u$  and  $dv$ , and we compute  $du$  and  $v$ .
  - In our examples, we will color code this as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} u &= ??, & v &= ?? \\ du &= ??, & dv &= ?? \end{aligned}$$

where the question marks are replaced by the appropriate formulas.

- Here, we **choose the red terms**, and based on those, we **compute the blue terms**.
- Let's take a look at some examples!

- Integration by parts:  $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$ .

### Example 4.1.14

Compute  $\int xe^x dx$ .

*Solution.* We compute:

$$\begin{aligned}\int xe^x dx &= xe^x - \int e^x dx & u = x, & v = e^x \\ & & du = dx, & dv = e^x dx \\ &= xe^x - e^x + C.\end{aligned}$$

**Optional:** We check our answer as follows:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(xe^x - e^x) = (e^x + xe^x) - e^x = xe^x.$$

So, our answer is correct.  $\square$

- Integration by parts:  $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$ .

### Example 4.1.14

Compute  $\int x^2 \sin x dx$ .

*Solution.* In this example, we perform integration by parts twice, as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int x^2 \sin x dx \\ = & -x^2 \cos x + 2 \int x \cos x dx \\ = & -x^2 \cos x + 2(x \sin x - \int \sin x dx) \\ = & -x^2 \cos x + 2x \sin x + 2 \cos x + C. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_1 &= x^2, & v_1 &= -\cos x \\ du_1 &= 2x dx, & dv_1 &= \sin x dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_2 &= x, & v_2 &= \sin x \\ du_2 &= dx, & dv_2 &= \cos x dx \end{aligned}$$

### Example 4.1.14

Compute  $\int x^2 \sin x dx$ .

*Solution (continued).* Reminder:

$$\int x^2 \sin x dx = -x^2 \cos x + 2x \sin x + 2 \cos x + C.$$

**Optional:** We check our answer as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dx} (-x^2 \cos x + 2x \sin x + 2 \cos x) \\ &= (-2x \cos x - x^2(-\sin x)) + (2 \sin x + 2x \cos x) + 2(-\sin x) \\ &= -2x \cos x + x^2 \sin x + 2 \sin x + 2x \cos x - 2 \sin x \\ &= 2x \sin x. \end{aligned}$$

So, our answer is correct.  $\square$

- Integration by parts:  $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$ .
- We now take a look at a couple of more complicated examples, which rely on recursive formulas.

### Example 5.1.16

Compute  $\int e^x \cos x dx$ .

*Solution.* We compute:

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &:= \int e^x \cos x dx & u &= e^x, & v &= \sin x \\
 & & du &= e^x dx, & dv &= \cos x dx \\
 &= e^x \sin x - \int e^x \sin x dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, let us try to compute  $\int e^x \sin x dx$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int e^x \sin x dx &= -e^x \cos x + \int e^x \cos x dx & u &= e^x, & v &= -\cos x \\
 & & du &= e^x dx, & dv &= \sin x dx \\
 &= -e^x \cos x + I.
 \end{aligned}$$

So now we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= e^x \sin x - \int e^x \sin x dx = e^x \sin x - (-e^x \cos x + I) \\
 &= e^x(\sin x + \cos x) - I.
 \end{aligned}$$

### Example 5.1.16

Compute  $\int e^x \cos x dx$ .

*Solution (continued).* Reminder:  $I = e^x(\sin x + \cos x) - I$ .

Here, we must be careful:  $I$  is an indefinite integral, and so it has a “built in” arbitrary additive constant  $C$ , and this constant  $C$  need not be the same on both sides of the equation! So, when we solve for  $I$ , we account for the constant as follows:

$$2I = e^x(\sin x + \cos x) + C.$$

This yields

$$I = \frac{1}{2}e^x(\sin x + \cos x) + C,$$

and we are done.

**Remark:** In the last line of the computation above, we write  $C$ , and not  $\frac{1}{2}C$ .

- This is because  $C$  is an arbitrary constant, which means that  $\frac{1}{2}C$  is also an arbitrary constant. So, we may just as well write  $C$ , and not the more complicated  $\frac{1}{2}C$ .

### Example 5.1.16

Compute  $\int e^x \cos x dx$ .

*Solution (continued).* Reminder:

$$\int e^x \cos x dx = \frac{1}{2}e^x(\sin x + \cos x) + C.$$

**Optional:** We check our answer as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{2}e^x(\sin x + \cos x) \right) &= \frac{1}{2}e^x(\sin x + \cos x) + \frac{1}{2}e^x(\cos x - \sin x) \\ &= e^x \cos x. \end{aligned}$$

So, our answer is correct.  $\square$

- Integration by parts:  $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$ .

