21-120: Differential and Integral Calculus Lecture #1 Outline

Read: Sections 2.1, 2.2 of the textbook

Objectives and Concepts:

- The study of Calculus is motivated by two historical problems: the problem of finding the instantaneous rate of change of a function, and the problem of finding the area between a given curve and the *x*-axis.
- To begin our journey towards understanding and solving these historically significant problems, we develop a language to describe the behavior of functions near a point of interest the limit of a function.

Suggested Textbook Exercises:

- 2.1: none.
- 2.2: 46-80 all.

Topics:

- 1. The course instructor will go over the Course Syllabus.
- 2. In the time remaining, the course instructor will discuss the motivating problems that led to the development of differential and integral calculus.