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## 2 Approaches to Finding Particular Solutions

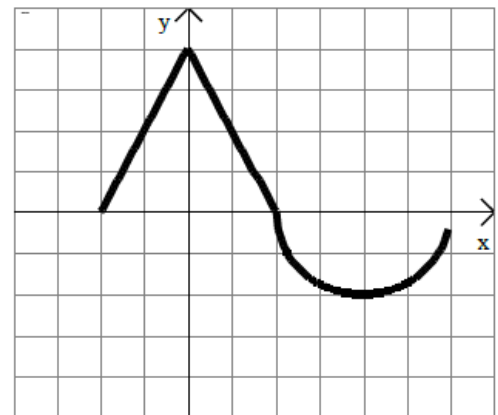
1. Given  $\frac{df}{dx} = 3x^2 + 4x - 5$  with the initial condition  $f(2) = -1$ , find  $f(3)$ .

**Method 1:** Integrate  $f(x) = \int 3x^2 + 4x - 5 dx$ , and use the initial condition to find C. Then write the particular solution, and use your particular solution to find  $f(3)$ .

**Method 2:** Use the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus:  $\int_a^b f'(x) dx = f(b) - f(a)$

2. Sometimes there is no anti-derivative so we must use Method 2 and our graphing calculator.  
Ex.  $f'(x) = \sin x^2$  and  $f(2) = -5$ . Find  $f(1)$ .

3. The graph of  $f'(x)$  is shown. Use the figure and the fact that  $f(4) = 5$  to find:
- $f(0)$
  - $f(2)$
  - $f(6)$



Graph of  $f'$

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**You Try...**

**Work problem 1 by both methods. Do not use your calculator.**

1.  $f'(x) = 2 + \frac{1}{x^2}$  and  $f(1)=6$ . Find  $f(3)$ .

**Work problems 2 -5 using the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus and your Calculator.**

2.  $f'(x) = \cos x^3$  and  $f(0)=2$ . Find  $f(1)$ .

3.  $f'(x) = e^{-x^2}$  and  $f(5)=1$ . Find  $f(2)$ .

4. A particle moving along the x-axis has position  $x(t)$  at time  $t$  with the velocity of the particle  $v(t) = 5\sin t^2$ . At time  $t=6$ , the particle's position is  $(4,0)$ . Find the position of the particle when  $t=7$ .

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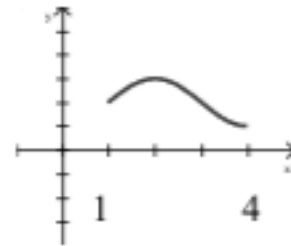
5. A particle moves along a line so that at any time  $t \geq 0$  its velocity is given by  $v(t) = \frac{t}{1+t^2}$ . At time  $t=0$ , the position of the particle is  $s(0)=5$ . Determine the position of the particle at  $t=3$ .

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Use the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus and the given graph.

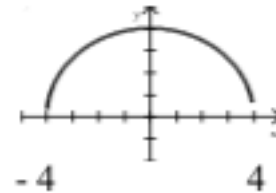
6. The graph of  $f'$  is shown on the right.

$$\int_1^4 f'(x) dx = 6.2 \text{ and } f(1) = 3. \text{ Find } f(4).$$



7. The graph of  $f'$  is the semicircle shown on the right.

$$\text{Find } f(-4) \text{ given } f(4) = 7.$$



8. The graph of  $f'$ , consisting of two line segments and a semicircle, is shown on the right. Given that  $f(-2) = 5$ , find:

a.  $f(1)$

b.  $f(4)$

c.  $f(8)$

