



**IDX G10 AP Calculus**  
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**3.4 Velocity, Acceleration, Speed, and Parametric Functions**

displacement	$\Delta s = x(t + \Delta t) - x(t)$
average velocity	$\frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t} = \frac{x(t + \Delta t) - x(t)}{\Delta t}$
(instantaneous) velocity	$v(t) = \frac{ds}{dt} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(t + \Delta t) - x(t)}{\Delta t}$
speed	$ v(t)  = \left  \frac{ds}{dt} \right $
acceleration	$a(t) = \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{d^2s}{dt^2}$

### Slope of a parametric curve

A parametrized curve  $(x(t), y(t))$  is differentiable at  $t$  if  $x$  and  $y$  are differentiable at  $t$ . If

$\frac{dy}{dt}$ ,  $\frac{dx}{dt}$ , and  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  exist, then

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{y'(t)}{x'(t)}$$

### View the parametric function as 2D motion

Position	$\vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t) \rangle$
Velocity	$\vec{v}(t) = \langle x'(t), y'(t) \rangle$
Speed	$ \vec{v}(t)  = \sqrt{[x'(t)]^2 + [y'(t)]^2}$
Acceleration	$\vec{a}(t) = \langle x''(t), y''(t) \rangle$

## 8.2 L'Hopital's Rule

Note:

1. L'Hopital's rule applies to one-sided limits
2. The constant  $a$  given in the theorem may be  $\pm\infty$

### Theorem 1: L'Hopital's Rule (first form)

If  $f(a) = g(a) = 0$ , that  $f'(a)$  and  $g'(a)$  exist, and that  $g'(a) \neq 0$ . Then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{f'(a)}{g'(a)}$$

### Theorem 2: L'Hopital's Rule (stronger form)

If  $f(a) = g(a) = 0$ , and if  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable on an open interval  $I$  containing  $a$ , and supposed that  $g'(x) \neq 0$  on  $I$  if  $x \neq a$ . Then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$$

Provided the latter limit exists.

### **Theorem 3: L'Hopital's Rule ( $\infty/\infty$ form)**

If  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  both approach infinity as  $x \rightarrow a$ , then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$$

Provided the latter limit exists.

### **Intermediate Forms: $1^\infty, 0^0, \infty^0$**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \ln f(x) = L \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = e^L$$

## **4.1 Extreme Values of Functions**

### **Absolute (Global) Extreme Values**

Let  $f$  be a function with domain  $D$ . Then  $f(c)$  is the

- a) Absolute maximum value on  $D$  if and only if  $f(x) \leq f(c)$  for all  $x \in D$
- b) Absolute minimum value on  $D$  if and only if  $f(x) \geq f(c)$  for all  $x \in D$

### **Theorem: the Extreme Value Theorem**

If  $f$  is continuous on a closed interval  $[a, b]$ , then  $f$  has both a maximum value and a minimum value on the interval.

### **Relative (Local) Extreme Values**

Let  $c$  be an interior point of the domain of the function  $f$ . Then  $f(c)$  is a

- a) Local maximum value at  $c$  if and only if  $f(x) \leq f(c)$  for all  $x$  in some open interval containing  $c$ .

- b) Local minimum value at  $c$  if and only if  $f(x) \geq f(c)$  for all  $x$  in some open interval containing  $c$ .

A function  $f$  has a local maximum or local minimum at an endpoint  $c$  if the appropriate inequality holds for all  $x$  in some half-open domain interval containing  $c$ .

### **Theorem: Local Extreme Values**

If a function  $f$  has a local maximum value or a local minimum value at an interior point  $c$  of its domain, and if  $f'$  exists at  $c$ , then

$$f'(c) = 0$$

### **Critical Point**

A point in the interior of the domain of a function  $f$  at which  $f' = 0$  or  $f'$  does not exist is a critical point of  $f$ .

\*\* a critical point is a value, not a point\*\*

## **4.2 Mean Value Theorem**

### **Rolle's Theorem**

If  $y = f(x)$  is continuous at every point of the closed interval  $[a,b]$  and differentiable at every point of its interior  $(a,b)$ , and  $f(a) = f(b)$ , then there is at least one point  $c$  in  $(a,b)$  at which

$$f'(c) = 0$$

### **Mean Value Theorem**

If  $y = f(x)$  is continuous at every point of the closed interval  $[a,b]$  and differentiable at every point of its interior  $(a,b)$ , then there is at least one point  $c$  in  $(a,b)$  at which

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

## **Increasing and Decreasing Functions**

Let  $f$  be a function defined on an interval  $I$  and let  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  be any two points in  $I$ .

