# Summary of Calculus I

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#### 1 Limits

- Tangent: A tangent line is a line that touches a curve, and has the same slope as the curve at the point of contact.
- Average rate of change: The average rate of change of a function f(x) between x = a and x = b is

$$\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} .$$

• Limit: Let f be a function defined on some open interval that contains a but not necessarily at a itself. Then we say the limit of f(x) as x approaches a is L and we write

$$\lim_{x \to a} f(x) = L$$

if for every number  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a number  $\delta > 0$  such that if

$$0 < |x - a| < \delta$$
 then  $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$ .

• Left-hand limit:

$$\lim_{x \to a^{-}} f(x) = L,$$

if for every number  $\epsilon>0$  there is a number  $\delta>0$  such that if

$$a - \delta < x < a$$
 then  $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$ .

• Right-hand limit:

$$\lim_{x \to a^+} f(x) = L \,,$$

if for every number  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a number  $\delta > 0$  such that if

$$a < x < a + \delta$$
 then  $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$ .

• Theorem 1:

$$\lim_{x\to a} f(x) = L \text{ if and only if } \lim_{x\to a^-} f(x) = L \text{ and } \lim_{x\to a^+} f(x) = L \,.$$

• Infinit limits: Let f be a function defined on some open interval that contains a but not necessarily at a itself. Then

$$\lim_{x \to a} f(x) = \infty$$

means that for every positive number M there is a positive number  $\delta$  such that if

$$0 < |x - a| < \delta$$
 then  $f(x) > M$ .

Let f be a function defined on some open interval that contains a but not necessarily at a itself. Then

$$\lim_{x \to a} f(x) = -\infty$$

means that for every negative number N there is a positive number  $\delta$  such that if

$$0 < |x - a| < \delta$$
 then  $f(x) < N$ .

• Vertical asymptote: The line x = a is called a vertical asymptote of the curve y = f(x) if at least one of the following is true:

$$\lim_{\substack{x \to a \\ \lim \\ x \to a^-}} f(x) = \infty , \qquad \qquad \lim_{\substack{x \to a \\ \lim \\ x \to a^+}} f(x) = \infty , \qquad \qquad \lim_{\substack{x \to a \\ \lim \\ x \to a^+}} f(x) = -\infty ,$$

• Limit laws: Suppose that c is a constant and that the limits

$$\lim_{x \to a} f(x)$$
 and  $\lim_{x \to a} g(x)$ 

exist. Then:

- 1. Sum law  $\lim_{x \to a} [f(x) + g(x)] = \lim_{x \to a} f(x) + \lim_{x \to a} g(x)$
- 2. Difference law  $\lim_{x\to a} [f(x) g(x)] = \lim_{x\to a} f(x) \lim_{x\to a} g(x)$
- 3. Constant multiple law  $\lim_{x\to a}[cf(x)]=c\lim_{x\to a}f(x)$
- 4. Product law  $\lim_{x \to a} [f(x)g(x)] = \lim_{x \to a} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \to a} g(x)$
- 5. Quotient law  $\lim_{x \to a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \to a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \to a} g(x)}$  if  $\lim_{x \to a} g(x) \neq 0$
- 6. Power law  $\lim_{x\to a} [f(x)]^n = \left[\lim_{x\to a} [f(x)]^n\right]^n$  where n is a positive integer

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- 7.  $\lim_{x \to a} c = c$
- 8.  $\lim_{x \to a} x = a$
- 9.  $\lim_{x\to a} x^n = a^n$  where n is a positive integer

- 10.  $\lim_{x\to a} \sqrt[n]{x} = \sqrt[n]{a}$  where n is a positive integer and if n is even then we assume that a>0
- 11. Root law  $\lim_{x\to a} \sqrt[n]{f(x)} = \sqrt[n]{\lim_{x\to a} f(x)}$  where n is a positive integer and if n is even then we assume that  $\lim_{x\to a} f(x) > 0$
- Direct substitution property: If f is a polynomial or a rational function and a is in the domain of f, then

$$\lim_{x \to a} f(x) = f(a) \,.$$

Such functions are called continuous at a.

