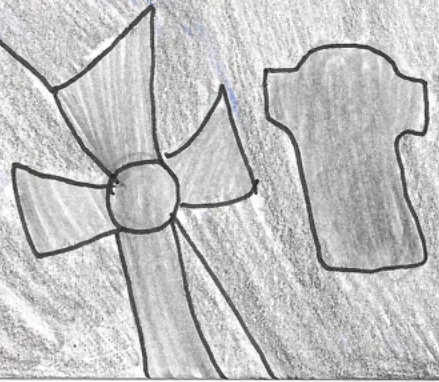


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# ① LIMITS

The limit of a function is the value of the approaching Y-variable as x approaches a fixed value

Basic Form:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = ?$

↳ This means "The limit of  $f(x)$  as  $x$  approaches  $c$ "

## STEPS to Solving Limits

1. **Direct Substitution** (Plug the value into the equation and solve)

Example 1:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{3x+1}{2-x} \Big| \frac{3(-2)+1}{2-(-2)} = \frac{-4}{4} \Big| \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{3x+1}{2-x} = -1$

Example 2:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^2+x-6}{x+3} \Big| \frac{(-3)^2+(-3)-6}{-3+3} = \frac{0}{0} \leftarrow$  **Indeterminate Form**

↳ If you get  $\frac{0}{0}$  you must manipulate the equation and plug the value back in

2. **Factoring**

Example 1:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^2+x-6}{x+3} \Big| \frac{(-3)^2+(-3)-6}{(-3)+3} \Big| \frac{0}{0} \Big| \frac{3}{1} \times -2$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{(x+3)(x-2)}{(x+3)} \Big| \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} x-2 = -5$

Example 2:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2+4x-12}{x^2-2x} \Big| \frac{(2)^2+4(2)-12}{(2)^2-2(2)} = \frac{0}{0} \Big| \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)(x+6)}{x(x-2)} = 4$

3. **Rationalizing** (Multiply top & bottom by the reciprocal)

Example:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{\sqrt{x}-3}{x-9} \Big| \frac{\sqrt{x}-3}{x-9} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x}+3}{\sqrt{x}+3} \Big| \frac{(x-9)}{(x-9)(\sqrt{x}+3)} \Big| \lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}+3} = \frac{1}{6}$

# ② DERIVATIVES

A derivative is the slope of the tangent line

The Basic Rules:

1. **Constant:**  $\frac{d}{dx}(c) = 0$

↳ Ex:  $\frac{d}{dx}(5) = 0$

2. **Power:**  $\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$

↳ Ex:  $x^4 \Big| 4x^3$

3. **Chain:**  $\frac{d}{dx}(F(g(x)))$

↳ Ex:  $(3x+1)^5 \Big| 5(3x+1)^4 \cdot (3)$   
 $\frac{15(3x+1)^4}{15(3x+1)^4}$

4. **Product:**  $\frac{d}{dx}(f(x)g(x)) = f(x)g'(x) + g(x)f'(x)$

↳ Ex:  $\frac{d}{dx}(x^2(x^3+4)) \Big| \frac{(x^2)(3x^2) + (x^3+4)(2x)}{3x^4+2x^4+8x \Big| 5x^4+8x}$

5. **Quotient:**  $\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right) = \frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{(g(x))^2}$

↳ Ex:  $\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{4x-2}{x^2+1}\right) \Big| \frac{(x^2+1)(4) - (4x-2)(2x)}{(x^2+1)^2}$   
 $\frac{(4x^2+4) - (8x^2-4x)}{(x^2+1)^2} \Big| \frac{-4x^2+4x+4}{(x^2+1)^2}$