1.  $f$  increases on  $I$  if  $x_1 < x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) < f(x_2)$
2.  $f$  decreases on  $I$  if  $x_1 < x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) > f(x_2)$

### Monotonic Functions

A function that is always increasing on an interval or always decreasing on an interval.

### Corollary 1

Let  $f$  be continuous on  $[a,b]$  and differentiable on  $(a,b)$ .

1. Let  $f' > 0$  at each point of  $(a,b)$ , then  $f$  increases on  $(a,b)$ .
2. Let  $f' < 0$  at each point of  $(a,b)$ , then  $f$  decreases on  $(a,b)$ .

### Other Consequences

1. Functions with  $f' = 0$  are constant
2. Functions with the same derivative differ by a constant

### Antiderivative

A function  $F(x)$  is an antiderivative of a function  $f(x)$  if  $F'(x) = f(x)$  for all  $x$  in the domain of  $f$ . The process of finding an antiderivative is antidifferentiation.

## 4.3 Connecting $f'$ and $f''$ with the graph of $f$

### First derivative test for local extrema (continuous function)

Critical point	Local max: $f' > 0$ for $f(x) < c$ and $f' < 0$ for $f(x) > c$
	Local min: $f' < 0$ for $f(x) < c$ and $f' > 0$ for $f(x) > c$
	No extreme: $f' > 0$ for $f(x) < c$ and $f' > 0$ for $f(x) > c$ or

	$f' < 0$ for $f(x) < c$ and $f' < 0$ for $f(x) > c$
Left endpoint	Local max: $f' < 0$ for $f(x) > a$
	Local min: $f' > 0$ for $f(x) > a$
Right endpoint	Local max: $f' > 0$ for $f(x) < b$
	Local min: $f' < 0$ for $f(x) < b$

## Concavity

The graph of a differentiable function  $y = f(x)$  is

- a) Concave up on an open interval  $I$  if  $y'$  is increasing on  $I$
- b) Concave down on an open interval  $I$  if  $y'$  is decreasing on  $I$

## Concavity Test

The graph of a twice differentiable function  $y = f(x)$  is

- a) Concave up on any interval where  $y'' > 0$
- b) Concave down on an open interval where  $y'' < 0$

## Points of Inflection

A point where  $f'' = 0$  or  $f'' DNE$  and where the concavity changes

## Second Derivative Test for Local Extrema

- a) If  $f'(c) = 0$  and  $f''(c) < 0$ , then  $f$  has a local maximum at  $x = c$
- b) If  $f'(c) = 0$  and  $f''(c) > 0$ , then  $f$  has a local minimum at  $x = c$

## 4.4 Modeling and Optimization

Apply the derivative tests and concavity tests in order to find the optimal value of the function provided in the real world scenario.

## 4.5 Linearization and Newton's Method

### Linearization and Linear Approximation

- Differentiable curves are always locally linear
- Tangent line is a good representation of the curve if close enough to the point of tangency
- Provides a good approximation of the value of the function nearby

### Linearization

If  $f$  is differentiable at  $x = a$ , then the equation of the tangent line,

$$L(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a)$$

Defines the linearization of  $f$  at  $a$ . The approximation  $f(x) \approx L(x)$  is the standard linear approximation of  $f$  at  $a$ . The point  $x = a$  is the center of the approximation.

Therefore, we can deduce:

$$f(a + \Delta x) \approx L(a + \Delta x) = f'(a) \cdot \Delta x + f(a)$$

$$\therefore \Delta y = f(a + \Delta x) - f(a) \approx f'(a) \cdot \Delta x$$

$$\therefore \Delta y \approx f'(a) \cdot \Delta x$$

As  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$ ,  $dy = f'(a) \cdot dx$

### Differentials

Let  $y = f(x)$  be a differentiable function. The differential  $dx$  is an independent variable. The differential  $dy$  (or  $df$ , the differential of  $f$ ) is

$$df = dy = f'(x)dx$$

Note: the dependent variable depends on both  $x$  and  $dx$ .

### Sum and product Rules for Differential

$$d(x + y) = dx + dy$$

$$d(xy) = xdy + ydx$$

Note: chain rule and quotient rule also apply for differentials

### **Estimate Change with Differentials**

Differential estimate of change:

Let  $f(x)$  be differentiable at  $x = a$ . The approximate change in the value of  $f$  when  $x$  changes from  $a$  to  $a + dx$  is

$$df = f'(a)dx$$

### **4.6 Related Rates**

**Step 1: Find relationship of the values in the question.**

**Step 2: Take derivative on both sides in relation to a constant value, usually time.**

**Step 3: Analyze at specific points given in the question.**