

**AP CALCULUS AB & BC  
FORMULA LIST**

Definition of  $e$ :  $e = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$

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Absolute value:  $|x| = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$

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Definition of the derivative:

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$f'(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \quad (\text{Alternative form})$$

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Definition of continuity:  $f$  is continuous at  $c$  iff

- 1)  $f(c)$  is defined;
  - 2)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  exists;
  - 3)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$ .
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Average rate of change of  $f(x)$  on  $[a, b] = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$

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Rolle's Theorem: If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$  and if  $f(a) = f(b)$ , then there is at least one number  $c$  on  $(a, b)$  such that  $f'(c) = 0$ .

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Mean Value Theorem: If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , then there exists a number  $c$  on  $(a, b)$  such that  $f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$ .

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Intermediate Value Theorem: If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and  $k$  is any number between  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$ , then there is at least one number  $c$  between  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $f(c) = k$ .

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$$\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$$

$$\cos 2x = \begin{cases} \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x \\ 1 - 2 \sin^2 x \\ 2 \cos^2 x - 1 \end{cases} \quad \begin{aligned} \cos^2 x &= \frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2} \\ \sin^2 x &= \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2} \end{aligned}$$

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Definition of a definite integral:  $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) \cdot (\Delta x_i)$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[c] = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[x^n] = nx^{n-1}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[uv] = uv' + vu'$$

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

$$\frac{d}{dx}[f(g(x))] = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\sin u] = \cos u \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\cos u] = -\sin u \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\tan u] = \sec^2 u \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\cot u] = -\csc^2 u \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\sec u] = \sec u \tan u \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\csc u] = -\csc u \cot u \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\ln u] = \frac{1}{u} \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\log_a u] = \frac{1}{u \ln a} \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[e^u] = e^u \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[a^u] = a^u \ln a \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\arcsin u] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\arccos u] = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\arctan u] = \frac{1}{1+u^2} \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\operatorname{arccot} u] = -\frac{1}{1+u^2} \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\operatorname{arcsec} u] = \frac{1}{|u|\sqrt{u^2-1}} \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\operatorname{arccsc} u] = -\frac{1}{|u|\sqrt{u^2-1}} \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$(f^{-1})'(a) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(a))}$$

$$\int \cos u \, du = \sin u + C$$

$$\int \sin u \, du = -\cos u + C$$

$$\int \sec^2 u \, du = \tan u + C$$

$$\int \csc^2 u \, du = -\cot u + C$$

$$\int \sec u \tan u \, du = \sec u + C$$

$$\int \csc u \cot u \, du = -\csc u + C$$

$$\int \frac{1}{u} \, du = \ln|u| + C$$

$$\int \tan u \, du = -\ln|\cos u| + C$$

$$\int \cot u \, du = \ln|\sin u| + C$$

$$\int \sec u \, du = \ln|\sec u + \tan u| + C$$

$$\int \csc u \, du = -\ln|\csc u + \cot u| + C$$

$$\int e^u \, du = e^u + C$$

$$\int a^u \, du = \frac{a^u}{\ln a} + C$$

$$\int \frac{du}{\sqrt{a^2 - u^2}} = \arcsin \frac{u}{a} + C$$

$$\int \frac{du}{u^2 + a^2} = \frac{1}{a} \arctan \frac{u}{a} + C$$

$$\int \frac{du}{u\sqrt{u^2 - a^2}} = \frac{1}{a} \operatorname{arcsec} \frac{|u|}{a} + C$$

### Definition of a Critical Number:

Let  $f$  be defined at  $c$ . If  $f'(c) = 0$  or if  $f'$  is undefined at  $c$ , then  $c$  is a critical number of  $f$ .

### First Derivative Test:

Let  $c$  be a critical number of a function  $f$  that is continuous on an open interval  $I$  containing  $c$ . If  $f$  is differentiable on the interval, except possibly at  $c$ , then  $f(c)$  can be classified as follows.