Trig

$\frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \cos x$

$\frac{d}{dx} \cos x = -\sin x$

If there is tan or sec use **PSST**

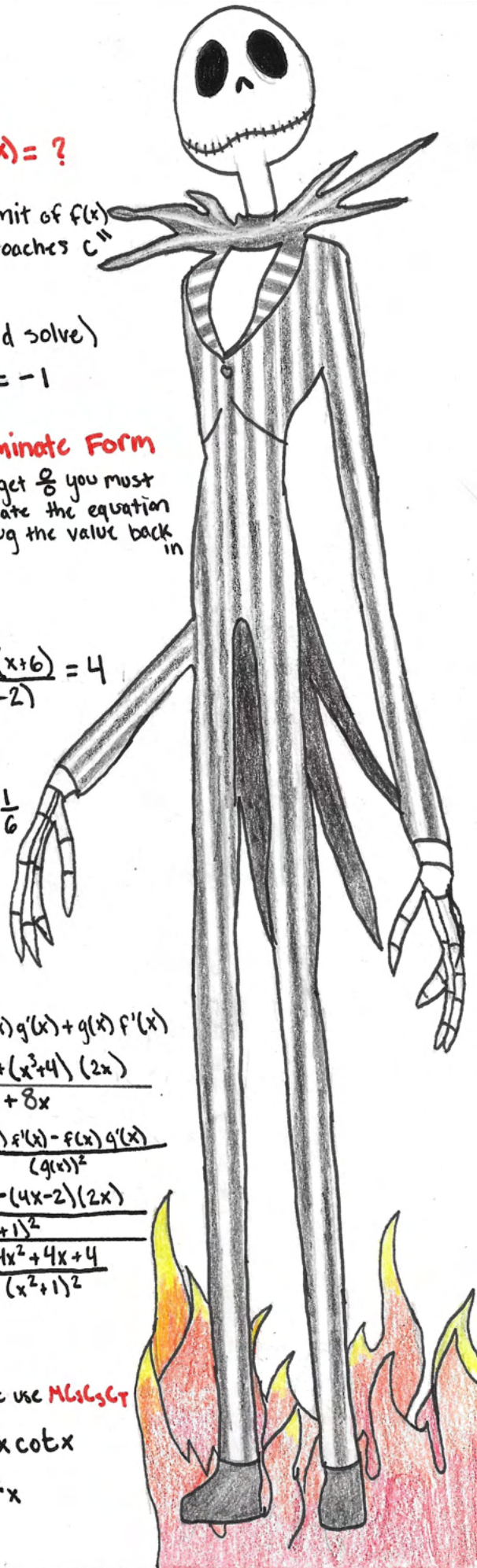
$\tan x = \sec^2 x$

$\sec x = \tan x \sec x$

If there is csc or cot use **ML6L6T**

$\csc x = -\csc x \cot x$

$\cot x = -\csc^2 x$



# ③ IMPLICIT DIFFERENTIATION

This is the process to find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  when  $y$  is not easily solved

Explicit	vs	Implicit
$y = 6x^2 + 12x$		$x^4 - 3y^2 + 2y = 55$

## STEPS for Implicit Differentiation

1. Take the **derivative** of both sides with respect to  $x$
2. Collect terms with  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  on **one** side of the equation
3. **Factor** out  $\frac{dy}{dx}$
4. **Solve** for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$

Example 1:  $x^2 + y^2 = 16$  |  $2x + 2y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  |  $2y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = -2x$  |  $\frac{dy}{dx}(2y) = -2x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-2x}{2y} \quad \left| \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-x}{y}$$

Example 2:  $x^3 + 3y^2 + y^3 = 8$  |  $3x^2 + 6y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} + 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  |  $6y \frac{dy}{dx} + 3y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = -3x^2$

$$\frac{dy}{dx}(6y + 3y^2) = -3x^2 \quad \left| \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-3x^2}{6y + 3y^2}$$

# ④ INTEGRATION

Integration means the area under the curve

When solving an integral, always put "+c" at the end (c = constant)

