

MA1521 CALCULUS FOR COMPUTING

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0: Pre-Calculus

- Understand the basic properties of the following functions:
 - Polynomials;
 - Rational functions;
 - Root functions;
 - Trigonometric and inverse trigonometric functions;
 - Logarithm and exponential functions.
- Know how to compute
 - The domain of these functions;
 - The composite of these functions.
- The graphs of simple functions.
 - $y = ax + b$, $y = ax^2 + bx + c$,
 - $y = \sin x$, $y = \cos x$, $y = \tan x$,
 - $y = \sin^{-1} x$, $y = \tan^{-1} x$,
 - $y = e^x$, $y = \ln x$, ...

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0: Pre-Calculus

- Products of Vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 .
 - Dot product: $\mathbf{u} \bullet \mathbf{v}$.
 - Example: determine the angle between two vectors.
 - Cross product: $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$.
 - Example: evaluate the normal vector of a plane.
- Write the equation of a line.
 - It has direction vector \mathbf{u} and passes through point A .
 - It passes through two points A and B .
 - The intersection of two planes.
- Write the equation of a plane.
 - It has normal vector \mathbf{u} and passes through point A .
 - It passes through three points A , B and C .
 - It contains a line ℓ and passes through point A .

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0: Pre-Calculus

- The complex numbers \mathbb{C} .
 - $z = x + iy$, $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $i^2 = -1$.
 - Correspondence between \mathbb{R}^2 and \mathbb{C} : $(x, y) \leftrightarrow x + iy$.
- Given complex numbers, evaluate
 - Sum, subtraction, multiplication, division.
 - Absolute value: $|z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$.
 - Argument: $\theta = \arg z$, $\sin \theta = \frac{y}{|z|}$, $\cos \theta = \frac{x}{|z|}$.
- Polar form of complex numbers, $z = |z|e^{i\theta}$, $\theta = \arg z$.
 - Multiplication: $z_1 z_2 = |z_1| |z_2| e^{i(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}$.
 - Power: $z^n = |z|^n e^{in\theta}$.
 - Trigonometric form: $z = |z|(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$.

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1: Limit and Continuity

- Limit: $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$.
 - $x \rightarrow a$ ($x \neq a$) $\Rightarrow f(x) \rightarrow L$.
- f is said to be continuous at a if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$.
 - Removable and jump discontinuities.
- Find limits:
 - If f is continuous at a , then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$.
 - Factorization: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1}$.
 - Rationalization: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+4} - 2}{x}$.
 - Left- and right-hand limits:
 - $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = L \Leftrightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$.

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1: Limit and Continuity

- Find limits: (Cont'd)
 - Squeeze thm: $f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x)$ for all x near a .
 - $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) = L \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = L$.
 - l'Hôpital's rule: $0/0$ or ∞/∞ form:
 - $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$ (with lots of restrictions).
 - $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(g(x)) = f\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)\right)$ if f is continuous.
 - $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)^{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \exp(g(x) \ln f(x))$
 $= \exp\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \ln f(x)\right)$
 $= \exp\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{\ln f(x)}{1/g(x)}\right) = \dots$

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2: Derivatives

- Definition of derivative:
 - $\frac{df}{dx} = f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow x} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$.
- Differentiation formulas:
 - $(cf)' = cf'$, $(f \pm g)' = f' \pm g'$, $(fg)' = f'g + fg'$.
 - $(f/g)' = (f'g - fg')/g^2$.
 - Chain rule: $\frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{dz}{dy} \frac{dy}{dx}$.
- Differentiable functions:
 - Polynomials, rational functions.
 - Power functions: $(x^r)' = rx^{r-1}$.
 - Trigonometric functions: $(\sin x)' = \cos x, \dots$
 - Inverse trigonometric functions:
 - $(\sin^{-1} x)' = \dots$, $(\tan^{-1} x)' = \dots, \dots$
 - Logarithm function $(\ln x)' = 1/x$, $(a^x)' = a^x \ln a$.

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2: Derivatives

- Implicit differentiation: $\frac{d}{dx}F(x, y) = 0$ to find $\frac{dy}{dx}$.
 - Using multi-variable calculus: $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{F_x}{F_y}$.

Logarithmic differentiation:

- $y = f(x)g(x) \Rightarrow \ln |y| = \ln |f(x)| + \ln |g(x)|$.
- $y = f(x)^{g(x)} \Rightarrow \ln y = g(x) \ln f(x)$.
- Derivative of inverse function:
 - $(f^{-1})'(b) = \frac{1}{f'(a)}$ if $f(a) = b$ and $f'(a) \neq 0$.
- Parametric equations: $x = x(t)$ and $y = y(t)$.
 - $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt}, \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} \right) = \dots$.