### Example 5.1.17

Show that for all positive integers  $n$ , we have that

$$\int \ln^n x dx = x \ln^n x - n \int \ln^{n-1} x dx.$$

Then, using the recursive formula above, compute  $\int \ln^3 x dx$ .

- **Notation:** For  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $x \in (0, +\infty)$ , we write  $\ln^n x := (\ln x)^n$ .

*Solution.* First, for a positive integer  $n$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \ln^n x dx &= x \ln^n x - \int x \frac{n \ln^{n-1} x}{x} dx & u &= \ln^n x, & v &= x \\ & & du &= \frac{n \ln^{n-1} x}{x} dx, & dv &= dx \\ &= x \ln^n x - n \int \ln^{n-1} x dx, \end{aligned}$$

which proves our recursive formula.

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*Solution (continued).* Using the recursive formula that we just proved, we compute:

$$\begin{aligned} \int \ln^3 x dx &= x \ln^3 x - 3 \int \ln^2 x dx \\ &= x \ln^3 x - 3 \left( x \ln^2 x - 2 \int \ln x dx \right) \\ &= x \ln^3 x - 3x \ln^2 x + 6 \int \ln x dx \\ &= x \ln^3 x - 3x \ln^2 x + 6 \left( x \ln x - \int dx \right) \\ &= x \ln^3 x - 3x \ln^2 x + 6x \ln x - 6x + C. \end{aligned}$$

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*Solution (continued).* Reminder:

$$\int \ln^n x dx = x \ln^3 x - 3x \ln^2 x + 6x \ln x - 6x + C.$$

**Optional:** We check our answer as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dx} (x \ln^3 x - 3x \ln^2 x + 6x \ln x - 6x) \\ &= \ln^3 x + x \cdot 3 \ln^2 x \cdot \frac{1}{x} - 3 \ln^2 x - 3x(2 \ln x) \cdot \frac{1}{x} + 6(\ln x) + 6x \cdot \frac{1}{x} - 6 \\ &= \ln^3 x + 3 \ln^2 x - 3 \ln^2 x - 6 \ln x + 6 \ln x + 6 - 6 = \ln^3 x. \end{aligned}$$

So, our answer is correct.  $\square$

## Integration by parts

Let function  $u$  and  $v$  be continuously differentiable on an interval  $I$ . Then  $\int u(x)dv(x) = u(x)v(x) - \int v(x)du(x)$  on the interval  $I$ .

*Proof.* By the Product Rule, we have that

$$(u(x)v(x))' = u'(x)v(x) + u(x)v'(x).$$

When we integrate, we get that

$$\int (u(x)v(x))' dx = \int u'(x)v(x) dx + \int u(x)v'(x) dx,$$

or equivalently,

$$\int u(x)v'(x) dx = \int (u(x)v(x))' dx - \int u'(x)v(x) dx.$$

## Integration by parts

Let function  $u$  and  $v$  be continuously differentiable on an interval  $I$ . Then  $\int u(x)dv(x) = u(x)v(x) - \int v(x)du(x)$  on the interval  $I$ .

*Proof.* Reminder:

$$\int u(x)v'(x)dx = \int (u(x)v(x))'dx - \int u'(x)v(x)dx.$$

Now, by Proposition 5.1.3, we have that

$$\int (u(x)v(x))'dx = u(x)v(x) + C.$$

However, both  $\int u(x)v'(x)dx$  and  $\int u'(x)v(x)dx$  have arbitrary additive constants built into them, and so we can simply write

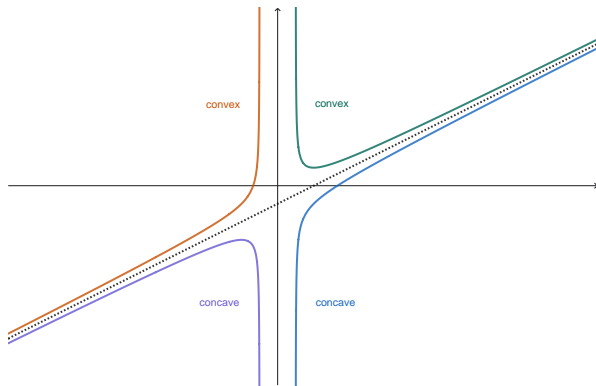
$$\int u(x)v'(x)dx = u(x)v(x) - \int u'(x)v(x)dx,$$

that is,

$$\int u(x)dv(x) = u(x)v(x) - \int v(x)du(x).$$

This completes the argument.  $\square$

## 6 Convexity and concavity in the context of asymptotes



- Convex functions lie above their horizontal/slant asymptotes, whereas concave functions lie below them.
  - This fact is sometimes helpful for sketching graphs of functions.
- Proof: Lecture Notes (subsection 4.14.6).