## Integration Rules

$\int 0 dx = C$
$\int k dx = kx + C$
$\int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C$
$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln x  + C$
$\int \sin x dx = -\cos x + C$
$\int \cos x dx = \sin x + C$
$\int \sec^2 x dx = \tan x + C$
$\int \csc x \cot x dx = -\csc x + C$
$\int \sec x \tan x dx = \sec x + C$
$\int \csc^2 x dx = -\cot x + C$

Examples:

1.  $\int (x^2 - 4x + 5) dx$  |  $\frac{x^{2+1}}{2+1} - \frac{4x^{1+1}}{1+1} + 5x + C$  |  $\frac{x^3}{3} - 2x^2 + 5x + C$

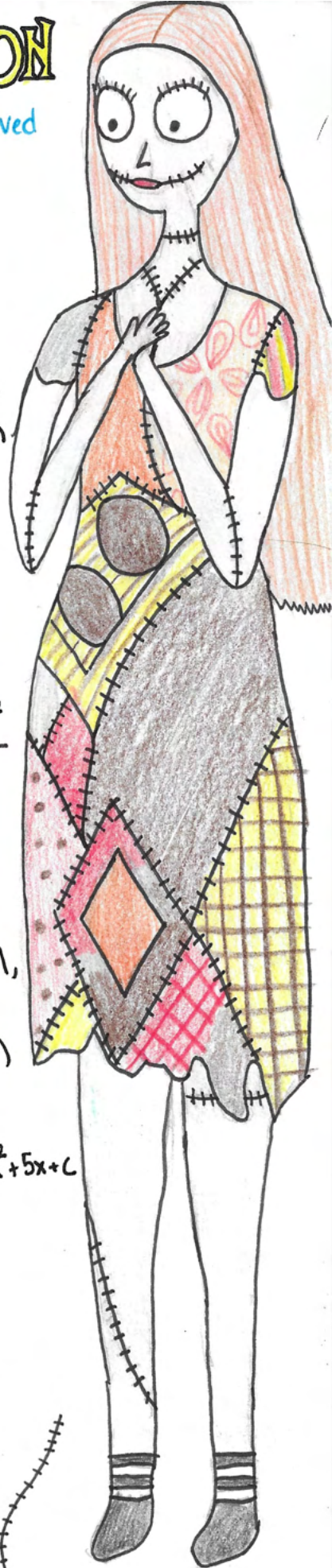
2.  $\int (10x^4 + 6x^2 - 2) dx$  |  $\frac{10x^5}{5} + \frac{6x^3}{3} - 2x + C$

$$2x^5 + 2x^3 - 2x + C$$

3.  $\int (x^3 + \cos x + 1) dx$  |  $\frac{x^4}{4} + \sin x + x + C$

4.  $\int (\sec^2 x + \csc^2 x) dx$  |  $\tan x - \cot x + C$

5.  $\int (\frac{1}{x} + e^x) dx$  |  $\ln|x| + e^x + C$





# ⑤ F' GRAPHS



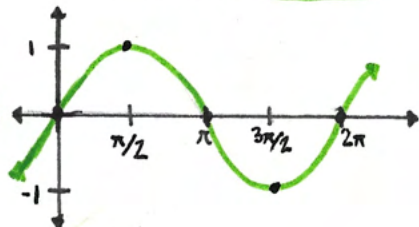
F' graphs are used by analyzing the derivative of a function to find the qualities of the original

The easiest way to see an F and F' graph is using the base function sin x.

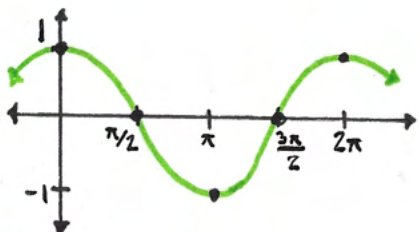
Qualities of F' that leads to F

1. F(x) is **increasing** when  $F' > 0$   
F(x) is **decreasing** when  $F' < 0$
2. F(x) has a rel. **max** when F' changes from **pos** to **neg**  
F(x) has a rel. **min** when F' changes from **neg** to **pos**
3. F(x) is **concave up** when F' is **increasing**  
F(x) is **concave down** when F' is **decreasing**
4. F(x) has an **inflection point** when F' changes from **increasing** to **decreasing** or vice versa.

