

Concepts to know Exam 2: Math 142

- Section 2.1: Limits
 - limits from the left and from the right
 - numerically
 - graphically
 - algebraically
 - * form of $\frac{0}{0}$
 - * form of $\frac{k}{0}$ with $k \neq 0$
- Section 2.2: Limits and asymptotes
 - Vertical asymptote
 - * rational functions
 - * logarithmic functions
 - limits to infinity (horizontal asymptotes)
 - * exponential functions
 - * rational functions
- Section 2.3: Instantaneous rate of change and the derivative
 - slope of the tangent line is the same as the instantaneous rate of change.
 - find the equation of the tangent line
 - definition of the derivative
 - nderive command on the calculator and how it is used.
- Section 2.4: Derivative rules
 - notation, $f'(x)$, y' , $\frac{dy}{dx}$
 - Derivative shortcut rules
 - * constant, power
 - * sum and difference
- Section 2.5: Derivative rules
 - product rule
 - quotient rule
- Section 2.6: Continuity and non differentiability
 - definition of continuity
 - where functions are continuous and are not continuous
 - * polynomials
 - * rational functions
 - * exponential functions
 - * piecewise functions
- places where $f(x)$ is not differentiable
 - * where $f(x)$ is not defined
 - * where $f(x)$ is not continuous
 - * where $f(x)$ has a sharp point (sharp turning)
 - * where the tangent line is vertical
- Section 3.2: Marginal analysis
 - Notation
 - * $AC(x) = \frac{C(x)}{x}$ is the average cost function.
 - * $MC(x)$ is marginal cost function. The derivative of the cost function.
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 - * The **actual** cost of A+1 item is computed by $C(A+1) - C(A)$.
 - * The **approximate** cost of the A+1 item is computed by $MC(A)$.
 - similar definitions for revenue and profit functions (see page 206).
- Section 4.1: Chain rule (generalized power rule)
- Section 4.2: Derivatives of logarithmic functions.
 - You only have to know the rule for natural logarithms.
 - Using logarithm rules to simplify the function before taking the derivative.
- Section 4.3: Derivative of exponential functions.
 - You only have to know the rule for base e.
- Additional topics with derivatives.
 - Being able to simplify a derivative.
 - finding the values of x where the function has a instantaneous rate of change of (pick your favorite number). To solve this take the derivative and set it equal to (your favorite number) and solve for x.
- Section 4.5: Elasticity of Demand
 - Formulas
 - * Arc elasticity, page 262.
 - * point elasticity (or just elasticity), page 265.
 - results page 267 and page 266
- Any additional topics discussed in class