### Theorem 4.14.7

Let  $f : A \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function, and let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $(c, +\infty) \subseteq A$ . Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , and assume that  $y = ax + b$  is a horizontal/slant asymptote of  $f$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ .<sup>a</sup> Then all the following hold:

- (a) if  $f$  is convex on  $(c, +\infty)$ , then  $f(x) \geq ax + b$  for all  $x \in (c, +\infty)$ ;
- (b) if  $f$  is strictly convex on  $(c, +\infty)$ , then  $f(x) > ax + b$  for all  $x \in (c, +\infty)$ ;
- (c) if  $f$  is concave on  $(c, +\infty)$ , then  $f(x) \leq ax + b$  for all  $x \in (c, +\infty)$ ;
- (d) if  $f$  is strictly concave on  $(c, +\infty)$ , then  $f(x) < ax + b$  for all  $x \in (c, +\infty)$ .

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<sup>a</sup>If  $a = 0$ , then  $y = ax + b$  (i.e.  $y = b$ ) is a horizontal asymptote of  $f$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ . On the other hand, if  $a \neq 0$ , then  $y = ax + b$  is a slant asymptote of  $f$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ .

### Theorem 4.14.8

Let  $f : A \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function, and let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $(-\infty, c) \subseteq A$ . Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , and assume that  $y = ax + b$  is a horizontal/slant asymptote of  $f$  as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ .<sup>a</sup> Then all the following hold:

- Ⓐ if  $f$  is convex on  $(-\infty, c)$ , then  $f(x) \geq ax + b$  for all  $x \in (-\infty, c)$ ;
- Ⓑ if  $f$  is strictly convex on  $(-\infty, c)$ , then  $f(x) > ax + b$  for all  $x \in (-\infty, c)$ ;
- Ⓒ if  $f$  is concave on  $(-\infty, c)$ , then  $f(x) \leq ax + b$  for all  $x \in (-\infty, c)$ ;
- Ⓓ if  $f$  is strictly concave on  $(-\infty, c)$ , then  $f(x) < ax + b$  for all  $x \in (-\infty, c)$ .

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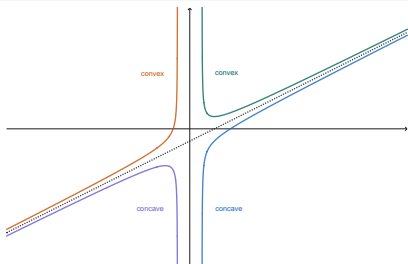
<sup>a</sup>If  $a = 0$ , then  $y = ax + b$  (i.e.  $y = b$ ) is a horizontal asymptote of  $f$  as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ . On the other hand, if  $a \neq 0$ , then  $y = ax + b$  is a slant asymptote of  $f$  as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ .

- The key ingredient is the following lemma, which deals with the special case when  $y = 0$  (i.e. the  $x$ -axis) is a horizontal asymptote of our function  $f$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ .

#### Lemma 4.14.6

Let  $f : A \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function, and let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $(c, +\infty) \subseteq A$ . Assume that  $y = 0$  (i.e. the  $x$ -axis) is a horizontal asymptote of  $f$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ . Then all the following hold:

- Ⓐ if  $f$  is convex on  $(c, +\infty)$ , then  $f(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in (c, +\infty)$ ;
- Ⓑ if  $f$  is strictly convex on  $(c, +\infty)$ , then  $f(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in (c, +\infty)$ ;
- Ⓒ if  $f$  is concave on  $(c, +\infty)$ , then  $f(x) \leq 0$  for all  $x \in (c, +\infty)$ ;
- Ⓓ if  $f$  is strictly concave on  $(c, +\infty)$ , then  $f(x) < 0$  for all  $x \in (c, +\infty)$ .



- To prove Theorem 4.14.7 (where  $f$  has a horizontal/slant asymptote  $y = ax + b$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ ), we define an auxiliary function  $g(x) := f(x) - (ax - b)$ , which has the  $x$ -axis as a horizontal asymptote as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ , and also has the same convexity/concavity as  $f$ .
  - We apply Lemma 4.14.6 to  $g$ , and the result for  $f$  follows.
- Theorem 4.14.8 (“horizontal/slant asymptote as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ ”) can be reduced to Theorem 4.14.7 (“horizontal/slant asymptote as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ ”).
  - Indeed, if  $f$  has a horizontal/slant asymptote  $y = ax + b$  as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ , then we reflect  $f$  about the  $y$ -axis, and we apply Theorem 4.14.7 to the resulting function.

### Example 4.15.3

Sketch the graph of the function  $f(x) = x \arctan x$ .