$f(x) = \sin x$



$f'(x) = \cos x$



There is always an F' graph Prq on the AP Test so if you know these basic qualities you can get a couple points.

# ⑥ CHAIN RULE

Chain Rule is the derivative of the outside times the derivative of the inside  $\rightarrow f(g(x)) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$

STEPS to Chain Rule

1. Exponent becomes a **coefficient**
2. Subtract **1** from the exponent
3. Differentiate the content of the bracket and **multiply** it by the above steps

Example 1:  $(2x^3 + 2x)^5 \mid 5(2x^3 + 2x)^4 \cdot (6x^2 + 2)$

*Annotations: Exponent becomes coefficient (pointing to 5), Derivative of the inside (pointing to 6x^2 + 2), subtract one (pointing to 4).*

Example 2:  $(5x^3 + 3x)^3 \mid 3(5x^3 + 3x)^2 \cdot (15x^2 + 3)$

The same method applies to Trig

Ex:  $\cos(2x) \mid -\sin(2x) \cdot (2)$

*Annotations: Derivative of the outside (pointing to -sin(2x)), Derivative of the inside (pointing to 2).*

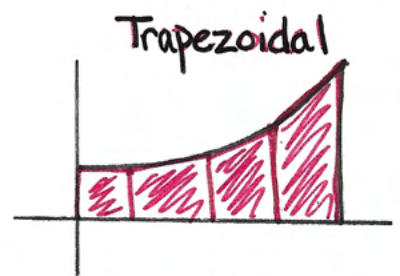
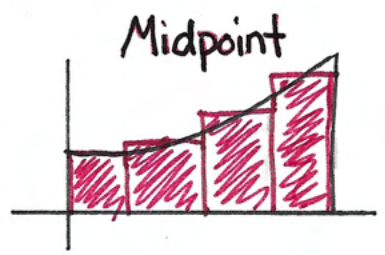
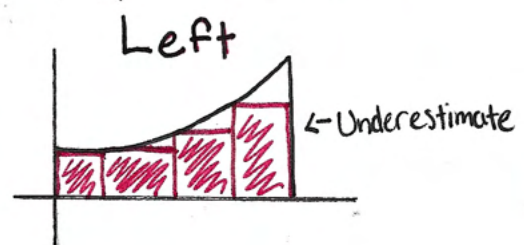




# ⑦ RIEMANN SUMS

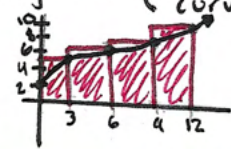
Riemann Sums estimate the area under the curve

4 types of Riemann Sums:



To solve a Riemann Sum you want to add the area of each rectangle together (Area under curve: Area of R1 + A of R2 + A of R3 + A of R4)

Example:  
(Right Riemann Sum)



$$A = (3)(5) + (3)(7) + (3)(8) + (3)(10)$$

$$15 + 21 + 24 + 30$$

$$\underline{90}$$



# ⑧ SLOPE FIELDS

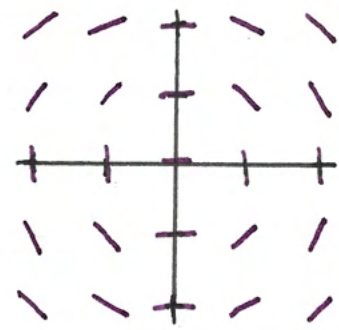
Slope Fields show the shape a function could take at various values

To create a slope field, select a value of  $(x, y)$  and plug it into the function to find the slope at that point.

Graph that slope at the specified point.

