

Quick Review Sheet for A.P. Calculus

Limits

- Definition:

Three criteria must be met for a limit to exist:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L \text{ if}$$

- (1) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$ exists
- (2) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x)$ exists
- (3) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = L$

- Steps in Evaluating Limits:

- (1) Substitute, Factor, and Simplify

If you get $\frac{0}{0}$, then you must DO MORE.

If you get $\frac{0}{k}$, then the limit is 0.

If you get $\frac{k}{0}$, then the limit is either $+\infty$, $-\infty$, or DNE.

- (2) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x} = +\infty$

- (3) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1}{x} = -\infty$

- (4) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$

- (5) $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$



- Limits as x approaches infinity

If taking the limit of a Rational expression, Divide by the highest power of x .

- L'Hopital's Rule

$$\text{If } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{0}{0} \quad \text{or} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

$$\text{Then } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$$

- Trig Limits

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(h)}{h} = 1$$

Continuity

- **Definition**

Definition of Continuity at a Point:

A function f is continuous at a point c if:

- (1) $f(c)$ is defined
- (2) $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$ exists
- (3) $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$