

AP Calculus AB  
Formulas & Justifications

1	<p>Limits at Infinity:</p> <p>To find <math>\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} f(x)</math> think</p> <p>Top Heavy <math>\Rightarrow</math> limit is <math>\pm\infty</math>  Bottom Heavy <math>\Rightarrow</math> limit is 0  Equal <math>\Rightarrow</math> limit is ratio of coefficients</p>
2	<p>Limits with Infinity (at vertical asymptotes):</p> <p>When finding a one-sided limit at a vertical asymptote, the answer is either <math>\pm\infty</math>.</p>
3	<p><u>Justifying</u> that a function is continuous at a point:</p> <p><math>f</math> is continuous at <math>c</math> iff:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <math>f(c)</math> is defined</li> <li>2. <math>\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)</math> exists</li> <li>3. <math>f(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)</math></li> </ol>
4	<p>Definition of the Derivative:</p> $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$ $f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \quad (\text{Alternate form for a derivative at a given value.})$
5	<p><u>Justifying</u> that a derivative exists at a point, <math>c</math>:</p> <p>Show algebraically that <math>\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f'(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f'(x)</math>.</p>
6	<p>Average Rate of Change of <math>f</math> on <math>[a, b]</math>:</p> $\text{a.r.c.} = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} \quad (\text{algebra slope of } \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}) \quad (\text{slope of secant line})$
7	<p>Instantaneous Rate of Change of <math>f</math> at <math>a</math>:</p> $f'(a) \quad (\text{derivative at the given value}) \quad (\text{slope of tangent line})$

8	<p><b>Power Rule:</b></p> $\frac{d}{dx}[x^n] = nx^{n-1}$
9	<p><b>Common Derivatives to Remember:</b></p> $\frac{d}{dx}\left[\frac{1}{x}\right] = \frac{-1}{x^2}$ $\frac{d}{dx}[\sqrt{x}] = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$
10	<p><b>Trig Function Derivatives:</b></p> $\frac{d}{dx}[\sin x] = \cos x$ $\frac{d}{dx}[\cos x] = -\sin x$ $\frac{d}{dx}[\tan x] = \sec^2 x$ $\frac{d}{dx}[\cot x] = -\csc^2 x$ $\frac{d}{dx}[\sec x] = \sec x \tan x$ $\frac{d}{dx}[\csc x] = -\csc x \cot x$
11	<p><b>Derivatives of Inverse Trig Functions:</b></p> $\frac{d}{dx}[\arcsin x] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$ $\frac{d}{dx}[\arccos x] = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$ $\frac{d}{dx}[\arctan x] = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$ $\frac{d}{dx}[\text{arc cot } x] = \frac{-1}{1+x^2}$ $\frac{d}{dx}[\text{arc sec } x] = \frac{1}{ x \sqrt{x^2-1}}$ $\frac{d}{dx}[\text{arc csc } x] = \frac{-1}{ x \sqrt{x^2-1}}$
12	<p><b>Derivatives of Exponential and Logarithmic Functions:</b></p> $\frac{d}{dx}[\ln x] = \frac{1}{x}, \quad x > 0$ $\frac{d}{dx}[\log_a x] = \frac{1}{x \ln a}$ $\frac{d}{dx}[e^x] = e^x$ $\frac{d}{dx}[a^x] = a^x \ln a$
13	<p><b><u>Justifications</u> for horizontal tangent lines:</b></p> <p><math>f(x)</math> has horizontal tangents when <math>\frac{dy}{dx} = 0</math>.</p>

