

Review for Test 2: Sections 2.1 – 2.5 (Note: Section 2.6 will be on Test 3)

ONLY non-CAS calculators will be allowed on the exam. You may not share a calculator with other students during the exam so be sure to bring your own.

Assigned problems: page 109: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 17, 18, 25, 27, 33ab, 35, 37, 43

(No “True/False” questions for this review)

Concepts: Given a function in any form, i.e. as a formula, as a graph, as a table of data or as a description of an application:

- Approximate the value of the derivative at a point, $x = a$, given
 - a graph (find or estimate the slope of the tangent line at a point)
 - a table of data (know how to find the BEST estimate)
- Find the derivative (i.e. find the exact value) at a point, $x = a$, or as a formula for any x -value, using the limit definition.
Note: “find the derivative using the limit definition” is equivalent to “find the derivative algebraically” or “find the derivative using difference quotients” or “find a formula for the derivative.”

All of these require that you use analytic techniques, meaning setting up the limit for f' , then evaluating the limit algebraically. You shouldn't use your calculator on any part of this sort of problem...all the computation should be done using algebra.

- Interpret the derivative in practical terms, as a rate of change. Include units as part of the interpretation.
- Sketch the graph of f' , given the graph of the original function, f .
Key points: $f'(x) = 0$ at any point where f levels out.
 - $f'(x) > 0$ on intervals where f is increasing
 - $f'(x) < 0$ on intervals where f is decreasing
 - $f'(x)$ will be at a max or min value at a point of inflection of f

In general, know the relationship between the value (sign +, - or 0) of $f'(x)$ and the graph of f

- Sketch the graph of f'' , given the graph of the original function, f .
Key points: .
 - $f'(x) > 0$ on intervals where f is concave up
 - $f'(x) < 0$ on intervals where f is concave down
 - $f''(x) = 0$ when f is linear
 - f has a point of inflection when $f''(x) = 0$ AND f changes in concavity. Note: In logic, an “AND” statement requires that both conditions be satisfied for the statement to be true!

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- Know the relationship between the second derivative, acceleration of a particle and the graph of the particle's distance with respect to time.