• Theorem 2: If  $f(x) \leq g(x)$  when x is near a (except possibly at a) and the limits of both f and g exist as x approaches a then

$$\lim_{x \to a} f(x) \le \lim_{x \to a} g(x).$$

• Theorem 3. The squeeze theorem: If  $f(x) \le g(x) \le h(x)$  when x is near a (except possibly at a) and

$$\lim_{x \to a} f(x) = \lim_{x \to a} h(x) = L$$

then

$$\lim_{x \to a} g(x) = L.$$

- Continuous function: A function f is said to be continuous at a if  $\lim_{x\to a} f(x) = f(a)$ .
  - A function f is continuous from the right at a number a if  $\lim_{x\to a^+}f(x)=f(a).$
  - A function f is continuous from the left at a number a if  $\lim_{x\to a^-}f(x)=f(a).$
  - A function f is said to be continuous on an interval if it is continuous at every number in the interval.
- Theorem 4: If f and g are continuous at a and c is a constant, then the following functions are also continuous at a:
  - 1.1. f + g,
  - 1.2. f g,
  - 1.3. cf,
  - 1.4. fg, and
  - 1.5.  $\frac{f}{g}$  if  $g(a) \neq 0$ .
- Theorem 5:
  - (a) Any polynomial is continuous everywhere, that is, it is continuous on  $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty)$ .

- (b) Any rational function is continuous wherever it is defined; that is, it is continuous on its domain.
- Lemma 6:  $\lim_{\theta \to 0} \cos(\theta) = 1$  and  $\lim_{\theta \to 0} \sin(\theta) = 0$ .
- Theorem 7: Polynomials, rational functions, root functions, and trigonometric functions are all continuous at every number in their domains.
- Theorem 8: If f is continuous at b and  $\lim_{x\to a}g(x)=b$  then  $\lim_{x\to a}f\left(g(x)\right)=f(b)$ . Equivalently  $\lim_{x\to a}f\left(g(x)\right)=f\left(\lim_{x\to a}g(x)\right)$ .
- Theorem 9: If g is continuous at a and f is continuous at g(a) then the composite function  $f \cdot g$  given by  $(f \cdot g)(x) = f((g(x)))$  is continuous at a.
- Theorem 10. The intermediate value theorem: Suppose that f is continuous on the closed interval [a,b] and let N be any number between f(a) and f(b), where  $f(a) \neq f(b)$ . Then there exists a number c in (a,b) such that f(c) = N.

#### 2 Differentiation

• Tangent line: The tangent line to the curve y = f(x) at the point P(a, f(a)) is the line through P with the slope

$$m = \lim_{x \to a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$

provided that this limit exists. Equivalently

$$m = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}.$$

• Derivative: The derivative of a function f at a number a, denoted by f'(a) is

$$f'(a) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

if this limit exists.

- Instantaneous velocity: If f(t) represents position as a function of time then the derivative f'(a) is the instantaneous velocity of y = f(t) with respect to t when t = a.
- Instantaneous rate of change: The derivative f'(a) is the instantaneous rate of change of y = f(x) with respect to x when x = a.
- Derivative as a function: The derivative of a function f(x),

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$
,

can be regarded as a new function called the derivative of f. Other notations for the derivative of y = f(x) with respect to x are

$$f'(x) = y' = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{df}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}f(x) = Df(x) = D_x f(x).$$

- Differentiable: A function f is differentiable at a if f'(a) exists. It is differentiable on an open interval (a,b) if it is differentiable at every number in the interval.
- Theorem 1: If f is differentiable at a then it is continuous at a.
- Higher derivatives: The derivative of a derivative is called the second derivative, denoted by (f')' = f'' or

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right) = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \,.$$

In general the *n*th derivative, where *n* is a positive integer, is written as  $f^n(x)$  or  $\frac{d^n y}{dx^n}$ .

• Differentiation formulas: If c is a constant and n is a real number then:

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

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1},$$

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

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

• Differentiation rules: If c is a constant and f and g are differentiable functions then:

$$\frac{d}{dx}\left[cf(x)\right] = cf'(x) \qquad \text{the constant multiple rule,}$$
 
$$\frac{d}{dx}\left[f(x) + g(x)\right] = f'(x) + g'(x) \qquad \text{the sum rule,}$$
 
$$\frac{d}{dx}\left[f(x) - g(x)\right] = f'(x) - g'(x) \qquad \text{the difference rule,}$$
 
$$\frac{d}{dx}\left[f(x)g(x)\right] = g(x)f'(x) + f(x)g'(x) \qquad \text{the product rule,}$$
 
$$\frac{d}{dx}\left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right] = \frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{g^2(x)} \qquad \text{the quotient rule, and}$$
 
$$\frac{d}{dx}\left[f\left(g(x)\right)\right] = f'\left(g(x)\right) \cdot g'(x) \qquad \text{the chain rule.}$$

