

Section 5.4 - Indefinite Integrals and the Total Change Theorem - p. 346 Stewart, 4th Ed.

The **indefinite integral** is notation for the general antiderivative:

Example. $\int x^2 dx$ means the general antiderivative of x^2 , or $\frac{1}{3}x^3 + C$.

It looks like the definite integral, but without the upper and lower limits.

In general: $\int f(x) dx = F(x)$ means $F'(x) = f(x)$.

Remember: the *definite* integral is a number (an area). The *indefinite* integral is a *function* (actually a family of functions which differ by “+C”).

Another way to think of this is

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \left[\int f(x) dx \right]_a^b.$$

Know all of the antiderivatives (integrals) given on p. 347.

Some trig. examples:

Example 1: $\int \sin \theta d\theta = \text{_____} + C$.

Example 2: $\int \sec^2 t dt = \text{_____}$.

Example 3: $\int \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} d\theta$.

Use trig. identities: $\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \cdot \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \sec \theta \tan \theta$. So

$$\int \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} d\theta = \text{_____}.$$

Notes:

The **Total Change Theorem** is the same as the Fundamental Theorem, essentially. It is sometimes more convenient for certain applications. We'll skip it.