

AP Calculus BC

Squeeze Theorem: Let I be an open interval such that $a \in I$, if $g(x) \leq f(x) \leq h(x)$ for all $x \in I \setminus \{a\}$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) = L$, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$.

Important Limit: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$

Intermediate Value Theorem: If f is continuous on a closed interval $[a, b]$, and $k \in \mathbb{R}$ where $f(a) < k < f(b)$, then there exist $c \in (a, b)$ such that $f(c) = k$.

Extreme Value Theorem: If a function f is continuous on a closed interval $[a, b]$, then f has both an absolute maximum and absolute minimum value on $[a, b]$.

First Derivative Test: Let $(c, f(c))$ be a critical point of f . If f is continuous at $x = c$, and differentiable on some open interval containing c (except possibly at c).
(i) If f' changes sign from negative to positive at c , then $(c, f(c))$ is a local minimum point.
(ii) If f' changes sign from positive to negative at c , then $(c, f(c))$ is a local maximum point.

Inverse Functions: $(f^{-1})'(b) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(b))}$

Second Derivative Test: Suppose that $f'(c) = 0$,
(i) if $f''(c) > 0$, then f has a relative minimum at c .
(i) if $f''(c) < 0$, then f has a relative maximum at c .
(i) if $f''(c) = 0$, then the test is inconclusive.

Concavity of a Function: for an open interval I ,
(i) If $f'' > 0 \forall x \in I$, then f concave upwards on I .
(i) If $f'' < 0 \forall x \in I$, then f concave downwards on I .

Inflection Points: If f is continuous at $x = a$, and changes concavity in the vicinity of $x = a$, then $(a, f(a))$ is a point of inflection.

Rolle's Theorem: If f is continuous on the closed bounded interval $[a, b]$, differentiable on the open interval (a, b) , and $f(a) = f(b)$, then there exist at least one point $c \in (a, b)$ such that $f'(c) = 0$.

Mean Value Theorem: If f is continuous on the closed bounded interval $[a, b]$ and differentiable on the open interval (a, b) , then there exist at least one point $c \in (a, b)$ such that $f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$.

First Fundamental Theorem of Calculus:

If f is continuous on $[a, b]$, then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$$

Mean Value Theorem If f is continuous on $[a, b]$, then

(i) $m(b - a) \leq \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq M(b - a)$, where m and M are the absolute minimum and absolute maximum values of f on $[a, b]$ respectively.

(ii) By Mean Value Theorem, there is at least one point $c \in [a, b]$ such that

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = f(c)(b - a)$$

The average value of f on $[a, b]$ is: $\frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(x) dx$

The average rate of change of f over $[a, b]$: $\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$

Second Fundamental Theorem of Calculus:

If f is continuous on an interval I , then

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\int_a^{g(x)} f(t) dt \right) = f(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$

Exponential growth: $\frac{dy}{dx} = ky \rightarrow y(t) = y_0 e^{kt}$

Logistic growth: $\frac{dy}{dx} = k(L - y)y$

Arc lengths:

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \int \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt \\ &= \int \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dx \\ &= \int \sqrt{r^2 + \left(\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right)^2} d\theta \end{aligned}$$

Polar coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{1}{2} \int r^2 d\theta \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{\frac{d}{d\theta}(r \sin \theta)}{\frac{d}{d\theta}(r \cos \theta)} = \frac{r \cos \theta + \sin \theta \frac{dr}{d\theta}}{-r \sin \theta + \cos \theta \frac{dr}{d\theta}} \end{aligned}$$

1 Improper Integrals

A definite integral $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ is an improper integral if at least one of the conditions is true

(a) either $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$ or $\lim_{x \rightarrow b^-} f(x)$ does not exist

- the improper integral of f over the interval $[a, b]$ is defined by

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{m \rightarrow a^+} \int_m^b f(x) dx \quad \text{or} \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow b^-} \int_a^k f(x) dx$$

(b) there exist a number $c \in (a, b)$ such that either $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$ or $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$ does not exist

- $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ converges only if both improper integrals $\int_a^c f(x) dx$ and $\int_c^b f(x) dx$ converges

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^c f(x) dx + \int_c^b f(x) dx$$

(c) either $a = -\infty$ or $b = \infty$

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow -\infty} \int_a^b f(x) dx \quad \text{or} \quad \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