- Implicit differentiation: Using the chain rule, and others as necessary, allows us to also differentiate implicitly. Let g(x,y)=0 define y as a function of x.  $\frac{dg}{dx}$  will relate  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ , y, and x.
- Related rates: Let g(x,y) = 0 relate two functions of a variable t.  $\frac{dg}{dt}$  will relate  $\frac{dy}{dt}$ ,  $\frac{dx}{dt}$ , y, and x.
- Linear approximation: The linear approximation of f(x) near a point a is L(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x a).
- Differentials: If y = f(x) where f(x) is a differentiable function, and the differential dx is an independent variable then the differential dy is a dependent variable and is given by

$$dy = f'(x)dx = \frac{dy}{dx}dx.$$

- Absolute extrema: Let c be a number in the domain D of a function f. Then f(c) is
  - (a) the absolute maximum value of f on D if  $f(c) \ge f(x)$  for all x in D, or
  - (b) the absolute minimum value of f on D if  $f(c) \leq f(x)$  for all x in D.
- Local extrema: Let c be a number in the domain D of a function f. Then f(c) is

- (a) a local maximum value of f on D if  $f(c) \ge f(x)$  when x is near c, or
- (b) a local minimum value of f on D if  $f(c) \leq f(x)$  when x is near c.

Near c means on some open interval containing c.

- Theorem 2. The extreme value theorem: If f is continuous on a closed interval [a, b] then f attains an absolute maximum value f(c) and an absolute minimum value f(d) at some numbers c and d in [a, b].
- Theorem 3. Fermat's theorem: If f has a local extrema at c, and if f'(c) exists, then f'(c) = 0.
- Critical number: A critical number of a function f is a number c in the domain of f such that either f'(c) = 0 or f'(c) does not exist.
- The closed interval method: To find the absolute extrema values of a continuous function f on a closed interval [a, b]:
  - 1. Find f at the critical numbers in (a, b).
  - 2. Find f at the end points a and b.
  - 3. The largest and smallest of these values are the absolute extrema.
- Theorem 4. Rolle's theorem: Let f be a function which satisfies the following three hypotheses:
  - 1. f is continuous on the closed interval [a, b].
  - 2. f is differentiable on the open interval (a, b).
  - 3. f(a) = f(b).

Then there is a number c in (a, b) such that f'(c) = 0.

- Theorem 5. The mean value theorem: Let f be a function which satisfies the following hypotheses:
  - 1. f is continuous on the closed interval [a, b].
  - 2. f is differentiable on the open interval (a, b).

Then there is a number c in (a, b) such that

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

- Theorem 6: If f'(x) = 0 for all x in an interval (a, b) then f is constant on (a, b).
- Corollary 7: If f'(x) = g'(x) for all x in an interval (a, b) then f g is constant on (a, b). I.e.

$$f(x) = g(x) + c$$
 where c is a constant..

- Increasing/decreasing test:
  - (a) If f'(x) > 0 on an interval then f is increasing on that interval.

- (b) If f'(x) < 0 on an interval then f is decreasing on that interval.
- First derivative test: Suppose that c is a critical number of a continuous function f.
  - (a) If f' changes sign from positive to negative at c, then f has local maximum at c.
  - (b) If f' changes sign from negative to positive at c, then f has local minimum at c.
  - (c) If f' does not changes sign at c, then f has no local maximum or minimum at c.
- Concavity: If the graph of f lies above all of its tangents on an interval I, then it is concave upward on I. If the graph of f lies below all of its tangents on an interval I, then it is concave downward on I.
- Concavity test:
  - (a) If f''(x) > 0 for all x in an interval I then f is concave upward on I.
  - (b) If f''(x) < 0 for all x in I then f is concave downward on I.
- Inflection point: A point P on a curve y = f(x) is called an inflection point if f is continuous there and the curve changes from concave upward to concave downward or from concave downward to concave upward at P.
- The second derivative test: Suppose f'' is continuous near c.
  - (a) If f'(c) = 0 and f''(c) > 0, then f has a local minimum at c.
  - (b) If f'(c) = 0 and f''(x) < 0, then f has a local maximum at c.
- Horizontal asymptotes: Let f be a function defined on a interval  $(a, \infty)$ . Then

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} f(x) = L$$

means that for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a corresponding number N such that if x > N then  $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$ .

