

# AP CALCULUS

## Stuff You MUST Know Cold

### BASIC DERIVATIVES

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin(x)) = \cos(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos(x)) = -\sin(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan(x)) = \sec^2(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cot(x)) = -\csc^2(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sec(x)) = \sec(x)\tan(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\csc(x)) = -\csc(x)\cot(x)$$

$$\frac{d(\ln(x))}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(e^x) = e^x$$

### MORE DERIVATIVES

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1}(x)) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos^{-1}(x)) = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1}(x)) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cot^{-1}(x)) = \frac{-1}{1+x^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sec^{-1}(x)) = \frac{1}{|x|\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\csc^{-1}(x)) = \frac{-1}{|x|\sqrt{x^2-1}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(a^x) = a^x \ln(a)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\log_a(x)) = \frac{1}{x \ln(a)}$$

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### Differentiation Rules

#### Chain Rule

$$\frac{d}{dx}[f(u)] = f'(u) \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx}$$

#### Product Rule

$$\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + \frac{du}{dx} v$$

#### Quotient Rule

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{u}{v} \right) = \frac{\frac{du}{dx} v - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$$

### Curve Sketching and Analysis

$y = f(x)$  must be continuous at each:

critical point:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  or undefined.

local minimum:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} (-, 0, +) \text{ or } (-, \text{und}, +) \text{ or } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} > 0.$$

local maximum:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} (+, 0, -) \text{ or } (+, \text{und}, -) \text{ or } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} < 0.$$

pt of inflection: concavity changes.

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} (+, 0, -), (-, 0, +), (+, \text{und}, -), \text{ or } (-, \text{und}, +)$$

### "PLUS A CONSTANT"

### The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$$

where  $F'(x) = f(x)$ .

### Corollary to FTC

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_a^{b(x)} f(t) dt =$$

$$f(b(x)) b'(x) - f(a(x)) a'(x)$$

### Intermediate Value Theorem

If the function  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , then for any number  $c$  between  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$ , there exists a number  $d$  in the open interval  $(a, b)$  such that  $f(d) = c$ .

### Mean Value Theorem

If the function  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and the first derivative exists on the interval  $(a, b)$ , then there exists a number  $c$  in  $(a, b)$  such that

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$

### Rolle's Theorem

If the function  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , the first derivative exists on the interval  $(a, b)$ , and

$f(a) = f(b)$ ; then there exists a number  $c$  in  $(a, b)$  such that

$$f'(c) = 0.$$

### Cauchy's Mean Value Theorem

If the function  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$ , then there exists a number  $c$  in  $(a, b)$  such that

$$f(c) = \frac{\int_a^b f(x) dx}{(b - a)}$$

This value  $f(c)$  is the "average value" of the function on the interval  $[a, b]$ .

### Trapezoidal Rule

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{b-a}{2n} [f(x_0) + 2f(x_1) + \dots + 2f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)]$$

### Solids of Revolution and friends

#### Disk Method

$$V = \int_a^b \pi [R(x)]^2 dx$$

#### Washer Method

$$V = \int_a^b \pi ([R(x)]^2 - [r(x)]^2) dx$$

#### Shell Method (no longer on AP)

$$V = 2\pi \int_a^b r(x)h(x) dx$$

#### ArcLength

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2} dx$$

#### Surface of revolution

$$S = 2\pi \int_a^b r(x) \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2} dx$$

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### Distance, velocity, and acceleration

Velocity =  $\frac{d}{dt}$  (position).

Acceleration =  $\frac{d}{dt}$  (velocity).

+ Velocity vector =  $\left\langle \frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt} \right\rangle$ .

+ Speed =  $|v| = \sqrt{(x')^2 + (y')^2}$ .

Distance =  $\int_{\text{initial time}}^{\text{final time}} |v| dt$

+  $= \int_a^b \sqrt{(x')^2 + (y')^2} dt$

Average velocity  
 $= \frac{\text{final position} - \text{initial position}}{\text{total time}}$

### + Integration by Parts

$$\int u dv = uv - \int v du$$

### + Integral of Log

$$\int \ln(x) dx = x \ln(x) - x + C$$

### + l'Hopital's Rule

If  $\frac{f(a)}{g(a)} = \frac{0}{0}$  or  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ ,

then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$ .

### + Taylor Polynomial

If the function  $f$  is "smooth" at  $x = a$ , then it can be approximated by the  $n^{\text{th}}$  degree polynomial

$$f(x) \approx f(a) + f'(a)(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}(x-a)^n.$$

### + Taylor Polynomial Approximation

If  $P_n(x)$  is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  degree Taylor polynomial of  $f(x)$  about  $a$  then

$$f(x) = P_n(x) + \frac{f^{(n+1)}(t)}{(n+1)!}(x-a)^{(n+1)}$$

for some  $t$  between  $x$  and  $a$ .

So if  $|f^{(n+1)}(t)| \leq M$  for all  $t$  between  $x$  and  $a$ , then

$$|f(x) - P_n(x)| \leq \frac{M}{(n+1)!} |x-a|^{n+1}$$

### + Maclaurin Series

A Taylor Series about  $x = 0$  is called Maclaurin.

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$\cos(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots$$

$$\sin(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$$

$$\ln(x+1) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots$$

### + Alternating Series Error Bound

If  $S_N = \sum_{k=1}^N (-1)^k a_n$  is the  $N^{\text{th}}$  partial sum of a convergent alternating series with "decreasing" terms, then

$$|S - S_N| \leq |a_{N+1}|$$

### + Ratio Test

The series  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k$  converges if

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} \right| < 1.$$

If limit equals 1, you know nothing.

### + Euler's Method

If given that  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$  and that the solution passes through  $(x_0, y_0)$ ,

$$y(x_0) = y_0$$

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$$y(x_{n+1}) = y(x_n) +$$

$$f(x_n, y_n) \cdot (x_{n+1} - x_n)$$

In other words:

$$x_{\text{new}} = x_{\text{old}} + \Delta x$$

$$y_{\text{new}} = y_{\text{old}} + \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(x_{\text{old}}, y_{\text{old}})} \cdot \Delta x$$

### + Polar Curves

For a polar curve  $r(\theta)$ , the area inside a "leaf" is

$$\int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \frac{1}{2} [r(\theta)]^2 d\theta,$$

where  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are the "first" two times that  $r=0$ .

The slope of  $r(\theta)$  at a given  $\theta$  is

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(dy/d\theta)}{(dx/d\theta)}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{d}{d\theta}[r(\theta)\sin\theta]}{\frac{d}{d\theta}[r(\theta)\cos\theta]}$$

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