# AP Calculus BC Formulas

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# Average Rate of Changing over [a, b]: $\frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}$

## Limits at a point:

If L, M, c, and k are real numbers and  $\lim_{x\to c} f(x) = L$  and  $\lim_{x\to c} g(x) = M$ , then the following properties are true:

- Limit of a constant:  $\lim_{x\to c} k = k$
- Limit of x:  $\lim_{x\to c} x = c$
- Sum rule:  $\lim_{x\to c} (f(x) + g(x)) = L + M$
- Difference rule:  $\lim_{x\to c} (f(x) g(x)) = L M$
- Product rule:  $\lim_{x\to c} (f(x) \cdot g(x)) = L \cdot M$
- Constant multiple rule:  $\lim_{x\to c} (k(f(x))) = k \cdot L$
- Quotient rule:  $\lim_{x\to c} \frac{f(x)}{q(x)} = \frac{L}{M}, M \neq 0$
- Power rule:  $\lim_{x\to c} (f(x))^{r/s} = L^{r/s}$ , if r and s are integers, and  $s \neq 0$
- Limit of a composite function:  $\lim_{x\to c} f(g(x)) = f(\lim_{x\to c} g(x))$ , if f is a continuous function

#### Properties of limits as $x \to \pm \infty$

If L, M, c, and k are real numbers and  $\lim_{x\to\pm\infty} f(x) = L$  and  $\lim_{x\to\pm\infty} g(x) = M$ , then the following properties are true:

- Constant rule:  $\lim_{x \to \pm \infty} c = c$
- Sum rule:  $\lim_{x \to \pm \infty} (f(x) + g(x)) = L + M$
- Difference rule:  $\lim_{x \to \pm \infty} (f(x) g(x)) = L M$
- Product rule:  $\lim_{x \to \pm \infty} (f(x) \cdot g(x)) = L \cdot M$
- Constant multiple rule:  $\lim_{x \to \pm \infty} (k(f(x))) = k \cdot L$
- Quotient rule:  $\lim_{x \to \pm \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{L}{M}$ ,  $M \neq 0$
- Power rule:  $\lim_{x\to\pm\infty} (f(x))^{r/s} = L^{r/s}$ , if r and s are integers and  $s \neq 0$
- Limit of  $\frac{c}{r^r}$ :  $\lim_{x \to \pm \infty} \frac{c}{r^r} = 0$

#### Squeeze Theorem

Conditions:

- $g(x) \le f(x) \le h(x)$  for  $x \ne c$
- $\lim_{x\to c} g(x) = L$  and  $\lim_{x\to c} h(x) = L$

Conclusion:  $\lim_{x\to c} f(x) = L$ 

#### **Definition of Continuity**

A function f(x) is continuous at x = c if all of the following conditions are met:

- f(c) is defined
- $\lim_{x \to c} f(x)$  exists
- $\lim_{x \to c} f(x) = f(c)$

The graph of a continuous function has no "gaps".

#### Intermediate Value Theorem

If a function f is continuous on the interval [a, b] and k is a number between f(a) and f(b), then there is at least one x-value c between a and b such that f(c) = k.

Any continuous function connecting (a, f(a)) and (b, f(b)) must pass through every y-value between f(a) and f(b) at least once.

Limit Definitions of the Derivative Derivative of f at x = a:  $f'(a) = \lim_{x \to a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$ 

Definition of derivative of f at x = a:  $f'(a) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$ 

# **Definition of Differentiability**

f is differentiable at x = c:  $\lim_{x\to c} \frac{f(x)-f(c)}{x-c}$  exists and is equal to f'(c).  $\frac{f(x)-f(c)}{x-c}$  is the difference quotient. **Derivative Rules** Basic:

- Constant:  $\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}[c] = 0$
- Power:  $\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}[x^n] = nx^{n-1}$
- Natural exponential:  $\frac{d}{dx}[e^x] = e^x$
- Exponential:  $\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}[a^x] = (\ln a)a^x$
- Natural log:  $\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}[\ln(x)] = \frac{1}{x}$
- Constant multiple:  $\frac{d}{dx}[cf(x)] = cf'(x)$
- Sum and difference:  $\frac{d}{dx}[f(x) \pm g(x)] = f'(x) \pm g'(x)$

