

Homework 1 - Math 142, Frank Thorne (thorne@math.sc.edu)

Due Wednesday, August 28

Important: As with everything else in life, being right is not enough. Please show your work, write in complete sentences, and explain your reasoning clearly.

- (a) What is a function? (This is the most important question in all of mathematics.)
- (b) Suppose that f is a function whose domain and range are subsets of the real numbers. Explain how to draw the graph of f , and what the graph represents.

- (c) Explain what it means to say that

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

- (d) Define the *derivative* of a function. Define it using an equation, and also explain your definition in English. In addition, draw a picture and explain why your equation describes the tangent line to the graph.

- (e) Define the *antiderivative* of a function.

- (f) Define the *definite integral*

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

Give an equation, and explain why your equation gives the area underneath the curve from $x = a$ to $x = b$.

- (g) What does the fundamental theorem of calculus say? Why is it true? Explain thoroughly.

- (h) Thomas: Ch. 3, 'Practice Exercises' at end of chapter: 2, 4, 9, 10, 12, 13, 18, 32, 35, 41, 44, 50, 54, 57, 119, 129.