14	<p>Chain Rule:</p> $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$ $\frac{d}{dx}[f(g(x))] = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$
15	<p>Product Rule:</p> $\frac{d}{dx}[f(x)g(x)] = f(x)g'(x) + g(x)f'(x)$
16	<p>Quotient Rule:</p> $\frac{d}{dx}\left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right] = \frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2}$
17	<p>Derivatives of Inverse Functions:</p> <p>The derivative of an inverse function is the reciprocal of the derivative of the original function at the "matching" point.</p> <p>If <math>(a, b)</math> is on <math>f(x)</math>, then <math>(b, a)</math> is on <math>f^{-1}(x)</math> and <math>(f^{-1})'(b) = \frac{1}{f'(a)}</math>.</p>
18	<p><u>Justifications</u> for horizontal tangent lines:</p> <p><math>f(x)</math> has vertical tangents when <math>\frac{dy}{dx}</math> is undefined.</p>
19	<p><u>Justifications</u> for Particle Motion:</p> <p>Particle is moving right/up because <math>v(t) &gt; 0</math> (positive).</p> <p>Particle is moving left/down because <math>v(t) &lt; 0</math> (negative).</p> <p>Particle is speeding up (<math> \text{velocity} </math> is getting bigger) because <math>v(t)</math> and <math>a(t)</math> have same sign.</p> <p>Particle is slowing down (<math> \text{velocity} </math> is getting smaller) because <math>v(t)</math> and <math>a(t)</math> have different signs.</p>
20	<p>Intermediate Value Theorem:</p> <p>If <math>f</math> is continuous on <math>[a, b]</math> and <math>k</math> is any number between <math>f(a)</math> and <math>f(b)</math>, then there is at least one number <math>c</math> between <math>a</math> and <math>b</math> such that <math>f(c) = k</math>.</p>
21	<p>Extreme Value Theorem:</p> <p>If <math>f</math> is continuous on the closed interval <math>[a, b]</math>, then <math>f</math> has both a minimum and a maximum on the closed interval <math>[a, b]</math>.</p>

22	<p><u>Justification</u> for an Absolute Extrema.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Find critical numbers.</li> <li>2. Identify endpoints.</li> <li>3. Find <math>f(\text{critical numbers})</math> and <math>f(\text{endpoints})</math>.</li> <li>4. Determine absolute max/min values by comparing the y-values. State in a sentence.</li> </ol>
23	<p>Mean Value Theorem:</p> <p>If <math>f</math> is continuous on <math>[a, b]</math> and differentiable on <math>(a, b)</math> then there exists a number <math>c</math> on <math>(a, b)</math> such that <math>f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}</math>.</p> <p>(Calculus slope = Algebra Slope)</p>
24	<p>Rolle's Theorem:</p> <p>If <math>f</math> is continuous on <math>[a, b]</math> and differentiable on <math>(a, b)</math> and if <math>f(a) = f(b)</math>, then there exists a number <math>c</math> on <math>(a, b)</math> such that <math>f'(c) = 0</math>.</p>
25	<p><u>Justification</u> for a Critical Number:</p> <p><math>x = c</math> is a critical number because <math>f'(x) = 0</math> or <math>f'(x)</math> is undefined.</p>
26	<p><u>Justification</u> for Increasing/Decreasing Intervals:</p> <p>Inc: <math>f(x)</math> is increasing on <math>[\text{____}, \text{____}]</math> b/c <math>f'(x) &gt; 0</math>.</p> <p>Dec: <math>f(x)</math> is decreasing on <math>[\text{____}, \text{____}]</math> b/c <math>f'(x) &lt; 0</math>.</p>
27	<p><u>Justification</u> for a Relative Max/Min Using 1<sup>st</sup> Derivative Test:</p> <p>Local Max: <math>f'(x)</math> changes from + to -.</p> <p>Local Min: <math>f'(x)</math> changes from - to +.</p>
28	<p><u>Justification</u> for Relative Max/Min Using 2<sup>nd</sup> Derivative Test:</p> <p>Local Max: <math>f'(c) = 0</math> (or und) and <math>f''(x) &lt; 0</math>.</p> <p>Local Min: <math>f'(c) = 0</math> (or und) and <math>f''(x) &gt; 0</math>.</p>