Definitions and results

- The improper integral $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx$ diverges if either $\int_{-\infty}^p f(x) dx$ or $\int_p^{\infty} f(x) dx$ diverges.
- $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^p} dx$ is convergent if $p > 1$ and divergent if $p \leq 1$
- Linearity:** let $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ and $\int_a^b g(x) dx$ be improper integrals, then
 - if $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ and $\int_a^b g(x) dx$ are both convergent, then $\int_a^b [f(x) \pm g(x)] dx$ is convergent
 - if $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ is convergent, then $\int_a^b k \cdot f(x) dx$ is convergent
- Comparison Theorem:** suppose f and g are continuous functions with $f(x) \geq g(x) \geq 0$ on (a, b) , then
 - if $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ is convergent, then $\int_a^b g(x) dx$ is convergent

2 Limits

- If $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n) = L$
 - if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n| = 0$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$
- If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$ and f is continuous at L , then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(a_n) = f\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n\right)$
- The sequence $(a_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ converges to L if and only if $(a_{2n})_{n=1}^{\infty}$ and $(a_{2n-1})_{n=1}^{\infty}$ both converge to L
- If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = L$, and $a_n \leq b_n \leq c_n$ for all integers $n \geq N$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = L$
- If $-1 < r < 1$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r^n = 0$
- The number e is defined to be the value of $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$

3 Infinite Series

Telescoping series: $S = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n$, where the n^{th} partial sum $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{k+1} - a_k)$

Geometric series: $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ar^{k-1}$ converges to $\frac{a}{1-r}$ if $|r| < 1$ and diverges if $|r| \geq 1$

3.1 Convergence Tests

(a) **Divergence Test** If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$ or $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ does not exist, then the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ diverges

(b) **Integral Test:** Let f be a continuous, positive, decreasing function on $[N, \infty)$ such that $a_k = f(k)$ for all integers $k \geq N$. Then $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ and $\int_N^{\infty} f(x) dx$ either both converge or both diverge

- Let $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$. Then f is continuous and positive on the interval $[1, \infty)$.
Since $f'(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2} < 0$, the function f is decreasing for all $x \geq 1$. Finally, since

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left(\int_1^b \frac{1}{x} dx \right) = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} [\ln x]_1^b = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} (\ln b - \ln 1) = \infty$$

the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k}$ diverges by the Integral Test

(c) **p-series** $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^p}$ converges if $p > 1$ and diverges if $p \leq 1$

(d) **Comparison Test:** Suppose there exist an integer N such that $0 \leq a_k \leq b_k$ for all integers $k \geq N$

- If the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k$ converges, then the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ converges
- If the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ diverges, then the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k$ diverges
- Since $0 \leq \frac{1}{k^2 + 5} \leq \frac{1}{k^2}$ for all positive integers k , and the 2-series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2}$ converges, the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2 + 5}$ converges by the Comparison Test

(e) **Limit Comparison Test:** Suppose a_k and b_k are positive for all positive integers k . Let $\rho = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_k}{b_k}$

- If $0 \leq \rho < \infty$ and if the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k$ converges, then the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ converges
- If $0 < \rho \leq \infty$ and if the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k$ diverges, then the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ diverges
- Note that $\frac{1}{\sqrt{k} + 2} > 0$ and $\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} > 0$ for all positive integers k .

Since $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{k} + 2}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{k}}{\sqrt{k} + 2} = 1$ (which is a finite positive number) and $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}$ is divergent (p -series with $p = \frac{1}{2}$), the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{k} + 2}$ diverges by the Limit Comparison Test

(f) **Absolute Convergence:** If $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ is absolutely convergent (i.e. $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k|$ converges), then it is convergent.

(g) **Ratio Test:** Let $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ be a series with nonzero terms and suppose that $\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right|$

- If $\rho < 1$, then the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ converges absolutely
- If $\rho > 1$ or $\rho = \infty$, the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ diverges
- If $\rho = 1$ or if the limit does not exist, no conclusion can be drawn
- Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\left(\frac{(-1)^{n+1} 2^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \right)}{\left(\frac{(-1)^n 2^n}{n!} \right)} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{n+1} = 0 < 1$, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 2^n}{n!}$ converges absolutely by the Ratio Test, hence it converges.

