

## Math Help Sheet

### Definitions of Derivatives:

- $\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{dy}{dx}$  } when  $y(x)$
- $\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{y_{x+\Delta x} - y_x}{\Delta x} = \frac{dy}{dx}$  } when  $y(x, t)$
- $\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+\Delta x)y_{x+\Delta x} - xy_x}{\Delta x} = \frac{d(xy)}{dx}$  } when  $y(x, t)$
- $\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \dots \approx x$  (for small  $x$ )
- $\operatorname{erf}(n) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^n e^{-n^2} dn$
- $\frac{d}{dx}(\ln x) = \frac{1}{x}$
- $\int \frac{dT}{T^n} = \frac{T^{-n+1}}{-n+1}$
- $\int \frac{dT}{T} = \ln T$
- $\nabla^2 = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \frac{d^2}{dy^2} + \frac{d^2}{dz^2}$  } Cartesian
- $= \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{d}{dr} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} + \frac{d^2}{dz^2}$  } Cylindrical

### Solutions to Common Derivatives:

- $\frac{dT}{dx} = cT \rightarrow T = c_1 e^{cx}$
- $\frac{d^2T}{dx^2} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{dT}{dx} = c_1 \rightarrow T = c_1 x + c_2$
- $\frac{d^2T}{dx^2} = c_0 \rightarrow \frac{dT}{dx} = c_0 x + c_1 \rightarrow T = \frac{c_0 x^2}{2} + c_1 x + c_2$
- $\frac{d}{dr} \left( r \frac{dT}{dr} \right) = c_0 \rightarrow r \frac{dT}{dr} = c_0 r + c_1 \rightarrow \frac{dT}{dr} = c_0 + \frac{c_1}{r} \rightarrow T = c_0 r + c_1 \ln(r) + c_2$
- Solution to  $\frac{d^2T}{dx^2} - cT = 0$  is  $T = Ae^{\sqrt{c}x}$  or  $T = Ae^{-\sqrt{c}x}$ 
  - General solution is  $T = Ae^{\sqrt{c}x} + Be^{-\sqrt{c}x}$  where “A” and “B” are constants.
  - Average of a function  $T(x)$  over  $0 \leq x \leq L$  is given by  $T_{ave} = \frac{\int_0^L T dx}{L}$
  - Solution to  $\frac{d^2T}{dx^2} + cT = 0$  is  $T = A \sin \sqrt{c}x$  or  $T = A \cos \sqrt{c}x$
  - General solution is  $T = A \sin \sqrt{c}x + B \cos \sqrt{c}x$  where “A” and “B” are constants.
- $\frac{dT}{dt} = c \frac{d^2T}{dx^2}$  can be solved by using separation of variables.

### Basic Properties/Rules:

- $\int c f(x) dx = c \int f(x) dx$  (“c” constant)
- $\int k dx = kx + c$
- $\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln|x| + c$
- $\int x^2 dx = \frac{x^3}{3} + c$
- $\int x dx = \frac{x^2}{2} + c$
- $\int e^x dx = e^x + c$
- $\frac{d}{dx}(c) = 0$  where “c” is a constant
- $\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$
- $\frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) = \cos x$
- $\frac{d}{dx}(\cos x) = -\sin x$
- $\int_a^b f(x) dx = -\int_b^a f(x) dx$

### Integration by Parts:

- $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$ 
  - Choose “u” and “dv.” Compute “du” by differentiation u and “v” by understanding  $v = \int dv$