

2023 Calculus BC Free-Response Questions

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| t (seconds) | 0 | 60 | 90 | 120 | 135 | 150 |
| $f(t)$ (gallons per second) | 0 | 0.1 | 0.15 | 0.1 | 0.05 | 0 |

1. A customer at a gas station is pumping gasoline into a gas tank. The rate of flow of gasoline is modeled by a differentiable function f , where $f(t)$ is measured in gallons per second and t is measured in seconds since pumping began. Selected values of $f(t)$ are given in the table.

(a) Using correct units, interpret the meaning of $\int_{60}^{135} f(t) dt$ in the context of the problem. Use a right Riemann sum with the three subintervals $[60, 90]$, $[90, 120]$, and $[120, 135]$ to approximate the value of

$$\int_{60}^{135} f(t) dt.$$

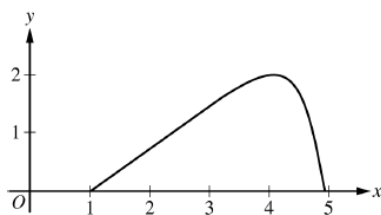
(b) Must there exist a value of c , for $60 < c < 120$, such that $f'(c) = 0$? Justify your answer.

(c) The rate of flow of gasoline, in gallons per second, can also be modeled by $g(t) = \left(\frac{t}{500}\right) \cos\left(\left(\frac{t}{120}\right)^2\right)$ for

$0 \leq t \leq 150$. Using this model, find the average rate of flow of gasoline over the time interval $0 \leq t \leq 150$.

Show the setup for your calculations.

(d) Using the model g defined in part (c), find the value of $g'(140)$. Interpret the meaning of your answer in the context of the problem.

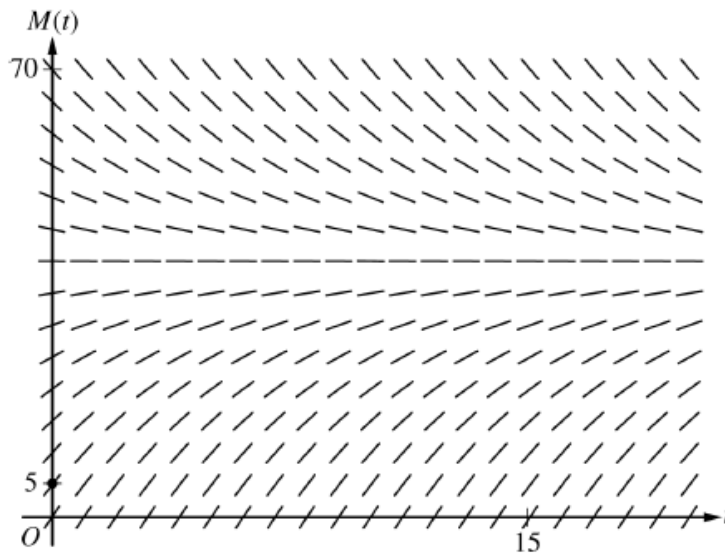


2. For $0 \leq t \leq \pi$, a particle is moving along the curve shown so that its position at time t is $(x(t), y(t))$, where $x(t)$ is not explicitly given and $y(t) = 2 \sin t$. It is known that $\frac{dx}{dt} = e^{\cos t}$. At time $t = 0$, the particle is at position $(1, 0)$.

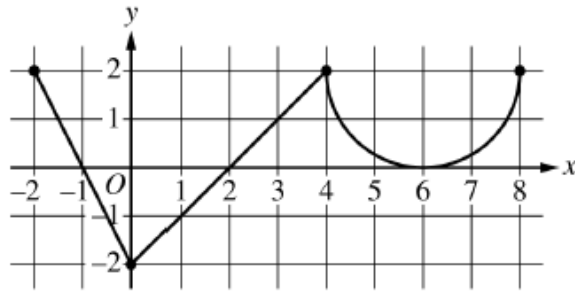
- (a) Find the acceleration vector of the particle at time $t = 1$. Show the setup for your calculations.
- (b) For $0 \leq t \leq \pi$, find the first time t at which the speed of the particle is 1.5. Show the work that leads to your answer.
- (c) Find the slope of the line tangent to the path of the particle at time $t = 1$. Find the x -coordinate of the position of the particle at time $t = 1$. Show the work that leads to your answers.
- (d) Find the total distance traveled by the particle over the time interval $0 \leq t \leq \pi$. Show the setup for your calculations.

3. A bottle of milk is taken out of a refrigerator and placed in a pan of hot water to be warmed. The increasing function M models the temperature of the milk at time t , where $M(t)$ is measured in degrees Celsius ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) and t is the number of minutes since the bottle was placed in the pan. M satisfies the differential equation $\frac{dM}{dt} = \frac{1}{4}(40 - M)$. At time $t = 0$, the temperature of the milk is 5°C . It can be shown that $M(t) < 40$ for all values of t .

- (a) A slope field for the differential equation $\frac{dM}{dt} = \frac{1}{4}(40 - M)$ is shown. Sketch the solution curve through the point $(0, 5)$.