Similarly let f be a function defined on a interval  $(a, \infty)$ . Then

$$\lim_{x \to -\infty} f(x) = L$$

means that for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a corresponding number N such that if x < N then  $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$ .

The line y = L is called a horizontal asymptote of the curve y = f(x) if either

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} f(x) = L \text{ or } \lim_{x \to -\infty} f(x) = L.$$

• Limit laws: Suppose that c is a constant and that the limits

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} f(x)$$
 and  $\lim_{x \to \infty} g(x)$ 

exist. Then:

- 1. Sum law  $\lim_{x \to \infty} [f(x) + g(x)] = \lim_{x \to \infty} f(x) + \lim_{x \to \infty} g(x)$
- 2. Difference law  $\lim_{x \to \infty} [f(x) g(x)] = \lim_{x \to \infty} f(x) \lim_{x \to \infty} g(x)$
- 3. Constant multiple law  $\lim_{x \to \infty} [cf(x)] = c \lim_{x \to \infty} f(x)$
- 4. Product law  $\lim_{x \to \infty} [f(x)g(x)] = \lim_{x \to \infty} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \to \infty} g(x)$
- 5. Quotient law  $\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \to \infty} f(x)}{\lim_{x \to \infty} g(x)}$  if  $\lim_{x \to \infty} g(x) \neq 0$
- 6. Power law  $\lim_{x\to\infty} [f(x)]^n = \left[\lim_{x\to\infty} [f(x)]^n\right]^n$  where n is a positive integer
- 7.  $\lim_{x \to \infty} c = c$
- 8.  $\lim_{x \to \infty} x = \infty$
- 11. Root law  $\lim_{x\to\infty} \sqrt[n]{f(x)} = \sqrt[n]{\lim_{x\to\infty} f(x)}$  where n is a positive integer and if n is even then we assume that  $\lim_{x\to\infty} f(x) > 0$

Similarly for  $\lim x \to -\infty$ .

• Theorem 8: If r > 0 is a rational number then

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{1}{x^r} = 0$$

If r > 0 is a rational number such that  $x^r$  is defined fir all x then

$$\lim_{x \to -\infty} \frac{1}{x^r} = 0$$

.

• Slant asymptotes: The line y = mx + b is a slant asymptote of f(x) if

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} \left[ f(x) - (mx + b) \right] = 0$$

or

$$\lim_{x \to -\infty} \left[ f(x) - (mx + b) \right] = 0.$$

- The first derivative test for absolute extreme values: Suppose c is a critical number of a continuous function f defined on an interval.
  - (a) If f'(x) > 0 for all x < c and f'(x) < 0 for all x > c, then f(c) is an absolute maximum value of f.
  - (b) If f'(x) < 0 for all x > c and f'(x) > 0 for all x < c, then f(c) is an absolute minimum value of f.
- Antiderivative: A function F is called the antiderivative of f on an interval I if F'(x) = f(x) for all x in I.
- Theorem 9: If F is an antiderivative of f on an interval I, then the most general antiderivative of f on I is F(x) + C where C is an arbitrary constant.

# 3 Summation

- Sigma notation: We use  $\sum_{i=m}^{n} a_i = a_1 + a_2 + \ldots + a_n$  as notation for sum over the terms  $a_i$  from i=m to i=n. is is the index of summation.
- Theorem 1: If c is any constant then:

(a) 
$$\sum_{i=m}^{n} ca_i = c \sum_{i=m}^{n} a_i,$$

(b) 
$$\sum_{i=m}^{n} (f_i + g_i) = \sum_{i=m}^{n} f_i + \sum_{i=m}^{n} g_i$$
, and

(c) 
$$\sum_{i=m}^{n} (f_i - g_i) = \sum_{i=m}^{n} f_i - \sum_{i=m}^{n} g_i$$
.

• Some useful sums:

(a) 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} 1 = n$$
,

(b) 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} c = cn$$
,

(c) 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$
,

(d) 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} i^2 = \frac{n(2n+1)(n+1)}{6}$$
, and

(e) 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} i^3 = \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right]^2$$
.