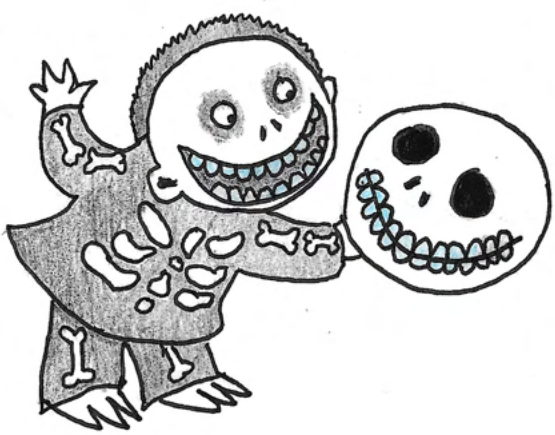
Example:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-x}{y}$

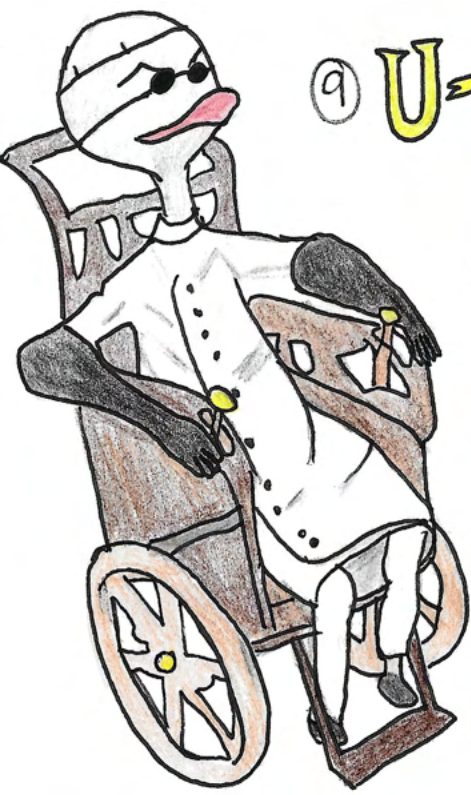
(x,y)	-2	-1	0	1	2
-2	-1	-2	∅	2	1
-1	-1/2	-1	∅	1	1/2
0	0	0	∅	0	0
1	1/2	1	∅	-1	-1/2
2	1	2	∅	-2	1



Take your time finding the values, mistakes are easily made!

↳ Solve by plugging in:  $\frac{-(-2)}{-2} = -1$





# 9 U-SUBSTITUTION

U-Substitution is a quicker way to solve an integral

Example:  $\int (3x^2+1)(6x) dx$

$$\begin{array}{l} u = 3x^2 + 1 \\ du = 6x dx \end{array}$$

← The **u**-value is what is in the parenthesis  
The **du**-value is the derivative of **u**

$$\int u du \Big| \frac{u^2}{2}$$

$$\frac{(3x^2+1)^2}{2}$$

← Take the **integral** using **u**

← Plug **u** into the integral

Sometimes an equation will have a **du** that does not match what is left. To fix this you must alter the function and cancel the change with a reciprocal

Example:  $\int x(x^2+2) dx \Big| \begin{array}{l} u = x^2 + 2 \\ du = 2x dx \end{array} \Big| \frac{1}{2} \int 2x(x^2+2) dx$

$$\frac{1}{2} \int u du \Big| \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{u^2}{2} \Big| \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{(x^2+2)^2}{2}$$

Trig:  $\int 5 \cdot \sin(5x) dx \Big| \begin{array}{l} u = 5x \\ du = 5 dx \end{array} \Big| \int \sin(u) du \Big| -\cos(u) + c \Big| -\cos(5x) + c$

# 10 DIFFY Q'S

Diffy Q stands for differential equation

To solve a diffy Q you must get all **x**'s on one side and all **y**'s on the other, then solve for **y**

