

**Math 106 Calculus 1**  
**Topics for first exam**

“Precalculus” = what comes before limits.

**Lines and their slopes:**

slope = rise over run = (change in y-value)/(corresponding change in x value)

slope-intercept:  $y = mx + b$       point-slope:  $\frac{y - y_0}{x - x_0} = m$

two-point:  $\frac{y - y_0}{x - x_0} = \frac{y_1 - y_0}{x_1 - x_0}$       same slope: lines are parallel (do not meet)

lines are perpendicular: slopes are **negative reciprocals**

**Functions:**      function = rule which assigns to each input **exactly one** output

inputs = domain; outputs = range/image;  $f : A \rightarrow B$

$y=f(x)$  : ‘y equals f of x’ : y equals the value assigned to x by the function f

‘implied’ domain of f: all numbers for which f(x) *makes sense*

Graphs of functions:       $y=f(x)$  is an equation; graph the equation!

graph = all pairs (x,f(x)) where x is in the domain of f

function takes only one value at a point; vertical line test

symmetry (for functions)

y-axis: *even* function,  $f(-x) = f(x)$       origin: *odd* function,  $f(-x) = -f(x)$

increasing on an interval: if  $x > y$ , then  $f(x) > f(y)$

decreasing on an interval: if  $x > y$ , then  $f(x) < f(y)$

**Stretching, shifting, and combinations:**      start with graph of  $y=f(x)$

shift to right by c;  $y=f(x-c)$       shift to left by c;  $y=f(x+c)$

shift down by c;  $y=f(x)-c$       shift up by c;  $y=f(x)+c$

$y=af(x)$  ; stretch graph vertically by factor of  $a$

$y=f(ax)$  ; compress graph horizontally by factor of  $a$

combining functions: combine the outputs of two functions f,g

f+g, f-g, fg, f/g

composition: output of one function is input of the next

f followed by g = g◦f;  $g◦f(x) = g(f(x)) = g$  of f **of** x

**Inverse functions:**      Idea: find a function that undoes f

find a function g so that  $g(f(x)) = x$  for every x

magic: f undoes g ! Usual notation:  $g = f^{-1}$

Problem: not every function has an inverse.

need g to be a function; f cannot take the same value twice.      horizontal line test!

Graph of inverse: if (a,b) on graph of f, then (b,a) is on graph of  $f^{-1}$

graph of  $f^{-1}$  is graph of f, reflected across line  $y=x$

**Exponential functions.**

exponential expressions  $a^b$

Rules:  $a^{b+c} = a^b a^c$  ;  $a^{bc} = (a^b)^c$  ;  $(ab)^c = a^c b^c$

Function  $f(x) = a^x$  ; approximate  $f(x)$  by  $f$ (rational number close to  $x$ )

Domain:  $\mathbf{R}$  ; range:  $(0, \infty)$  ; horiz. asympt.  $y = 0$

Graphs:  $a > 1$ : near 0 at left, blows up to right.  $0 < a < 1$ : reflect in  $y$ -axis!  
 Most natural base:  $e = 2.718281829459045\dots$

Exponential growth: compound interest

$P$ =initial amount,  $r$ =interest rate, compounded  $n$  times/year

$$A(t) = P \cdot (1 + r/n)^{nt} \quad n \rightarrow \infty, \text{ continuous compounding : } A(t) = Pe^{rt}$$

Radioactive decay: half-life =  $k$  ( $A(k) = A(0)/2$ )  $A(t) = A(0)(1/2)^{t/k}$

### Logarithmic functions.

$\log_a x$  = the number you raise  $a$  to to get  $x$   $\log_a x$  is the inverse of  $a^x$

$a$  = base of the logarithm natural logarithm:  $\log_e x = \ln x$

$\log_a(a^x) = x$ , all  $x$ ;  $a^{\log_a x} = x$ , all  $x > 0$  Domain: all  $x > 0$ ; range: all  $x$

Graph = reflection of graph of  $a^x$  across line  $y = x$  vertical asymptote:  $x = 0$