## Trig:

- $\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}[\sin x] = \cos x$
- $\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}[\cos x] = -\sin x$
- $\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}[\tan x] = \sec^2 x$
- $\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}[\cot x] = -\csc^2 x$
- $\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}[\csc x] = -\csc(x)\cot(x)$
- $\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}[\sec x] = \sec(x)\tan(x)$

**Product Rule**:  $\frac{d}{dx}[uv] = uv' + vu'$ 

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

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

Derivatives of Inverse Functions:  $(f^{-1})'(a) = \frac{1}{f'(b)}$ 

**PVA** Derivatives:

- Position: x(t)
- Velocity: v(t) = x'(t)
- Acceleration: a(t) = x''(t)

Integrals:

- Integrate a(t) to get v(t)
- Integrate v(t) to get s(t)

## L'Hospital's Rule

Use L'Hospital's Rule to find the limit of the ratio of two differentiable functions  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  as x approaches c. If direct substitution produces one of the indeterminate forms  $\frac{0}{0}$  or  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ , then differentiate the numerator f and the denominator g independently.

$$\lim_{x \to c} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \to c} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$$

L'Hospital's Rule also applies to limits such as  $x \to \infty$  or  $x \to -\infty$ 

## Mean Value Theorem

Conditions:

- f is continuous on [a, b]
- f is differentiable on (a, b)

Conclusion: For some c in (a,b):  $f'(c) = \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}$ . f'(c) is the instantaneous rate of change at x = c and  $\frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}$  is the average rate of change on [a,b].

## **Rolle's Theorem**

If a function f satisfies each of the following conditions:

- continuous on the closed interval [a, b]
- differentiable on the open interval (a, b)

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$$f(a) = f(b)$$

then there is at least one number c in (a, b) such that f'(c) = 0

Graphically, the slope of the secant line on [a, b] and the slope of the tangent line at x = c both equal zero for at least one value of c in (a, b).

Rolle's Theorem is a special case of the Mean Value Theorem in which the average rate of change is 0:

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} = 0$$

#### **Extreme Value Theorem**

If a function f is continuous on the closed interval [a, b], then f is guaranteed to attain an absolute minimum and absolute maximum value on [a, b].

### **First Derivative Test**

If f'(c) = 0 or undefined, there is a local maximum if f'(x) changes from positive to negative and a local minimum when f'(x) changes from negative to positive.

## Second Derivative Test

If f''(c) < 0, f(c) is a relative maximum. If f''(c) = 0 the test is inconclusive. If f''(c) > 0 then f'(c) is a relative minimum.

**Riemann Sums** A left Riemann sum approximates the value of a definite integral  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ . The interval [a, b] is divided into subintervals, and the area bounded by the graph of f and the x-axis on each subinterval is estimated with a rectangle.

The base length  $b_n$  of each rectangle is the distance between the endpoints of the subinterval, and the height  $h_n$  is the function value at the left endpoint.

$$\int_a^b f(x) \mathrm{d}x \approx b_1 h_1 + b_2 h_2 + \dots$$

A midpoint Riemann sum approximates the value of a definite integral  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ . The interval [a, b] is divided into subintervals, and the area bounded by the graph of f and the x-axis on each subinterval is estimated with a rectangle.

The base length  $b_n$  of each rectangle is the distance between the endpoints of the subinterval, and the height  $h_n$  is the function value at the midpoint of the subinterval  $m_n$ .

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) \mathrm{d}x \approx b_1 h_1 + b_2 h_2 + \dots$$

A right Riemann sum approximates the value of a definite integral  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ . The interval [a, b] is divided into subintervals, and the area bounded by the graph of f and the x-axis on each subinterval is estimated with a rectangle.

The base length  $b_n$  of each rectangle is the distance between the endpoints of the subinterval, and the height  $h_n$  is the function value at the right endpoint.

$$\int_a^b f(x) \mathrm{d}x \approx b_1 h_1 + b_2 h_2 + \dots$$

A trapezoidal sum approximates the value of a definite integral  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ . The interval [a, b] is divided into subintervals, and the area bounded by the graph of f and the x-axis on each subinterval is estimated with a trapezoid.

The height  $h_n$  of each trapezoid is the distance between the endpoints of the subinterval, and the bases  $b_n$  and  $b_{n+1}$  are the function values at the endpoints.