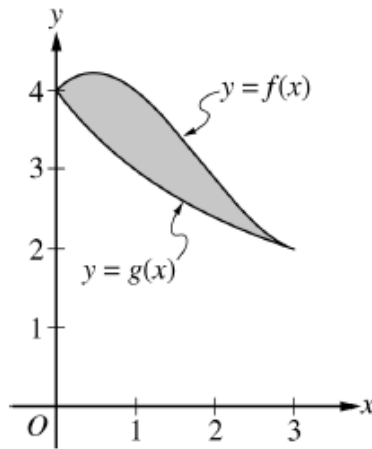


- (b) Use the line tangent to the graph of M at $t = 0$ to approximate $M(2)$, the temperature of the milk at time $t = 2$ minutes.
- (c) Write an expression for $\frac{d^2M}{dt^2}$ in terms of M . Use $\frac{d^2M}{dt^2}$ to determine whether the approximation from part (b) is an underestimate or an overestimate for the actual value of $M(2)$. Give a reason for your answer.
- (d) Use separation of variables to find an expression for $M(t)$, the particular solution to the differential equation $\frac{dM}{dt} = \frac{1}{4}(40 - M)$ with initial condition $M(0) = 5$.



Graph of f'

4. The function f is defined on the closed interval $[-2, 8]$ and satisfies $f(2) = 1$. The graph of f' , the derivative of f , consists of two line segments and a semicircle, as shown in the figure.
- Does f have a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither at $x = 6$? Give a reason for your answer.
 - On what open intervals, if any, is the graph of f concave down? Give a reason for your answer.
 - Find the value of $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{6f(x) - 3x}{x^2 - 5x + 6}$, or show that it does not exist. Justify your answer.
 - Find the absolute minimum value of f on the closed interval $[-2, 8]$. Justify your answer.



5. The graphs of the functions f and g are shown in the figure for $0 \leq x \leq 3$. It is known that $g(x) = \frac{12}{3+x}$ for $x \geq 0$. The twice-differentiable function f , which is not explicitly given, satisfies $f(3) = 2$ and $\int_0^3 f(x) dx = 10$.
- Find the area of the shaded region enclosed by the graphs of f and g .
 - Evaluate the improper integral $\int_0^{\infty} (g(x))^2 dx$, or show that the integral diverges.
 - Let h be the function defined by $h(x) = x \cdot f'(x)$. Find the value of $\int_0^3 h(x) dx$.

6. The function f has derivatives of all orders for all real numbers. It is known that $f(0) = 2$, $f'(0) = 3$, $f''(x) = -f(x^2)$, and $f'''(x) = -2x \cdot f'(x^2)$.

(a) Find $f^{(4)}(x)$, the fourth derivative of f with respect to x . Write the fourth-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 0$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(b) The fourth-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 0$ is used to approximate $f(0.1)$. Given that

$|f^{(5)}(x)| \leq 15$ for $0 \leq x \leq 0.5$, use the Lagrange error bound to show that this approximation is within $\frac{1}{10^5}$ of the exact value of $f(0.1)$.

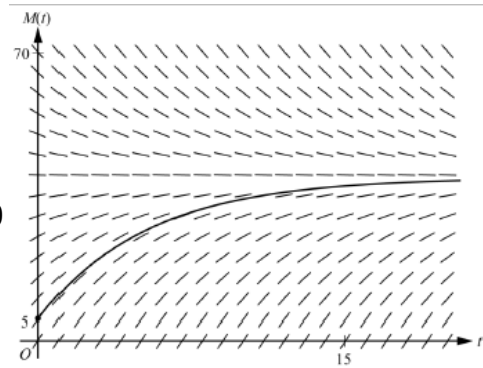
(c) Let g be the function such that $g(0) = 4$ and $g'(x) = e^x f(x)$. Write the second-degree Taylor polynomial for g about $x = 0$.

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- 1)
- a) Amount of gas, in gallons, pumped from $t = 60$ to $t = 135$; 8.25
 - b) $\frac{f(120)-f(60)}{120-60} = 0$; f is diff. and therefore cont., so c exists by MVT
 - c) 0.096
 - d) -0.005; rate at which gas flows into the tank is decreasing at a rate of 0.005 gal/sec/sec

- 2)
- a) $(-1.444, -1.683)$
 - b) $t = 1.254$
 - c) 0.630; 3.342
 - d) 6.035

- 3)
- a) $\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow$
 - b) 22.5
 - c) $\frac{d^2M}{dt^2} = -\frac{1}{16}(40 - M)$; overestimate because $\frac{d^2M}{dt^2} < 0$
 - d) $M = 40 - 35e^{-t/4}$



- 4)
- a) Neither, f' doesn't change signs at $x = 6$
 - b) $(-2,0)$ and $(4,6)$ because f' is decreasing
 - c) 3
 - d) 1

- 5)
- a) $10 - 12 \ln 2$
 - b) 48
 - c) -4

- 6)
- a) $f^{(4)}(x) = -2f'(x^2) - 4x^2 f''(x)$; $2 + 3x - x^2 - \frac{1}{4}x^4$
 - b)
 - c) $4 + 2x + \frac{5}{2}x^2$