Properties of logarithms:

logarithms undo exponentials; properties are ‘reverse’ of exponentials

$$\log_a(bc) = \log_a b + \log_a c; \log_a(b^c) = c \log_a b$$

$$(\log_b c)(\log_a b) = \log_a(b^{\log_b c}) = \log_a c; \text{ so } \log_b c = \frac{\log_a c}{\log_a b} \quad \log_b c = \frac{\ln c}{\ln b}$$

### Trigonometry.

**Degrees and radians:** measuring size of an angle

one full circle = 360 degrees

one full circle =  $2\pi$  radians

radian measure = length of arc in circle of radius 1 swept out by the angle

### Trigonometric functions:

Ray making an angle ( $t$ ) meets circle of radius 1 in a point  $(x, y)$

$$x = \cos t = \text{cosine of } t \quad y = \sin t = \text{sine of } t$$

$$\frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{\cos t} = \sec t = \text{secant of } t \quad \frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{\sin t} = \csc t = \text{cosecant of } t$$

$$\frac{y}{x} = \frac{\sin t}{\cos t} = \tan t = \text{tangent of } t \quad \frac{x}{y} = \frac{\cos t}{\sin t} = \cot t = \text{cotangent of } t$$

Examples:

$$\sin(\pi/4) = \cos(\pi/4) = \sqrt{2}/2 \quad \sin(\pi/6) = 1/2; \cos(\pi/6) = \sqrt{3}/2$$

$$\sin(\pi/3) = \sqrt{3}/2; \cos(\pi/3) = 1/2 \quad \sin(\pi/2) = 1; \cos(\pi/2) = 0$$

$$\sin(0) = 0; \cos(0) = 1$$

Domain of  $\sin t, \cos t$ : all  $t$  Range:  $[-1, 1]$

point on circle corresp. to  $t + 2\pi$  is same as point for  $t$

$$\sin(t + 2\pi) = \sin t; \cos(t + 2\pi) = \cos t \quad \sin t \text{ and } \cos t \text{ are } \underline{\text{periodic}}$$

symmetry:

$\cos t, \sec t$  are even functions  $\sin t, \csc t, \tan t, \cot t$  are odd functions

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1 \text{ (unit circle): } \sin^2 t + \cos^2 t = 1$$

### Right angle trigonometry:

Right triangle:  $a$ =opposite side,  $b$ =adjacent side,  $c$ =hypotenuse

$$\sin(\theta) = a/c = (\text{opposite})/(\text{hypotenuse}) \quad \cos(\theta) = b/c = (\text{adjacent})/(\text{hypotenuse})$$

$$\tan(\theta) = a/b = (\text{opposite})/(\text{adjacent}) \quad \text{“SOHCAHTOA”}$$

### Graphs of sine, cosine:

$\sin(\theta)$  =  $y$ -value of the points (counter-clockwise) on the unit circle, starting with 0

$\cos(\theta)$  =  $x$ -value of the points (counter-clockwise) on the unit circle, starting with 1

Graph: note  $x$ -intercepts,  $y$ -intercept, maximum and minimum; draw a smooth curve

Transformations:  $y = a \sin(bx)$

vertical stretch by factor of  $a$ ; **amplitude** is  $|a|$

amplitude = how far trig function wanders from its 'center'

horizontal compression by factor of  $b$ ; **period** is  $2\pi/|b|$

Translations: just like before:

$y = \cos(x - a)$  ; translation to right by  $a$       $y = \cos(x) + a$  ; translation up by  $a$

### Inverse trig functions:

Inverses of trig functions? No! Not one-to-one. Solution: *make* them one-to-one!

$f(x) = \sin x$  ,  $-\pi/2 \leq x \leq \pi/2$  , is one-to-one

inverse is called  $\arcsin x$  = angle (between  $-\pi/2$  and  $\pi/2$ ) whose sine is  $x$

$\sin(\arcsin x) = x$  ;  $\arcsin(\sin x) = x$  **if**  $x$  is between  $-\pi/2$  and  $\pi/2$

$f(x) = \cos x$  ,  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$  , is one-to-one

inverse is called  $\arccos x$  = angle (between 0 and  $\pi$ ) whose cosine is  $x$

$\cos(\arccos x) = x$  ;  $\arccos(\cos x) = x$  **if**  $x$  is between 0 and  $\pi$

$f(x) = \tan x$  ,  $-\pi/2 < x < \pi/2$  , is one-to-one

inverse is called  $\arctan x$  = angle (between  $-\pi/2$  and  $\pi/2$ ) whose tangent is  $x$

$\tan(\arctan x) = x$  ;  $\arctan(\tan x) = x$  **if**  $x$  is between  $-\pi/2$  and  $\pi/2$

Graphs: take appropriate piece fo trig function, and flip it across the line  $y = x$

$\cos(\arcsin x) = (\text{cosine of angle whose **sine** is } x) = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$  ; etc.