29	<p><u>Justification</u> for a Point of Inflection:</p> <p>Using 2<sup>nd</sup> derivative: <math>f''(x) = 0</math> (or dne) AND <math>f''(x)</math> changes sign.</p> <p>Using 1<sup>st</sup> derivative: <math>f''(x) = 0</math> (or dne) AND slope of <math>f'(x)</math> changes sign.</p>		
30	<p><u>Justification</u> for Concave Up/Concave Down:</p> <p>Concave Up: <math>f(x)</math> is concave up on (____, ____ ) because <math>f''(x) &gt; 0</math>.</p> <p>Concave Down: <math>f(x)</math> is concave down on (____, ____ ) because <math>f''(x) &lt; 0</math>.</p>		
31	<p><u>Justifications</u> for linear approximation estimates:</p> <p>A linear approximation (tangent line) is an <i>overestimate</i> if the curve is concave down.</p> <p>A linear approximation (tangent line) is an <i>underestimate</i> if the curve is concave up.</p>		
32	<p>Integration Rules:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <math display="block">\int x^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1} x^{n+1} + C</math> <math display="block">\int \cos(kx) dx = \frac{1}{k} \sin(kx) + C</math> <math display="block">\int \sin(kx) dx = -\frac{1}{k} \cos(kx) + C</math> <math display="block">\int \csc^2 x dx = -\cot x + C</math> <math display="block">\int \csc x \cot x dx = -\csc x + C</math> <math display="block">\int \tan x dx = -\ln \cos x  + C</math> <math display="block">\int e^{kx} dx = \frac{1}{k} e^{kx} + C</math> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <math display="block">\int \cos x dx = \sin x + C</math> <math display="block">\int \sin x dx = -\cos x + C</math> <math display="block">\int \sec^2 x dx = \tan x + C</math> <math display="block">\int \sec x \tan x dx = \sec x + C</math> <math display="block">\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln x  + C</math> <math display="block">\int e^x dx = e^x + C</math> <math display="block">\int \frac{1}{x^2 + a^2} dx = \frac{1}{a} \arctan\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C</math> </td> </tr> </table>	$\int x^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1} x^{n+1} + C$ $\int \cos(kx) dx = \frac{1}{k} \sin(kx) + C$ $\int \sin(kx) dx = -\frac{1}{k} \cos(kx) + C$ $\int \csc^2 x dx = -\cot x + C$ $\int \csc x \cot x dx = -\csc x + C$ $\int \tan x dx = -\ln \cos x  + C$ $\int e^{kx} dx = \frac{1}{k} e^{kx} + C$	$\int \cos x dx = \sin x + C$ $\int \sin x dx = -\cos x + C$ $\int \sec^2 x dx = \tan x + C$ $\int \sec x \tan x dx = \sec x + C$ $\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln x  + C$ $\int e^x dx = e^x + C$ $\int \frac{1}{x^2 + a^2} dx = \frac{1}{a} \arctan\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C$
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33	<p><u>Justifications</u> for Reimann Sums:</p> <p>Left-Riemann Sums:  The sum is an <i>overestimate</i> if the curve is decreasing.  The sum is an <i>underestimate</i> if the curve is increasing.</p> <p>Right-Riemann Sums:  The sum is an <i>overestimate</i> if the curve is increasing.  The sum is an <i>underestimate</i> if the curve is decreasing.</p>
34	<p>First Fundamental Theorem of Calculus:</p> $\int_a^b f'(x)dx = f(b) - f(a)$ <p>(Finds the signed area between a curve and the x-axis)</p>
35	<p>Properties of Integrals:</p> $\int_a^b f(x) + g(x)dx = \int_a^b f(x)dx + \int_a^b g(x)dx$ $\int_a^b f(x) - g(x)dx = \int_a^b f(x)dx - \int_a^b g(x)dx$ $\int_a^b cf(x)dx = c \int_a^b f(x)dx$ $\int_a^b f(x)dx = -\int_b^a f(x)dx$ $\int_a^a f(x)dx = 0$
36	<p>Average Value of a Function:</p> $f_{avg} = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)dx$
37	<p>Second Fundamental Theorem of Calculus:</p> $\frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x f(t)dt = f(x)$ $\frac{d}{dx} \int_a^{g(x)} f(t)dt = f(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$

