Calculus

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For all lovers of mathematics.

Introduction

Calculus is the study of continuous change established by Issac Newton (1643–1727) and Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz (1646–1716) in the 17th century. Single variable calculus studies derivatives and integrals of functions of one variable and their relationship stated by the fundamental theorem of calculus.

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

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1 Functions and Limits

1.1 The Limit of a Function

1.1.1 Functions

A function $f: X \mapsto Y$ is a rule that assigns each element in set X to exactly one element y = f(x) in set Y.

Definition 1.1. A function f is a binary relation R with domain X and codomain Y that satisfies:

• R is a subset of the Cartesian product of X and Y.

$$R \subset \{(x,y) \mid x \in X, y \in Y\}$$

• For every x in X, there exists a y = f(x) such that (x, y) is in R.

$$\forall x \in X, \exists y = f(x) \in Y, (x, y) \in R$$

• If (x, y) and (x, z) are in R, then y = z.

$$(x,y) \in R \land (x,z) \in R \implies y = z$$

1.1.2 Intuitive Definition of a Limit

Let f(x) be a function defined on some open interval that contains a, except possibly at a itself.

Definition 1.2. The **limit** of f(x) as x approaches a equals L if we can make f(x) arbitrarily close to L by taking x sufficiently close to a from left and right but $x \neq a$.

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

Definition 1.3. The limit of f(x) as x approaches a from the left equals L if we can make f(x) arbitrarily close to L by taking x sufficiently close to a where x < a.

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

Definition 1.4. The limit of f(x) as x approaches a from the right equals L if we can make f(x) arbitrarily close to L by taking x sufficiently close to a where x > a.

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

The limit **exists** if the limit of f(x) as x approaches a equals L, otherwise the limit **does** not exist.

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

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