### Limits and Continuity.

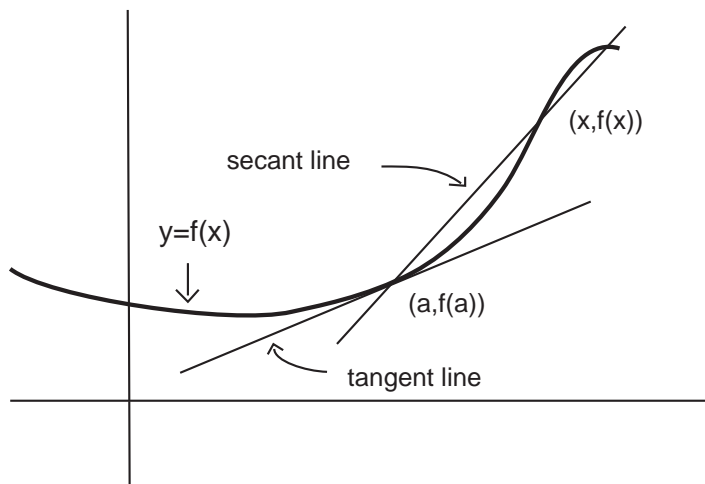
#### Rates of change and limits:

Limit of a function  $f$  at a point  $a$  = the value the function 'should' take at the point

= the value that the points 'near'  $a$  tell you  $f$  should have at  $a$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$  means  $f(x)$  is close to  $L$  when  $x$  is close to (but not equal to)  $a$

Idea: slopes of tangent lines



The closer  $x$  is to  $a$ , the better the slope of the secant line will approximate the slope of the tangent line.

The slope of the tangent line = limit of slopes of the secant lines ( through  $(a, f(a))$  )

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$  does not care what  $f(a)$  is; it ignores it  
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  need not exist! (function can't make up it's mind?)

### Rules for finding limits:

If two functions  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  agree (are equal) for every  $x$  near  $a$   
 (but maybe not at  $a$ ), then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$

Ex.:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 3x + 2}{x^2 - 4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x - 1)(x - 2)}{(x + 2)(x - 2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x - 1}{x + 2} = 1/over4$

If  $f(x) \rightarrow L$  and  $g(x) \rightarrow M$  as  $x \rightarrow a$  (and  $c$  is a constant), then

$f(x) + g(x) \rightarrow L + M$  ;  $f(x) - g(x) \rightarrow L - M$  ;  $cf(x) \rightarrow cL$  ;  
 $f(x)g(x) \rightarrow LM$  ; and  $f(x)/g(x) \rightarrow L/M$  provided  $M \neq 0$

If  $f(x)$  is a polynomial, then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = f(x_0)$

Basic principle: to solve  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0}$ , plug in  $x = x_0$  !

If (and when) you get  $0/0$ , try something else! (Factor  $(x - a)$  out of top and bottom...)

If a function has something like  $\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{a}$  in it, try multiplying (top and bottom)  
 with  $\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{a}$

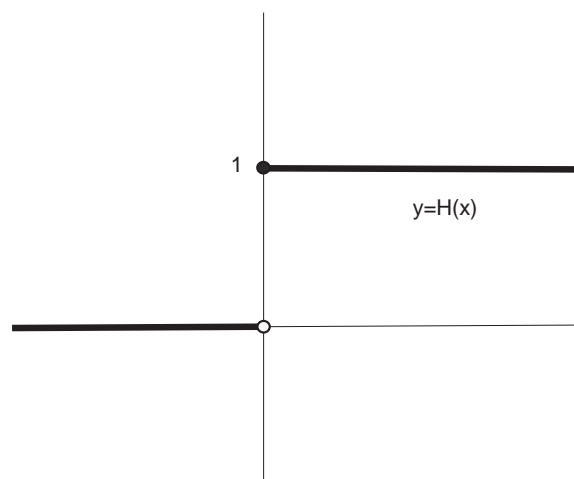
(idea:  $u = \sqrt{x}, v = \sqrt{a}$ , then  $x - a = u^2 - v^2 = (u - v)(u + v)$ .)

