

Stuff you MUST know cold for AP Calculus!

Note: Letters like $a, b, c, d, m,$ and n are traditionally used to represent constants.
Letters like $f, g, h, u, v, x,$ and y and traditionally used to represent variables or functions.

Basic Derivatives

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) &= nx^{n-1} \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) &= \cos x \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) &= -\sin x \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\tan x) &= \sec^2 x \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\cot x) &= -\csc^2 x \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\sec x) &= \sec x \tan x \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\csc x) &= -\csc x \cot x \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\ln x) &= \frac{1}{x} \\ \frac{d}{dx}(e^x) &= e^x\end{aligned}$$

More Derivatives

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1} x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\cos^{-1} x) &= \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1} x) &= \frac{1}{1+x^2} \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\cot^{-1} x) &= \frac{-1}{1+x^2} \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\sec^{-1} x) &= \frac{1}{|x|\sqrt{x^2-1}} \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\csc^{-1} x) &= \frac{-1}{|x|\sqrt{x^2-1}} \\ \frac{d}{dx}(a^x) &= a^x \ln a \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\log_a x) &= \frac{1}{x \ln a}\end{aligned}$$

If a function is differentiable,
then it is continuous.

Definitions of Derivative

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}\end{aligned}$$

Differentiation Rules

Chain Rule
If $f(x) = g(h(x))$, then
 $f'(x) = g'(h(x)) \cdot H'(x)$.

OR

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

Product Rule

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

Quotient Rule

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \frac{vu' - uv'}{v^2}$$

"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 the FTC

$$\frac{d}{dx} \int_a^{g(x)} f(t) dt = f(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$

Intermediate Value Theorem

If function f is continuous for all x in the closed interval $[a, b]$, and y is a number between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$, then there is a number $x = c$ in (a, b) for which $f(c) = y$.

Rolle's Theorem

If f is differentiable for all values of x in the open interval (a, b) , and f is continuous at $x = a$ and at $x = b$, and $f(a) = f(b) = 0$, then there is at least one number $x = c$ in (a, b) such that $f'(c) = 0$.

Mean Value Theorem

If f is differentiable for all values of x in the open interval (a, b) , and f is continuous at $x = a$ and $x = b$, then there is at least one number $x = c$ in (a, b) such that $f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$

Trapezoidal Rule

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

Distance, Velocity, and Acceleration

If distance, velocity and acceleration are represented by $s, v,$ and $a,$ respectively, then $a = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d^2s}{dt^2}$ and

$$v = \frac{ds}{dt}$$

$$\text{change in } v = \int_a^b a \, dt$$

$$\text{change in } s = \int_a^b v \, dt$$

L'Hôpital's Rule

If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \rightarrow \frac{0}{0}$ or $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$
then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$