

1. (4 points) Solve the following initial value problem.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+2x}}, \quad y(0) = 3$$

Solution:

Using the integral sign notation as we did in class we see that the differential equation above implies

$$y = \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1+2x}}$$

We must find a function whose derivative is $1/\sqrt{1+2x}$. Our first guess is to let

$$y = \sqrt{1+2x} + C$$

That turns out to be correct since

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = D(\sqrt{1+2x}) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1+2x}} \times 2$$

So $y(x) = \sqrt{1+2x} + C$. Now since

$$3 = y(0) = \sqrt{1+2(0)} + C \implies C = 2$$

It follows that

$$y = \sqrt{1+2x} + 2$$

2. (6 points) In each case, find the most general antiderivative. *Check your work!*

$$(a) \int x \sin x^2 dx = \frac{-\cos x^2}{2} + C$$

Check:

$$D_x \left(\frac{-\cos x^2}{2} \right) = \frac{-1}{2} D_x (\cos x^2) = \frac{-1}{2} (-\sin x^2)(2x) = x \sin x^2$$

$$(b) \int \left(\frac{12}{x^4} + \frac{3x^2}{4} \right) dx =$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int \frac{12}{x^4} dx + \int \frac{3x^2}{4} dx \\ &= 12 \int x^{-4} dx + \frac{3}{4} \int x^2 dx \\ &= 12 \frac{x^{-4+1}}{-4+1} + \frac{3}{4} \frac{x^3}{3} \\ &= \frac{-4}{x^3} + \frac{x^3}{4} + C \end{aligned}$$

Check:

$$\begin{aligned} D_x \left(\frac{-4}{x^3} + \frac{x^3}{4} \right) &= -4D_x (x^{-3}) + \frac{1}{4}D_x (x^3) \\ &= -4(-3x^{-3-1}) + \frac{1}{4}(3x^2) \\ &= \frac{12}{x^4} + \frac{3x^2}{4} \end{aligned}$$