Sandwich Theorem: If  $f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x)$ , for all  $x$  near  $a$  (but not at  $a$ ), and

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) = L$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = L$ .

### One-sided limits:

Motivation: the Heaviside function



The Heaviside function has no limit at 0; it can't make up its mind whether to be 0 or 1. But if we just look to either side of 0, everything is fine; on the left,  $H(0)$  'wants' to be 0, while on the right,  $H(0)$  'wants' to be 1.

It's because these numbers are different that the limit as we approach 0 does not exist; but the 'one-sided' limits DO exist.

Limit from the right:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = L$  means  $f(x)$  is close to  $L$   
 when  $x$  is close to, and bigger than,  $a$

Limit from the left:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = M$  means  $f(x)$  is close to  $M$   
 when  $x$  is close to, and smaller than,  $a$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$  then means  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = L$   
 (i.e., both one-sided limits exist, and are equal)

**Limits at infinity / infinite limits:**

$\infty$  represents something bigger than any number we can think of.

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L$  means  $f(x)$  is close of  $L$  when  $x$  is really large.

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = M$  means  $f(x)$  is close of  $M$  when  $x$  is really large and *negative*.

Basic fact:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$

More complicated functions: divide by the highest power of  $x$  in the denominator.  
 $f(x), g(x)$  polynomials, degree of  $f = n$ , degree of  $g = m$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 0$  if  $n < m$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = (\text{coeff of highest power in } f) / (\text{coeff of highest power in } g)$  if  $n = m$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \pm\infty$  if  $n > m$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \infty$  means  $f(x)$  gets really large as  $x$  gets close to  $a$

Also have  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = -\infty$ ;  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = \infty$ ;  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = \infty$ ; etc....

Typically, an infinite limit occurs where the denominator of  $f(x)$  is zero  
 (although not always)

**Asymptotes:**

The line  $y = a$  is a horizontal asymptote for a function  $f$  if

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$  or  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$  is equal to  $a$ .

I.e., the graph of  $f$  gets really close to  $y = a$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  or  $x \rightarrow -\infty$

The line  $x = b$  is a vertical asymptote for  $f$  if  $f \rightarrow \pm\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow b$  from the right or left.

If numerator and denominator of a rational function have no common roots, then vertical asymptotes = roots of denom.

**Continuity:**

A function  $f$  is continuous (cts) at  $a$  if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$

This means: (1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists; (2)  $f(a)$  exists; and  
 (3) they're equal.

Limit theorems say (sum, difference, product, quotient) of cts functions are cts.

Polynomials are continuous at every point;

rational functions are continuous except where denom=0.

Points where a function is not continuous are called discontinuities.

Four flavors:

removable: both one-sided limits are the same

jump: one-sided limits exist, not the same

infinite: one or both one-sided limits is  $\infty$  or  $-\infty$   
 oscillating: one or both one-sided limits DNE

Intermediate Value Theorem:

If  $f(x)$  is cts at every point in an interval  $[a, b]$ , and  $M$  is between  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$ , then there is (at least one)  $c$  between  $a$  and  $b$  so that  $f(c) = M$ .

Application: finding roots of polynomials!

**Tangent lines:**

Slope of tangent line = limit of slopes of secant lines; at  $(a, f(a))$  :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$

Notation: call this limit  $f'(a)$  = derivative of  $f$  at  $a$

Different formulation:  $h = x - a, x = a + h$

$$f'(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} = \text{limit of difference quotient}$$

If  $y = f(x)$  = position at 'time'  $x$ , then difference quotient = average velocity;  
 limit = instantaneous velocity.