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2: Applications of Derivative

- Extreme values:
 - global max and min, local max and min.
- Fermat's theorem:
 - If f has a local max/min at c and $f'(c)$ exists, then $f'(c) = 0$.
- Closed interval method: Find the global max/min of a continuous function f on a finite closed interval $[a, b]$.
 - Evaluate $f(x)$ at end points $x = a, x = b$.
 - Evaluate $f(x)$ at critical points in (a, b) :
 - number $c \in (a, b)$ such that $f'(c)$ does not exist,
 - number $c \in (a, b)$ such that $f'(c) = 0$.
 - Compare $f(x)$ at end points and critical points.
 - Largest \Rightarrow max; smallest \Rightarrow min.

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2: Applications of Derivative

- Increasing Test: Suppose f is continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) .
 - $f'(x) > 0$ on $(a, b) \Rightarrow f$ is increasing on $[a, b]$.
 - $f'(x) < 0$ on $(a, b) \Rightarrow f$ is decreasing on $[a, b]$.
 - $f'(x) = 0$ on $(a, b) \Leftrightarrow f$ is constant on $[a, b]$.
- Optimization problem: (Single-variable)
 - Express the problem as finding global max/min of $y = f(x)$ on domain A .
 - How to maximize or minimize $y = f(x)$ on A ?
 - If A is a finite closed interval $[a, b]$, use the closed interval method.
 - If A is not a finite closed interval, use increasing/decreasing test.

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2: Applications of Derivative

- Concavity:
 - f is concave up (resp. down) on interval I
 - $\Leftrightarrow f$ is above (resp. below) all tangent lines on I
 - $\Leftrightarrow f'$ is increasing (resp. decreasing) on I .
 - Concavity test:
 - $f''(x) > 0$ on $I \Rightarrow f$ is concave up on I .
 - $f''(x) < 0$ on $I \Rightarrow f$ is concave down on I .
- First derivative test: Let f be continuous at a critical pt c .
 - f' changes from $+$ to $-$: local max at c ;
 - f' changes from $-$ to $+$: local min at c ;
 - f' does not change sign: neither at c .
- Second derivative test: (see Chapter 5).
 - $f''(c) = 0$ and $f'(c) > 0 \Rightarrow$ local min at c ;
 - $f''(c) = 0$ and $f'(c) < 0 \Rightarrow$ local max at c .

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3: Sequences and Series

- Power series representation:

- $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$. e.g., $\frac{1}{1-x} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n, |x| < 1$.

- Radius of convergence: $R = L^{-1}$.

- $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{c_{n+1}}{c_n} \right|$ or $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|c_n|}$.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n \text{ converges if } |x| < R \text{ and diverges if } |x| > R.$$

- Taylor's theorem:

- If $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n$, then $c_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}$.

$$\therefore f^{(n)}(0) = n! c_n.$$

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3: Sequences and Series

- How to determine whether $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ converges or diverges?

- Suppose $a_n \geq 0$ for all n .

- If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$, then it diverges.

- If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$, use (limit) comparison test.

Compare with a known series, such as geometric series or p -series.

- Suppose a_n are not always positive.

- If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$, then it diverges.

- Suppose $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$.

If $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ is an alternating series, use alternating series test.

Otherwise, use absolute convergence test.

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4: Partial Derivatives

- Multi-variable function $z = f(x, y)$.
 - Partial derivatives: $f_x(x, y) = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$, $f_y(x, y) = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$.
 - Gradient vector: $\nabla f(x, y) = (f_x(x, y), f_y(x, y))$.
 - Directional derivative along unit vector \mathbf{u} : ($|\mathbf{u}| = 1$)
 - $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(x, y) = \nabla f(x, y) \bullet \mathbf{u}$.
 - Tangent plane at (x_0, y_0, z_0) :
 - $z - z_0 = f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$.
 - Linearization of f at (x_0, y_0) :
 - $f(x, y) \approx f(x_0, y_0) + f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0)$.

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4: Partial Derivatives

- Chain rule: $z = f(x, y)$ and $x = x(t)$, $y = y(t)$.
 - $\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$.
- Suppose $z = f(x, y)$ and $x = x(s, t)$, $y = y(s, t)$.
- $\frac{\partial z}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s}$.
 - $\frac{\partial z}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t}$.
- Implicit differentiation (Revisited):
 - $f(x, y) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{f_x(x, y)}{f_y(x, y)}$.

