

**MATH235 Calculus 1**  
**Definitions**

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$

For any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists some  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|f(x) - L| < \epsilon$  whenever  $0 < |x - c| < \delta$ .

2.  $f$  is continuous at  $x = c$ .

$f(c)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  exist, and  $f(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$ .

3.  $f$  is differentiable at  $x = c$ .

$f'(c) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h}$  exists.

4. average rate of change/instantaneous rate of change of  $y = f(x)$  with respect to  $x$  over the interval  $[x_1, x_2]$ .

Let  $x_2 = x_1 + h, h \neq 0$ . Then, the average rate of change is  $\frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{f(x_1 + h) - f(x_1)}{h}$ , and the instantaneous rate of change is  $\lim_{x_2 \rightarrow x_1} \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_1 + h) - f(x_1)}{h}$ .

5.  $f$  is increasing/decreasing on the interval  $(a, b)$ .

$f$  is increasing on  $(a, b)$  if  $f(x_1) < f(x_2)$  whenever  $x_1 < x_2$  for all  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in  $(a, b)$ .

$f$  is decreasing on  $(a, b)$  if  $f(x_1) > f(x_2)$  whenever  $x_1 < x_2$  for all  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in  $(a, b)$ .

6.  $f$  is monotonic.

$f$  is monotonic on the interval  $I$  if  $f$  is increasing on  $I$  or decreasing on  $I$ .

7. The graph of  $y = f(x)$  is concave up/down on the interval  $(a, b)$ .

$f$  is concave up on  $(a, b)$  if  $f'$  is increasing on  $(a, b)$ .

$f$  is concave down on  $(a, b)$  if  $f'$  is decreasing on  $(a, b)$ .

8.  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$

Divide  $[a, b]$  into  $n$ -subintervals:  $[x_0, x_1], [x_1, x_2], [x_2, x_3], \dots, [x_{n-1}, x_n]$ , where  $x_0 = a$  and  $x_n = b$ . Let  $\Delta x_k$  be the width of the  $k$ -th subinterval, and let  $x_k^*$  be any point in the  $k$ -th subinterval, for all  $1 \leq k \leq n$ . Then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k^*) \Delta x_k.$$