

Now that we have seen that definite integrals are computed with antiderivatives, we can introduce a new notation for antiderivatives.

**Definition 1.** If  $F$  is an antiderivative of  $f$ , then the indefinite integral of  $f$  is given by

**Problem 1.** Compute  $\int x^8 dx$ .

**Problem 2.** Compute  $\int \sec(t) \tan(t) dt$ .

The key difference between definite and indefinite integrals is ...

- $\int_a^b f(x) dx$  is
- $\int f(x) dx$  is

Implicitly, we only consider indefinite integrals which are valid on an interval. For example, when we look at  $\int \frac{1}{x^3} dx$ , we will not use this in a problem that uses an interval that contains  $x = 0$ .

Page 351 of the textbook gives a partial list of some indefinite integrals. Learn these quickly!

**Problem 3.** Compute  $\int (x^{-5} + 6x^7 + \csc^2(x)) dx$ .

**Problem 4.** Compute  $\int_3^7 (x^2 + \sin(x)) dx$ .

**Problem 5.** Compute  $\int \frac{\sin^2(x) + \cos^2(x)}{\cos^2(x)} dx$ .

With this set-up, we have a concrete mathematical meaning for indefinite integrals. But what do definite integrals mean, other than area under a curve? To examine this, recall FTC#2: If  $F$  is an AD of a continuous function  $f$  on  $[a, b]$ , then

Since  $F$  is an antiderivative of  $f$ , we know  $F'(x) = f(x)$ . So we can rewrite the last formula as

Notice  $F'$  is the rate of change of  $F$ , and  $F(b) - F(a)$  is how much  $F$  changes from  $x = a$  to  $x = b$ . This produces the following theorem:

**Theorem 1. (Net Change Theorem)** The integral of the rate of change of a function  $F$  from  $x = a$  to  $x = b$  is the net change of  $F$  from  $x = a$  to  $x = b$ :

Some physical examples:

1. If an object moves in a straight line with position  $s(t)$ , then its velocity  $s'(t)$  is the rate of change of the object's position. So,

is the net change in position from time  $t = a$  to  $t = b$ .

2. If  $V(t)$  is the volume of a liquid in a container at time  $t$ , then  $V'(t)$  describes how fast the liquid enters the contained. This means

is the net change in the amount of liquid in the container from time  $t = a$  to  $t = b$ .

3. If  $P(t)$  represents the population of a town at time  $t$ , then  $P'(t)$  is the rate of change of the population. Then

is the net change in population from time  $t = a$  to  $t = b$ .

**Problem 6.** Suppose a population of wild badgers is increasing at a rate of  $100 + t^{2/3}$  badgers per year, where  $t$  corresponds to the number of years after 2008. Assuming the rate does not change, by how much will the badger population increase from 2010 to 2012?