

Selected Formulas for Calculus Tests

[Note: This is the formula sheet that I provided with the Final Exam. For Test #1, I provided just the derivatives of the inverse trigonometric functions; for Test #2, I added the double-angle formulas; for Test #3, I added Simpson's Rule. For the Final Exam, I added the various tests for convergence of a series.]

Inverse Trigonometric Functions

$$\frac{d}{dt} \arcsin(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \operatorname{arccsc}(t) = -\frac{1}{t\sqrt{t^2-1}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \arccos(t) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \operatorname{arccot}(t) = -\frac{1}{1+t^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \arctan(t) = \frac{1}{1+t^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \operatorname{arcsec}(t) = \frac{1}{t\sqrt{t^2-1}}$$

Double-Angle Formulas

$$\sin(2\theta) = 2 \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta)$$

$$\cos(2\theta) = \cos^2(\theta) - \sin^2(\theta) = 1 - 2 \sin^2(\theta) = 2 \cos^2(\theta) - 1$$

$$\tan(2\theta) = \frac{2 \tan(\theta)}{1 - \tan^2(\theta)}$$

Simpson's Rule: $\frac{2}{3} MR + \frac{1}{3} TR$, where MR is the Midpoint Rule, and TR is the Trapezoidal Rule.

Divergence Test

If the sequence b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots does not converge to 0, then the series $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k$ diverges.

Alternating Series Test

Suppose that a series has the form $a_1 - a_2 + a_3 - \dots + (-1)^{k+1} a_k + \dots$, where

- each a_k is positive,
- each a_k is larger than a_{k+1} , and
- $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = 0$.

Then

- i. the series converges to some number S , and
- ii. the error $|S - s_n|$ after summing n terms is less than a_{n+1} .

Ratio Test

$$\text{Let } L = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{b_{k+1}}{b_k} \right|.$$

- If $L < 1$, then the series converges.
- If $L > 1$, then the series diverges.
- If $L = 1$, then this test gives no information about convergence or divergence.