38	<p>"Net Change" Theorem:</p> $\int_a^b f(x)dx$ <p>represents the "net change" in the function <math>f</math> from time <math>a</math> to <math>b</math>.</p>
39	<p>Finding Total Amount:</p> $f(b) = f(a) + \int_a^b f'(x)dx$ <p>(want = have + integral)</p>
40	<p>Steps for Solving Differential Equations:</p> <p>"Find a solution (or solve) the separable differentiable equation..."</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Separate the variables</li> <li>2. Integrate each side</li> <li>3. Make sure to put <math>C</math> on side with independent variable (normally <math>x</math>)</li> <li>4. Plug in initial condition and solve for <math>C</math> (if given)</li> <li>5. Solve for the dependent variable (normally <math>y</math>)</li> </ol>
41	<p>Exponential Growth and Decay:</p> <p>"The rate of change of a quantity is directly proportional to that quantity"</p> <p>Gives the differential equation: <math>\frac{dy}{dt} = ky</math></p> <p>Which can be solved to yield: <math>y = Ce^{kt}</math></p>

42	<p><b>Particle Motion Formulas:</b></p> <p>Velocity: <math>v(t) = s'(t)</math>  Acceleration: <math>a(t) = v'(t) = s''(t)</math>  Speed: <math>\text{speed} =  v(t) </math>  Average Velocity: (given <math>s(t)</math>) <math>\frac{s(b) - s(a)}{b - a}</math>  (given <math>v(t)</math>) <math>\frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b v(t) dt</math>  Average Acceleration: (given <math>v(t)</math>) <math>\frac{v(b) - v(a)}{b - a}</math>  (given <math>a(t)</math>) <math>\frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b a(t) dt</math>  Displacement: <math>\int_a^b v(t) dt</math>  Total Distance: <math>\int_a^b  v(t)  dt</math>  Position at b: <math>s(b) = s(a) + \int_a^b v(t) dt</math></p>
43	<p><b>Areas in a Plane:</b></p> <p>Perpendicular to x-axis: <math>\int_a^b [f(x) - g(x)] dx</math>  <math>f(x)</math> is top curve, <math>g(x)</math> is bottom curve, a and b are x-coordinates of point of intersection  Perpendicular to y-axis: <math>\int_a^b [f(y) - g(y)] dy</math>  <math>f(y)</math> is right curve, <math>g(y)</math> is left curve, a and b are y-coordinates of point of intersection</p>
44	<p><b>Steps to Finding Volume:</b></p> <p>Volume = <math>\int \text{Area}</math></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. decide on whether it's a dx or dy</li> <li>2. find a formula for the area in terms of x or y</li> <li>3. find the limits (making sure they match x or y)</li> <li>4. integrate and evaluate</li> </ol>



45	<p>Volumes Around a Horizontal Axis of Rotation or Perpendicular to x-axis:</p> <p>Disc: <math>V = \int_a^b \pi r^2 dx</math>      a and b are x-coordinates</p> <p>Washer: <math>V = \int_a^b [\pi R^2 - \pi r^2] dx</math>      a and b are x-coordinates</p> <p>Slab (Cross Section): <math>V = \int_a^b A(x) dx</math>      <math>A(x)</math> is the area formula for the cross section</p>
46	<p>Volumes Around a Vertical Axis of Rotation or Perpendicular to y-axis:</p> <p>Disc: <math>V = \int_a^b \pi r^2 dy</math>      a and b are y-coordinates</p> <p>Washer: <math>V = \int_a^b [\pi R^2 - \pi r^2] dy</math>      a and b are y-coordinates</p> <p>Slab (Cross Section): <math>V = \int_a^b A(y) dy</math>      <math>A(y)</math> is the area formula for the cross section</p>