- 1) If  $f'(x)$  changes from negative to positive at  $c$ , then  $f(c)$  is a **relative minimum** of  $f$ .
- 2) If  $f'(x)$  changes from positive to negative at  $c$ , then  $f(c)$  is a **relative maximum** of  $f$ .

### Second Derivative Test:

Let  $f$  be a function such that the second derivative of  $f$  exists on an open interval containing  $c$ .

- 1) If  $f'(c) = 0$  and  $f''(c) > 0$ , then  $f(c)$  is a relative minimum.
- 2) If  $f'(c) = 0$  and  $f''(c) < 0$ , then  $f(c)$  is a relative maximum.

### Definition of Concavity:

Let  $f$  be differentiable on an open interval  $I$ . The graph of  $f$  is **concave upward** on  $I$  if  $f'$  is increasing on the interval and **concave downward** on  $I$  if  $f'$  is decreasing on the interval.

### Test for Concavity:

Let  $f$  be a function whose second derivative exists on an open interval  $I$ .

- 1) If  $f''(x) > 0$  for all  $x$  in  $I$ , then the graph of  $f$  is concave upward in  $I$ .
- 2) If  $f''(x) < 0$  for all  $x$  in  $I$ , then the graph of  $f$  is concave downward in  $I$ .

### Definition of an Inflection Point:

A function  $f$  has an inflection point at  $(c, f(c))$

- 1) if  $f''(c) = 0$  or  $f''(c)$  does not exist and
- 2) if  $f''$  changes sign from positive to negative or negative to positive at  $x = c$   
**OR** if  $f'(x)$  changes from increasing to decreasing or decreasing to increasing at  $x = c$ .

First Fundamental Theorem of Calculus:  $\int_a^b f'(x)dx = f(b) - f(a)$

Second Fundamental Theorem of Calculus:  $\frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x f(t)dt = f(x)$

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

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Average value of  $f(x)$  on  $[a, b]$ :  $f_{AVE} = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)dx$

Volume around a horizontal axis by discs:  $V = \pi \int_a^b [r(x)]^2 dx$

Volume around a horizontal axis by washers:  $V = \pi \int_a^b ([R(x)]^2 - [r(x)]^2) dx$

Volume by cross sections taken perpendicular to the  $x$ -axis:  $V = \int_a^b A(x)dx$

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If an object moves along a straight line with position function  $s(t)$ , then its

Velocity is  $v(t) = s'(t)$

Speed =  $|v(t)|$

Acceleration is  $a(t) = v'(t) = s''(t)$

Displacement (change in position) from  $x = a$  to  $x = b$  is Displacement =  $\int_a^b v(t)dt$

Total Distance traveled from  $x = a$  to  $x = b$  is Total Distance =  $\int_a^b |v(t)|dt$

or Total Distance =  $\left| \int_a^c v(t)dt \right| + \left| \int_c^b v(t)dt \right|$ , where  $v(t)$  changes sign at  $x = c$ .

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### **CALCULUS BC ONLY**

Differential equation for logistic growth:  $\frac{dP}{dt} = kP(L - P)$ , where  $L = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P(t)$

Integration by parts:  $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$

Length of arc for functions:  $s = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2} dx$

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If an object moves along a curve, its

Position vector =  $(x(t), y(t))$

Velocity vector =  $(x'(t), y'(t))$

Acceleration vector =  $(x''(t), y''(t))$

Speed (or magnitude of velocity vector) =  $|v(t)| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2}$

Distance traveled from  $t = a$  to  $t = b$  (or length of arc) is  $s = \int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt$

In polar curves,  $x = r \cos \theta$  and  $y = r \sin \theta$

Slope of polar curve:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{r \cos \theta + r' \sin \theta}{-r \sin \theta + r' \cos \theta}$

Area inside a polar curve:  $A = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b r^2 d\theta$

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**Definition of a Taylor polynomial:**

If  $f$  has  $n$  derivatives at  $c$ , then the polynomial

$$P_n(x) = f(c) + f'(c)(x-c) + \frac{f''(c)}{2!}(x-c)^2 + \frac{f'''(c)}{3!}(x-c)^3 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}(x-c)^n$$

is called the **nth Taylor polynomial for  $f$  at  $c$** .