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4: Partial Derivatives

- Second Partial Derivatives. $z = f(x, y)$.
 - $f_{xx} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2}$, $f_{yy} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2}$, $f_{xy} = f_{yx} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y}$.
- Functions of three variables: $w = f(x, y, z)$.
 - Partial and second partial derivatives,
 - $f_x, f_y, f_z, f_{xx}, f_{yy}, f_{zz}, f_{xy}, f_{yz}, f_{zx}$.
 - Gradient $\nabla f(x, y, z) = (f_x, f_y, f_z)$,
 - Directional derivative $D_{\mathbf{u}}f(x, y, z) = \nabla f(x, y, z) \bullet \mathbf{u}$.
 - Chain rule: Suppose $x = x(t)$, $y = y(t)$, $z = z(t)$.
 - $\frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt}$.
 - Tangent plane to $f(x, y, z) = c$ at $P(x_0, y_0, z_0)$:
 $f_x(P)(x - x_0) + f_y(P)(y - y_0) + f_z(P)(z - z_0) = 0$.

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5: Optimization

- Definition of extreme values:
 - Global maximum/minimum, local maximum/minimum.
- First derivative test for local extreme values:
 - Suppose $f(x, y)$ has local extreme value at (a, b) .
 - If f_x and f_y exist, then $f_x(a, b) = f_y(a, b) = 0$.
 - A point (a, b) in the domain is a critical point if
 - $f_x(a, b) = f_y(a, b) = 0$, or
 - at least one of $f_x(a, b)$ and $f_y(a, b)$ does not exist.
 - If $f(x, y)$ has local extreme value at (a, b) ,
 - then (a, b) is a critical point of f .
 - (a, b) is said to be a saddle point of f if
 - (a, b) is a critical point of f , but f does not have local extreme value at (a, b) .

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5: Optimization

- Second derivative test for two-variable functions.
 - Let $H(x, y) = f_{xx}f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2$.
- Suppose $f_x(a, b) = f_y(a, b) = 0$.
 - $H(a, b) < 0 \Rightarrow$ saddle point at (a, b) .
 - $H(a, b) > 0$ & $f_{xx}(a, b) > 0 \Rightarrow$ local min at (a, b) .
 - $H(a, b) > 0$ & $f_{xx}(a, b) < 0 \Rightarrow$ local max at (a, b) .
- Lagrange multiplier: Find the local maximum and minimum of $z = f(x, y)$ subject to the restriction $g(x, y) = 0$.
 - Solve $f_x = \lambda g_x, f_y = \lambda g_y$ and $g(x, y) = 0$.
- Lagrange multiplier: Find the local maximum/minimum of $w = f(x, y, z)$ subject to $g(x, y, z) = h(x, y, z) = 0$.
 - Solve $f_x = \lambda g_x + \mu h_x, f_y = \lambda g_y + \mu h_y, f_z = \lambda g_z + \mu h_z, g(x, y, z) = 0, h(x, y, z) = 0$.

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6: Integrals

- Definite integral defined using Riemann sum
 - $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*) \Delta x$.
- It represents the net area bounded between the curve $y = f(x)$, and the x -axis from a to b .
- Basic properties of definite integrals.
 - $\int_a^b (\alpha f(x) + \beta g(x)) dx = \alpha \int_a^b f(x) dx + \beta \int_a^b g(x) dx$.
 - $\int_a^b f(x) dx + \int_b^c f(x) dx = \int_a^c f(x) dx$.
- Fundamental Theorem of Calculus (Part I).
 - Let f be continuous on $[a, b]$, $g(x) = \int_a^x f(t) dt$.
 - g is continuous on $[a, b]$ and $g'(x) = f(x)$ on (a, b) .

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6: Integrals

- Fundamental Theorem of Calculus (Part II).

- Let f be a continuous function. If F is continuous on $[a, b]$ and $F'(x) = f(x)$ on (a, b) , then

- $\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a) = F(x) \Big|_{x=a}^{x=b}.$

- Indefinite integral:

- $\int f(x) dx = F(x) + C \Leftrightarrow f(x) = F'(x).$

- Substitution rule (I).

- Let $u = g(x)$. $\int f(g(x))g'(x) dx = \int f(u) du.$

Examples: $\int \tan x dx, \int \sec x dx, \dots$

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6: Integrals

- Improper integrals.

- $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow b^-} \int_a^t f(x) dx.$
- $\int_a^\infty f(x) dx = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^t f(x) dx.$

- Substitution rule (II).

- Let $x = g(t)$. $\int f(x) dx = \int f(g(t))g'(t) dt.$

Note: $x = g(t)$ must be a 1-1 function.