*Solution.* The domain of the function is  $\mathbb{R}$ , and clearly,  $f$  is continuous. Therefore,  $f$  has no vertical asymptotes. Next, note that for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have that

$$f(-x) = (-x) \arctan(-x) \stackrel{(*)}{=} (-x)(-\arctan x) = x \arctan x = f(x),$$

where (\*) follows from the fact that the arctangent function is odd. So,  $f$  is even, which means that its graph is symmetric about the  $y$ -axis.

### Example 4.15.3

Sketch the graph of the function  $f(x) = x \arctan x$ .

*Solution (continued).* Now, recall that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \arctan x = \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \arctan x = -\frac{\pi}{2}.$$

It then readily follows that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} (x \arctan x) = +\infty$$

and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (x \arctan x) = +\infty$$

Thus,  $f$  has no horizontal asymptotes.

### Example 4.15.3

Sketch the graph of the function  $f(x) = x \arctan x$ .

*Solution (continued).* On the other hand, we have that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{f(x)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \arctan x = \frac{\pi}{2} =: a,$$

and that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} (f(x) - ax) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \left( x \arctan x - \frac{\pi}{2} x \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} x \left( \arctan x - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\arctan x - \frac{\pi}{2}}{\frac{1}{x}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\frac{d}{dx} \left( \arctan x - \frac{\pi}{2} \right)}{\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{x} \right)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\frac{1}{1+x^2}}{-\frac{1}{x^2}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \left( -\frac{x^2}{x^2+1} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \left( -\frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{x^2}} \right) \\ &= -1 =: b. \end{aligned}$$

via L'Hôpital's Rule, since  
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \left( \arctan x - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = 0$   
and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) = 0$

Thus,  $y = \frac{\pi}{2}x - 1$  is a slant asymptote of  $f$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ .

### Example 4.15.3

Sketch the graph of the function  $f(x) = x \arctan x$ .

*Solution (continued).* Reminder:  $y = \frac{\pi}{2}x - 1$  is a slant asymptote of  $f$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ .

Now, the line obtained by reflecting  $y = \frac{\pi}{2}x - 1$  about the  $y$ -axis is  $y = -\frac{\pi}{2}x - 1$ . Since  $f$  is even, it follows that  $y = -\frac{\pi}{2}x - 1$  is a slant asymptote of  $f$  as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ .

Note that  $f(0) = 0$ , and in fact,  $f(x) = 0$  only for  $x = 0$ . Thus, the graph of  $f$  passes through the origin, and it does not intersect the  $x$ -axis or the  $y$ -axis anywhere else.

### Example 4.15.3

Sketch the graph of the function  $f(x) = x \arctan x$ .

*Solution (continued).* Next, a straightforward calculation shows that

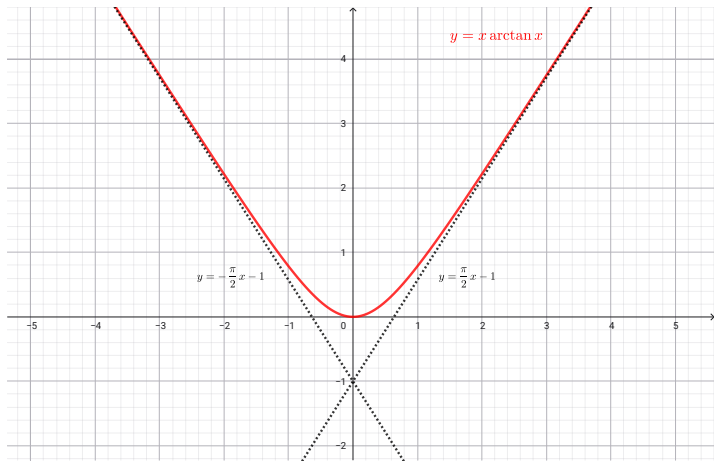
$$f'(x) = \arctan x + \frac{x}{1+x^2} \quad \text{and} \quad f''(x) = \frac{2}{(1+x^2)^2}$$

Note that  $f'(0) = 0$ , and that  $f''(0) > 0$ . Therefore, by the Second Derivative Test,  $f$  reaches a local minimum at  $x = 0$ , and clearly, we have that  $f(0) = 0$ . But in fact,  $f''(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , and consequently,  $f$  is strictly convex. Thus, the graph of  $f$  is as in the picture on the next slide.

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- **Remark:** Note that the fact that  $f''(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  implies that  $f'$  is strictly increasing. Since  $f'(0) = 0$ , it follows that  $f'(x) < 0$  for all  $x \in (-\infty, 0)$ , whereas  $f'(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in (0, +\infty)$ . This yields the table below, which is consistent with the graph that we obtained above. Note, however, that the behavior of  $f'$  would have been quite difficult to analyze without using  $f''$ .

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$x$	$(-\infty, 0)$	$(0, +\infty)$	
$f'(x)$	-	0	+
$f(x)$	$\searrow$	min	$\nearrow$

