Polynomial derivatives and antiderivative families

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Learning target: Differentiate and find an antiderivative of a low-degree polynomial by hand.

Differentiation reduces each positive integer power by one and multiplies by its original exponent. Antidifferentiation reverses this rule, but a constant is lost when differentiating, so all antiderivatives form a family. A boundary condition selects one member. Check an antiderivative by differentiating it rather than relying only on an integration pattern.

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Task 1. Differentiate $5x^3-4x^2+7x-6$ by hand. Find its derivative value at $x=2$ and interpret what that value describes on the graph.

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