Example 1:  $y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} - (x^2+5) = 0$  | Add  $(x^2+5)$  to both sides

$$y \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = (x^2+5)$$
 | Multiply both sides by **dx**

$$\int y \cdot dy = \int (x^2+5) dx$$
 | Integrate both sides

$$\frac{y^2}{2} = \frac{x^3}{3} + 5x + c$$
 | Multiply by **2**

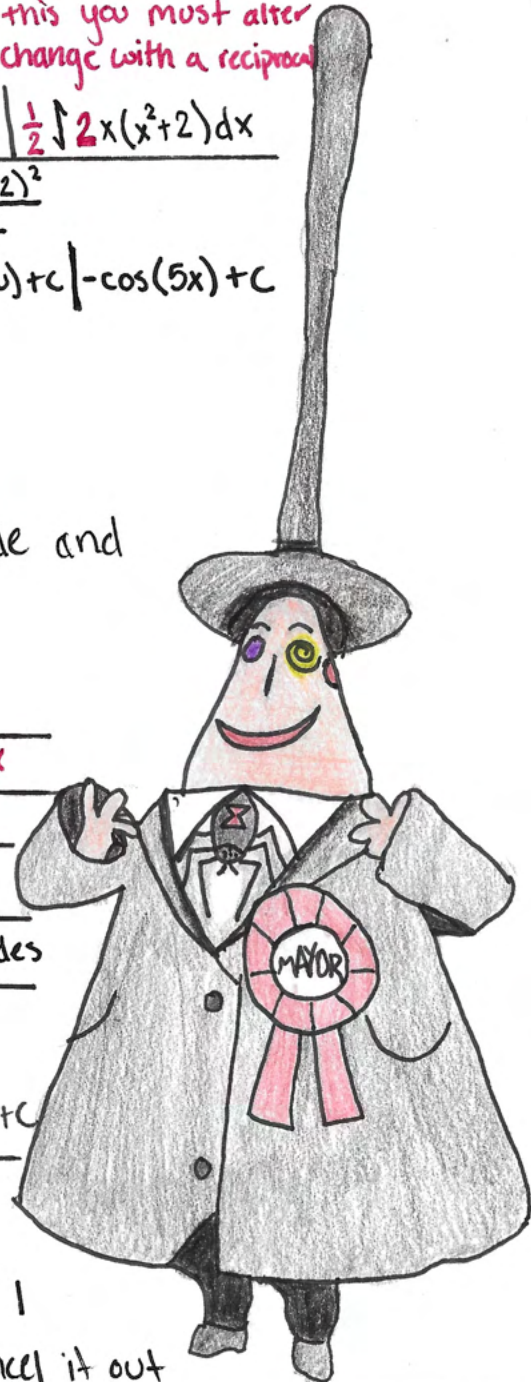
$$y^2 = \frac{2x^3}{3} + 10x + c$$
 | Take **square root** of both sides

$$y = \sqrt{\frac{2x^3}{3} + 10x + c}$$

Example 2:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3y$  |  $dy = 3y dx$  |  $\int \frac{1}{y} dy = \int 3 dx$  |  $\ln|y| = 3x + c$

$$e^{\ln|y|} = e^{3x+c} \Big| |y| = e^{3x} + e^c \Big| y = ce^{3x}$$

↳ If there is  $\frac{1}{y}$ ,  $\frac{1}{x}$ , or  $\frac{1}{u}$  you must use **ln| |** to integrate, then raise it to ~~the~~ **e** to cancel it out



# REFLECTION ESSAY

AP Calculus. What an interesting class to say the least. It seems very easy in the beginning. Progressively it gets harder so be sure to ask for help directly instead of mentioning to the class you are confused. To be successful in this class make sure to pay attention to the notes and do the homework.

In this class, I love to complain. For me it makes the work seem easier when I do. Find something that works for you to make the class easier. While this has not been my favorite class, I hope you enjoy it and that you do well. (Fight for that A).

From the student who ended up with an A,

- Krista