

# CALCULUS

## DERIVATIVES AND LIMITS

### DERIVATIVE DEFINITION

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

### BASIC PROPERTIES

$$[cf(x)]' = c[f'(x)]$$

$$[f(x) \pm g(x)]' = f'(x) \pm g'(x)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(c) = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(kx) = k$$

### MEAN VALUE THEOREM

If  $f$  is differentiable on the interval  $(a,b)$  and continuous at the end points there exists a  $c$  in  $(a,b)$  such that

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

### POWER RULE

$$\frac{d}{dx}(ax^n) = nax^{n-1}$$

### CHAIN RULE

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

### PRODUCT RULE

$$[f(x)g(x)]' = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$$

### QUOTIENT RULE

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right) = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2}$$

### COMMON DERIVATIVES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\ln(x)) = \frac{1}{x}, \quad x > 0$$

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

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

### CHAIN RULE AND OTHER EXAMPLES

$$\frac{d}{dx}([f(x)]^n) = n[f(x)]^{n-1}f'(x)$$

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

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

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin[f(x)]) = f'(x)\cos[f(x)]$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos[f(x)]) = -f'(x)\sin[f(x)]$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan[f(x)]) = f'(x)\sec^2[f(x)]$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sec[f(x)]) = f'(x)\sec[f(x)]\tan[f(x)]$$

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

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f(x)^{g(x)}) = f(x)^{g(x)} \left( \frac{g(x)f'(x)}{f(x)} + \ln(f(x))g'(x) \right)$$

### PROPERTIES OF LIMITS

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [cf(x)] = c \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) \pm g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \pm \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left[ \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)} \quad \text{if } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \neq 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)]^n = \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \right]^n$$

### LIMIT EVALUATION METHOD - FACTOR AND CANCEL

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^2 - x - 12}{x^2 + 3x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{(x+3)(x-4)}{x(x+3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x-4}{x} = \frac{7}{3}$$

### L'HOPITAL'S RULE

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

### LIMIT EVALUATIONS AT $+\infty$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^x = \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^x = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln x = \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \ln x = -\infty$$

If  $r > 0$  then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c}{x^r} = 0$

If  $r > 0$  &  $x^r$  is real for  $x < 0$  then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{c}{x^r} = 0$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} x^r = \infty \quad \text{for even } r$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^r = \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x^r = -\infty \quad \text{for odd } r$$

### MATHS REFERENCE SHEET COLLECTION

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