**Derivatives.**

**The derivative of a function:**

derivative = limit of difference quotient (two flavors:  $h \rightarrow 0, x \rightarrow a$ )

If  $f'(a)$  exists, we say  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$

Fact:  $f$  differentiable (diff'ble) at  $a$ , then  $f$  cts at  $a$

Using  $h \rightarrow 0$  notation: replace  $a$  with  $x$  (= variable), get  $f'(x)$  = new function

$$\text{Or: } f'(x) = \lim_{z \rightarrow x} \frac{f(z) - f(x)}{z - x}$$

$f'(x)$  = the derivative of  $f$  = function whose values are the slopes of the tangent lines to the graph of  $y=f(x)$ . Domain = every point where the limit exists

Notation:

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

**Differentiation rules:**

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\text{constant}) = 0 \quad \frac{d}{dx}(x) = 1$$

$$(f(x)+g(x))' = (f(x))' + (g(x))' \quad (f(x)-g(x))' = (f(x))' - (g(x))'$$

$$(cf(x))' = c(f(x))'$$

$$(f(x)g(x))' = (f(x))'g(x) + f(x)(g(x))' \quad \left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right)' = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{g^2(x)}$$

$$(x^n)' = nx^{n-1}, \quad \text{for } n = \text{natural number integer- rational number}$$

$$(a^x)' = K \cdot a^x, \text{ where } K = \left. \frac{d}{dx}(a^x) \right|_{x=0} = \ln a, \quad \text{so } (a^x)' = a^x \ln a$$

$$[[ (1/g(x))' = -g'(x)/(g(x))^2 \quad ]]$$

## Higher derivatives:

$f'(x)$  is 'just' a function, so we can take its derivative!

$$(f'(x))' = f''(x) \quad (= y'' = \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}) \quad = \text{second derivative of } f$$

Keep going!  $f'''(x)$  = 3rd derivative,  $f^{(n)}(x)$  =  $n$ th derivative

## Rates of change:

Physical interpretation:

$f(t)$  = position at time  $t$        $f'(t)$  = rate of change of position = velocity

$f''(t)$  = rate of change of velocity = acceleration

$|f'(t)|$  = speed

Basic principle: for object to change direction (velocity changes sign),

$f'(t) = 0$  somewhere (IVT!)

Examples:

Free-fall: object falling near earth;  $s(t) = s_0 + v_0 t - \frac{g}{2} t^2$

$s_0 = s(0)$  = initial position;  $v_0$  = initial velocity;  $g$  = acceleration due to gravity

Economics:

$C(x)$  = cost of making  $x$  objects;  $R(x)$  = revenue from selling  $x$  objects;

$P = R - C$  = profit

$C'(x)$  = marginal cost = cost of making 'one more' object

$R'(x)$  = marginal revenue ; profit is maximized when  $P'(x) = 0$  ;

i.e.,  $R'(x) = C'(x)$

## Derivatives of trigonometric functions:

Basic limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$  ;    everything else comes from this!     $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos h}{h} = 0$

Note: this uses radian measure!

Then we get:

$$(\sin x)' = \cos x$$

$$(\cos x)' = -\sin x$$

$$(\tan x)' = \sec^2 x$$

$$(\cot x)' = -\csc^2 x$$

$$(\sec x)' = \sec x \tan x$$

$$(\csc x)' = -\csc x \cot x$$

## The Chain Rule:

Composition  $(g \circ f)(x_0) = g(f(x_0))$  ;    (note: we don't know what  $g(x_0)$  is.)

$(g \circ f)'$  ought to have something to do with  $g'(x)$  and  $f'(x)$

in particular,  $(g \circ f)'(x_0)$  should depend on  $f'(x_0)$  and  $g'(f(x_0))$

**Chain Rule:**     $(g \circ f)'(x_0) = g'(f(x_0))f'(x_0) = (d(\text{outside}) \text{ eval'd at inside fcn}) \cdot (d(\text{inside}))$

Ex:  $((x^3 + x - 1)^4)' = (4(x^3 + x - 1)^3)(3x^2 + 1)$

Different notation:

$y = g(f(x)) = g(u)$ , where  $u = f(x)$ , then  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx}$