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**Lagrange Error Bound for a Taylor Polynomial (or Taylor's Theorem Remainder):**

If  $f$  is differentiable through order  $n+1$  in an interval  $I$  containing  $c$ , then for each  $x$  in  $I$ , there exists  $z$  between  $x$  and  $c$  such that

$$f(x) = f(c) + f'(c)(x-c) + \frac{f''(c)}{2!}(x-c)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(c)}{n!}(x-c)^n + R_n(x),$$

where  $R_n(x) = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(z)}{(n+1)!}(x-c)^{n+1}$ .  $R_n(x)$  gives a bound for the size of the error

found by the  $n$ th degree Taylor polynomial.

The remainder represents the difference between the function and the polynomial. That is,

$$|R_n| = |f(x) - P_n(x)|.$$

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**Alternating Series Remainder:**

If a series has terms that alternate, decrease in absolute value, and have a limit of 0 (so that the series converges by the Alternating Series Test), then the absolute value of the remainder  $R_n$  involved in approximating the sum  $S$  by  $S_n$  is less than the first neglected term. That is,

$$|R_n| = |S - S_n| < a_{n+1}.$$

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**Maclaurin series that you must know:**

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$$

### Summary of Tests for Series

Test	Series	Condition(s) of Convergence	Condition(s) of Divergence	Comment
$n$ th-Term	$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$		$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$	This test cannot be used to show convergence.
Geometric Series	$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n$	$ r  < 1$	$ r  \geq 1$	Sum: $S = \frac{a}{1-r}$
Telescoping Series	$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (b_n - b_{n+1})$	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = L$		Sum: $S = b_1 - L$
$p$ -Series	$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$	$p > 1$	$p \leq 1$	
Alternating Series	$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} a_n$	$0 < a_{n+1} \leq a_n$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$		Remainder: $ R_N  \leq a_{N+1}$
Integral ( $f$ is continuous, positive, and decreasing)	$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ , $a_n = f(n) \geq 0$	$\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$ converges	$\int_1^{\infty} f(x) dx$ diverges	Remainder: $0 < R_N < \int_N^{\infty} f(x) dx$
Root	$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{ a_n } < 1$	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{ a_n } > 1$	Test is inconclusive if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{ a_n } = 1$ .
Ratio	$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left  \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right  < 1$	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left  \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right  > 1$	Test is inconclusive if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left  \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right  = 1$ .
Direct Comparison ( $a_n, b_n > 0$ )	$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$	$0 < a_n \leq b_n$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ converges	$0 < b_n \leq a_n$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ diverges	
Limit Comparison ( $a_n, b_n > 0$ )	$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = L > 0$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ converges	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = L > 0$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$ diverges	

**Taylor's Theorem:** If a function  $f$  is differentiable through order  $n+1$  in an interval  $I$  containing  $c$ , then for each  $x$  in  $I$ , there exists a number  $z$  between  $x$  and  $c$  such that

$$f(x) = f(c) + f'(c)(x-c) + \frac{f''(c)(x-c)^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(c)(x-c)^n}{n!} + R_n(x)$$

where  $|R_n(x)| = \left| \frac{f^{(n+1)}(z)(x-c)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \right|$ .  $|R_n(x)| = \left| \frac{f^{(n+1)}(z)(x-c)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \right|$  is called the Lagrange Form of the Remainder or the Taylor's Theorem Remainder.

**Alternating Series Remainder:** For a convergent alternating series whose terms are decreasing, the absolute value of the remainder  $R_n$  involved in approximating the sum  $S$  by  $S_n$  is less than or equal to the first neglected (truncated) term. In other words,  $|S - S_n| = |R_n| \leq a_{n+1}$ .