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx \approx \frac{1}{2} h_1(b_1 + b_2) + \frac{1}{2} h_2(b_2 + b_3)$$

Limit of a Right Riemann Sum

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(a + \Delta x_i) \Delta x = \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx$$

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

$$\int_{a}^{b} f'(x) \mathrm{d}x = f(b) - f(a)$$

 $f(b) = f(a) + \int_a^b f'(t) dt$ , where f(b) is the final quantity, f(a) is the initial quantity and  $\int_a^b f'(t) dt$  is the net change.

Second FTC  $\frac{d}{dx} [\int_a^x f(t) dt] = f(x)$ 

## **Basic Integration Rules**

• Constant:  $\int c dx = cx + C$ 

• Power: 
$$\int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C$$

- Constant multiple:  $\int cf(x)dx = c \int f(x)dx$
- Sum and difference:  $\int f(x) \pm g(x) dx = \int f(x) dx \pm \int g(x) dx$
- Natural exponential:  $\int e^x dx = e^x + C$
- Natural log:  $\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln |x| + C$

# **Trig Integrals**

- $\int \sin u \mathrm{d}u = -\cos u + C$
- $\int \cos u \mathrm{d}u = \sin u + C$
- $\int \sec^2 u \mathrm{d}u = \tan u + C$
- $\int \csc^2 u \mathrm{d}u = -\cot u + C$
- $\int (\sec u \tan u) du = \sec u + C$
- $\int (\csc u \cot u) du = -\csc u + C$
- $\int \tan u \, \mathrm{d}u = -\ln|\cos u| + C$
- $\int \cot u du = \ln |\sin u| + C$
- $\int \sec u \, \mathrm{d}u = \ln |\sec u + \tan u| + C$
- $\int \csc u du = -\ln |\csc u + \cot u| + C$

**Properties of Definite Integrals** The following are properties of definite integrals, where functions f and g are continuous on the closed interval [a, b] and a, b, and k are constants.

- $\int_a^a f(x) \mathrm{d}x = 0$
- $\int_{a}^{b} f(x) \mathrm{d}x = -\int_{b}^{a} f(x) \mathrm{d}x$
- $\int_{a}^{c} f(x) dx = \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx + \int_{b}^{c} f(x) dx$
- $\int_{a}^{b} kf(x) dx = k \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx$

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$$\int_a^b [f(x) \pm g(x)] dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx \pm \int_a^b g(x) dx$$

Improper Integral

$$\int_{a}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \lim_{t \to \infty} \int_{a}^{t} f(x) dx$$

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

**Euler's Method**  $y_{n+1} = y_n + f'(x_n)(\Delta x)$ , where  $y_{n+1}$  is the next y-value,  $f'(x_n)$  is the derivative at current  $x_n$ -value and  $\Delta x$  is the step size.

**Exponential Growth and Decay** Differential Equation:  $\frac{dy}{dt} = k \cdot y$ , where  $\frac{dy}{dt}$  is the rate of change of y and k is the constant of proportionality.

General Solution:  $y = C \cdot e^{k \cdot t}$ , where C is the initial value of y (when t = 0), k is the constant of proportionality, and t is time.

Logistic Growth/Decay 
$$\frac{dP}{dt} = kP\left(1 - \frac{P}{a}\right)$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}P}{\mathrm{d}t} = kP(a-P)$$

Average Value  $\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx$ 

Total Distance Traveled  $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} |v(t)| dt$ 

Area Between Curves In terms of x:  $A = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} (top - bottom) dx$  is the area bounded by two functions on  $[x_1, x_2]$ .

In terms of y:  $A = \int_{y_1}^{y_2} (\mathsf{right} - \mathsf{left}) \mathrm{d}y$  is the area bounded by two functions on  $[y_1, y_2]$ .

**Disk Method** Use the disk method to determine the volume of a solid of revolution formed by rotating a region about a horizontal line y = c (axis of revolution) over the interval a < x < b when y = c is a boundary of the region - there is no space between the region and y = c.

$$\pi \int_{a}^{b} r^{2} \mathrm{d}x$$

When a region is revolved about an axis of revolution, a perpendicular cross section of the solid is a disk where

- r is the distance from the axis of revolution to the closest function f(x)
- dx is the thickness of the disk

Use the disk method to determine the volume of a solid of revolution formed by rotating a region about a vertical line x = k (axis of revolution) over the interval c < y < d when x = k is a boundary of the region - there is no space between the region and the line x = k.

$$\int_{c}^{d} (r(y))^{2} \mathrm{d}y$$

When a region is revolved about an axis of revolution, a perpendicular cross section of the solid is a disk where:

- r is the distance from the axis of revolution to the closest function f(y)
- dy is the thickness of the disk

region bounded by f(x) and g(x) about a horizontal line y = c (axis of revolution) over the interval a < x < bwhen y = c is not a boundary of the region - there is space between the region and y = c.

$$\pi \int_{a}^{b} ((R(x))^{2} - (r(x))^{2}) \mathrm{d}x$$

When a region is revolved about an axis of revolution, a perpendicular cross section of the resulting solid is a disk with a hole (washer) where:

- R is the distance from the axis of revolution to the farthest function f(x)
- r is the distance from the axis of revolution to the closest function g(x)
- dx is the thickness of the washer

Use the washer method to determine the volume of a solid of revolution formed by rotating a region bounded by f(y) and g(y) about a horizontal line x = k (axis of revolution) over the interval c < y < d when x = k is not a boundary of the region - there is space between the region and x = k.

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- r is the distance from the axis of revolution to the closest function g(y)
- dy is the thickness of the washer

### Arc Length

$$\int_{a}^{b} \sqrt{1 + (f'(x))^2} \mathrm{d}x$$

**Parametrics** Parametric Slope:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y'(t)}{x'(t)}$ Parametric Speed:  $s(t) = \sqrt{(x'(t))^2 + (y'(t))^2}$ Parametric Arc Length:  $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \sqrt{(x'(t))^2 + (y'(t))^2} dt$  **Derivatives of Vector Valued Functions**  $f(t) = \langle x(t), y(t) \rangle$   $f'(t) = \langle x'(t), y'(t) \rangle$  $f''(t) = \langle x''(t), y''(t) \rangle$ 

Total Distance of Vectors  $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \sqrt{(x'(t))^2 + (y'(t))^2} dt$ 

Polar to Rectangular Coordinates  $x = r \cos \theta$ 

$$y = r\sin\theta$$

Slope of Polar Curve  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{\frac{d\theta}{d\theta}} \frac{[y]}{[x]}$ Sum of Geometric Series  $S = \frac{a_1}{1-r}$ 

Convergence Tests The harmonic series is an infinite series given by

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots$$

The harmonic series diverges by the p-series test.

p-series test.

• *p*-series of the form  $\frac{1}{n^p}$  converges for p > 1

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \implies \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^1}, p = 1$$

*n*th Term Test  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges if  $\lim_{n\to\infty} a_n \neq 0$  and is inconclusive when  $\lim_{n\to\infty} a_n = 0$ A series of the form  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p} = \frac{1}{1^p} + \frac{1}{2^p} + \frac{1}{3^p} + \frac{1}{4^p} + \dots$  is called a *p*-series.

- *p*-series converges if *p* > 1
- *p*-series diverges if 0

If p = 1, the resulting series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots$  is called a harmonic series, which diverges. Geometric Series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n$$

When |r| < 1 the series converges to  $S = \frac{a_1}{1-r}$ , where  $a_1$  is the first term of the series. If  $|r| \ge 1$  the series diverges.

Integral Test

If f is continuous, positive, and eventually decreases as  $x \to \infty$ , and  $\int_c^{\infty} f(x)$ :

- converges then  $\sum_{n=c}^\infty f(n)$  converges and  $\sum_{n=c}^\infty f(n) > \int_c^\infty f(x) \mathrm{d} x$
- diverges: then,  $\sum_{n=c}^{\infty} f(n)$  diverges

Direct Comparison Test

$$0 < a_n < b$$

If the larger series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  converges, the smaller series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges. If the smaller series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverges, the larger series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  diverges. Limit Comparison Test

If  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = L$ , where L is finite and positive and  $a_n > 0$ ,  $b_n > 0$ , then:

 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converge or  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  diverge.

Ratio Test

If  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \left|\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}\right| = k$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges absolutely if k < 1 or diverges if k > 1. Alternating Series Test

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n a_n$$

converges if:

- $\lim_{n\to\infty} a_n = 0$  and
- $a_n$  is a positive, decreasing sequence

Taylor/Maclaurin Polynomials nth-degree Taylor polynomial of f about x = c

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

Maclaurin polynomial

$$P_n(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{f''(0)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!}x^3 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}x^n$$

**Known Power Series** 

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

•  $\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots + (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} + \dots$ •  $\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots + (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \dots$