- $t = x^{1/n}, t = \ln x, t = e^x, \dots$
- $t = \sin^{-1} x, t = \tan^{-1} x, t = \sec^{-1} x, t = \tan \frac{x}{2}, \dots$

- Integral by parts:

- $\int u dv = uv - \int v du.$

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6: Integrals

- Integration of rational functions $\int \frac{A(x)}{B(x)} dx$.
 1. If $\deg A \geq \deg B$, write $A(x) = B(x)Q(x) + R(x)$.
 - $\frac{A(x)}{B(x)} = Q(x) + \frac{R(x)}{B(x)}$, $\deg R < \deg B$.
 2. Factorize $B(x)$ into linear and quadratic factors.
 3. Convert $\frac{A(x)}{B(x)}$ into its partial fraction form.
 - Note that the number of terms of the partial fraction form equals the degree of B .
 4. Integrate term by term.

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6: Applications of Integration

- Washer method: Suppose the solid is formed by rotating the region bounded between $y = f(x)$ and the x -axis from a to b about the x -axis. Then
 - $V = \int_a^b \pi(\text{radius})^2 dx = \int_a^b \pi(f(x))^2 dx$.

Suppose the solid is formed by rotating the region bounded between $y = f(x)$ and $y = g(x)$, $f(x) \geq g(x)$, from a to b about the x -axis. Then

 - $V = \int_a^b \pi[(\text{outer radius})^2 - (\text{inner radius})^2] dx$.
- Cylindrical shell method: Suppose the solid is formed by rotating the region bounded between $y = f(x)$ and the x -axis from a to b about the y -axis. ($f(x) \geq 0$, $a \geq 0$)
 - $V = \int_a^b 2\pi(\text{radius})(\text{height}) dx = \int_a^b 2\pi x f(x) dx$.

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6: Applications of Integration

- Arc length: Suppose f is smooth (i.e., f' is continuous). Then the arc length of $y = f(x)$, $a \leq x \leq b$, is
 - $L = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + (f'(x))^2} dx.$
- Surface of revolution: Suppose f is smooth. Then the surface formed by rotating the arc $y = f(x)$, $a \leq x \leq b$, about the x -axis is
 - $A = \int_a^b 2\pi f(x) \sqrt{1 + (f'(x))^2} dx.$

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7: Ordinary Differential Equations

- Separable equation: $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x)g(y).$
 - $\int \frac{1}{g(y)} dy = \int f(x) dx.$
- Homogeneous of degree zero: $\frac{dy}{dx} = F(x, y),$
 $F(tx, ty) = F(x, y)$ for all $t \neq 0.$
Let $z = \frac{y}{x}.$ Then the equation becomes
 - $x \frac{dz}{dx} + z = F(1, z) \Rightarrow \frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{F(1, z) - z}{x},$
which is separable in x and $z.$

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7: Ordinary Differential Equations

- First order linear equation: $\frac{dy}{dx} + p(x)y = q(x)$.
 - Find an integrating factor $v(x) = \exp\left(\int p(x) dx\right)$.
 - $y = \frac{1}{v(x)} \int v(x)q(x) dx$.
 - Bernoulli's equation: $\frac{dy}{dx} + p(x)y = q(x)y^n, (n \neq 0, 1)$.
 - Let $z = y^{1-n}$. Then the equation becomes
 - $\frac{dz}{dx} + (1-n)p(x)z = (1-n)q(x)$.
- This is a linear equation in y .

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7: Ordinary Differential Equations

- Second Order linear equation: $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + p\frac{dy}{dx} + qy = r(x)$.
 1. Characteristic equation $\lambda^2 + p\lambda + q = 0$.
 - $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$ are real: $y_1 = e^{\lambda_1 x}, y_2 = e^{\lambda_2 x}$.
 - $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda$: $y_1 = e^{\lambda x}, y_2 = xe^{\lambda x}$.
 - $\lambda_{1,2} = a \pm bi$: $y_1 = e^{ax} \cos bx, y_2 = e^{ax} \sin bx$.
 2. $W(y_1, y_2) = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \\ y_1' & y_2' \end{vmatrix} = y_1 y_2' - y_2 y_1'$.
 3. $v_1 = \int \frac{-y_2 r(x)}{W(y_1, y_2)} dx, v_2 = \int \frac{y_1 r(x)}{W(y_1, y_2)} dx$.
 4. $y = C_1 y_1 + C_2 y_2 + v_1 y_1 + v_2 y_2$.
 5. Determine C_1 and C_2 using initial conditions.

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