(h) **Root Test:** Let $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ be a series and let $\rho = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|}$

- If $\rho < 1$, then the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ converges absolutely
- If $\rho > 1$ or $\rho = \infty$, the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k$ diverges
- If $\rho = 1$ or if the limit does not exist, no conclusion can be drawn
- Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left| \left(\frac{4n-1}{2n-1} \right)^n \right|} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{4n-1}{2n-1} \right) = 2 > 1$, $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4k-1}{2k-1} \right)^k$ diverges by the Root Test.

(i) **Alternating Series Test:** If $0 \leq a_{n+1} \leq a_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$, then the alternating series

$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k-1} a_k$ converges. *Note: inverse/converse may not be true, AST cannot be used to prove divergence.*

- Let $a_n = \frac{1}{3n+1}$ for $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. Since $0 \leq a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{3n+4} \leq \frac{1}{3n+1} = a_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3n+1} = 0$, the alternating series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{3n+1}$ converges by the AST.
- **Error bound:** $|S - s_n| \leq a_{n+1}$. Moreover, if $0 < a_{n+1} < a_n$, $|S - s_n| < a_{n+1}$.
- A **conditionally convergent** series is convergent but not absolutely convergent
 - terms of a conditionally convergent series cannot be rearranged

4 Power Series

A **power series** centered at $x = a$ is a series of the form $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k(x-a)^k$. Then one of the conditions hold

(a) The power series converges when $x = a$

(b) The series converges absolutely when $|x - a| < R$ and diverges when $|x - a| > R$

- First, we observe that the power series $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x-2)^k}{k}$ converges if $x = 2$.

Now we suppose $x \neq 2$. Since

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{(x-2)^{k+1}}{k+1}}{\frac{(x-2)^k}{k}} \right| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k|x-2|}{k+1} = |x-2| \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k}{k+1} = |x-2|$$

By Ratio Test, the given power series converges if $|x-2| < 1$ and diverges if $|x-2| > 1$.

Therefore, the radius of convergence is 1.

When $x = 1$, we have $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x-2)^k}{k} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k}$, which converges by the Alternating Series Test.

When $x = 3$, we have $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x-2)^k}{k} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k}$, which is divergent (Harmonic series).

In conclusion, the interval of convergence of the power series is $[1, 3)$.

(c) The series converges for all real values of x

The **Taylor series** for f about $x = a$ is given by $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x-a)^k$

$$e^x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\sin x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\cos x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k}}{(2k)!} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\ln(1+x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k-1} x^k}{k} = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots \quad -1 < x \leq 1$$

$$(1+x)^n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n}{k} x^k = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} x^3 + \dots \quad -1 < x < 1$$

Taylor's formula with remainder: $f(x) = P_n(x) + R_n(x)$, where $P_n(x)$ is the n^{th} -degree Taylor polynomial.

Lagrange error bound: If a function f is $(n+1)$ times differentiable on an open interval containing a and x , and if $|f^{(n+1)}(t)| \leq M$ for all $t \in [a, x]$, then $|R_n(x)| \leq \frac{M}{(n+1)!} |x-a|^{n+1}$

Suppose a Taylor series $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k (x-a)^k$ has a nonzero radius of convergence R . Then,

(a) The function $f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k (x-a)^k$ is differentiable on the interval $(a-R, a+R)$

$$(b) \frac{d}{dx}[f(x)] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k \frac{d}{dx} [(x-a)^k] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k k (x-a)^{k-1} \text{ for } a-R < x < a+R$$

$$\bullet \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{1-x} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k \right) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} x^k = \frac{d}{dx} (1) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x^k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} kx^{k-1}$$

(c) $\int f(x) dx = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[c_k \int (x-a)^k dx \right]$ for $a-R < x < a+R$

$$\bullet \ln(1+x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+t} dt = \int_0^x \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k-1} t^{k-1} \right) dt = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\int_0^x (-1)^{k-1} t^{k-1} dt \right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k-1} x^k}{k}$$

5 Numerical Methods for Differential Equations

Euler's method: $y_{n+1} = y_n + f(x_n, y_n) \Delta x$, $f(x, y) = \frac{dy}{dx}$

Percentage error = $\frac{\text{exact value} - \text{approximation}}{|\text{exact value}|}$