# 4 Integration

• Area under a curve: The area A of the region S that lies under the graph of the continuous function f curve is the limit of the sum of the area of approximating rectangles:

$$A = \lim_{n \to \infty} A_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta x f(x_i).$$

For rectangles of equal width which meet the curve on their top right corner then  $\Delta x = (b-a)/n$  where the region S lies between x = a and x = b, and  $x_i = a + i\Delta x$ .

• The definite integral: If f is a function defined for  $a \le x \le b$ , we divide the interval [a,b] into n subintervals of equal width  $\Delta x = (b-a)/n$ . We let  $x_0 = a, x_1, x_2, \ldots x_n = b$  be the endpoints of these subintervals and we let  $x_1^*, x_2^*, \ldots x_n^*$  be any smapel points in these subintervals, so  $x_i^*$  lies in the ith subinterval  $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$ . Then the definite integral of f from a to b is

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*) \Delta x,$$

provided that this limit exists and gives the same value for all possible choices of sample points. If it does exist, we say that f is integrable on [a,b].

- Theorem 1: If f is continuous on [a, b], or if f has only a finite number of jump discontinuities, then f is integrable on [a, b].
- $\bullet$  Properties of definite integrals: Let c be any constant.

1. 
$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = -\int_{b}^{a} f(x) dx$$
.

$$2. \int_a^a f(x) \, \mathrm{d}x = 0.$$

3. 
$$\int_{a}^{b} c \, dx = c(b-a)$$
.

4. 
$$\int_a^b [f(x) + g(x)] dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx + \int_a^b g(x) dx$$
.

5. 
$$\int_a^b cf(x) \, \mathrm{d}x = c \int_a^b f(x) \, \mathrm{d}x.$$

6. 
$$\int_a^b [f(x) - g(x)] dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx - \int_a^b g(x) dx$$
.

7. If 
$$f(x) \ge 0$$
 for  $a \le x \le b$ , then  $\int_a^b f(x) dx \ge 0$ .

8. If 
$$f(x) \ge g(x)$$
 for  $a \le x \le b$ , then  $\int_a^b f(x) dx \ge \int_a^b g(x) dx$ .

- 9. If  $m \le f(x) \le M$  for  $a \le x \le b$ , then  $m(b-a) \le \int_a^b f(x) dx \le M(b-a)$ .
- Theorem 2. Fundamental theorem of calculus: If f is continuous on [a, b] then:
  - 1. The function g defined by  $g(x)=\int_a^x f(t)\mathrm{d}t$  for  $a\leq x\leq b$  is continuous on [a,b], differentiable on (a,b), and g'(x)=f(x).
  - 2.  $\int_a^b f(t)dt = F(a) F(b)$  where F is any antiderivative of f, i.e. we have F'(x) = f(x).
- Indefinite integrals: We write

$$\int f(x)\mathrm{d}x = F(x) + C$$

where F'(x) = f(x).

• Theorem 3. Net change theorem: The integral of a rate of change is the net change:

$$\int_{a}^{b} F'(x) dx = F(b) - F(a).$$

• The substitution rule: If u = g(x) is a differentiable function whose range is an interval I and f is continuous on I then

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

• The substitution rule for definite integrals: If g' is continuous on [a, b] and f is continuous on the range of u = g(x) then

$$\int_a^b f(g(x))g'(x)dx = \int_{g(a)}^{g(b)} f(u)du.$$

- Theorem 4. Integrals of symmetric functions: Suppose f is continuous on [-a, a].
  - (a) If f is even then  $\int_{-a}^{a} f(x) dx = 2 \int_{0}^{a} f(x) dx$ .
  - (b) If f is odd then  $\int_{-a}^{a} f(x) dx = 0$ .
- Average of a function: The average value of a function f on an interval [a,b] is

$$f_{\text{av}} = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx$$
.

• Theorem 5. The mean value theorem for integrals: Suppose f is a continuous function on the interval [a,b], then there exists a number c in [a,b] such that

$$f(c) = f_{\text{av}} = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx,$$

or equivalently

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = f(c)(b-a).$$

• Areas between curves: The area A of the region bounded by the curves  $y=f(x),\ y=g(x),$  and the lines  $x=a,\ x=b,$  where f and g are continuous functions and  $f(x)\geq g(x)$  for all x in the interval [a,b] is

$$A = \int_a^b [f(x) - g(x)] dx.$$

If we relax the condition that  $f(x) \ge g(x)$  then we find

$$A = \int_a^b |f(x) - g(x)| \, \mathrm{d}x.$$