

2010 AP[®] CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

5. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - y$. Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to this differential equation with the initial condition $f(1) = 0$. For this particular solution, $f(x) < 1$ for all values of x .
- (a) Use Euler's method, starting at $x = 1$ with two steps of equal size, to approximate $f(0)$. Show the work that leads to your answer.
- (b) Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x)}{x^3 - 1}$. Show the work that leads to your answer.
- (c) Find the particular solution $y = f(x)$ to the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - y$ with the initial condition $f(1) = 0$.
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$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\cos x - 1}{x^2} & \text{for } x \neq 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \text{for } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

6. The function f , defined above, has derivatives of all orders. Let g be the function defined by $g(x) = 1 + \int_0^x f(t) dt$.
- (a) Write the first three nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for $\cos x$ about $x = 0$. Use this series to write the first three nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for f about $x = 0$.
- (b) Use the Taylor series for f about $x = 0$ found in part (a) to determine whether f has a relative maximum, relative minimum, or neither at $x = 0$. Give a reason for your answer.
- (c) Write the fifth-degree Taylor polynomial for g about $x = 0$.
- (d) The Taylor series for g about $x = 0$, evaluated at $x = 1$, is an alternating series with individual terms that decrease in absolute value to 0. Use the third-degree Taylor polynomial for g about $x = 0$ to estimate the value of $g(1)$. Explain why this estimate differs from the actual value of $g(1)$ by less than $\frac{1}{6!}$.
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2006 AP[®] CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS (Form B)

5. Let f be a function with $f(4) = 1$ such that all points (x, y) on the graph of f satisfy the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2y(3 - x).$$

Let g be a function with $g(4) = 1$ such that all points (x, y) on the graph of g satisfy the logistic differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2y(3 - y).$$

- (a) Find $y = f(x)$.
- (b) Given that $g(4) = 1$, find $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g'(x)$. (It is not necessary to solve for $g(x)$ or to show how you arrived at your answers.)
- (c) For what value of y does the graph of g have a point of inflection? Find the slope of the graph of g at the point of inflection. (It is not necessary to solve for $g(x)$.)
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6. The function f is defined by $f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + x^3}$. The Maclaurin series for f is given by

$$1 - x^3 + x^6 - x^9 + \cdots + (-1)^n x^{3n} + \cdots,$$

which converges to $f(x)$ for $-1 < x < 1$.

- (a) Find the first three nonzero terms and the general term for the Maclaurin series for $f'(x)$.
- (b) Use your results from part (a) to find the sum of the infinite series $-\frac{3}{2^2} + \frac{6}{2^5} - \frac{9}{2^8} + \cdots + (-1)^n \frac{3n}{2^{3n-1}} + \cdots$.
- (c) Find the first four nonzero terms and the general term for the Maclaurin series representing $\int_0^x f(t) dt$.
- (d) Use the first three nonzero terms of the infinite series found in part (c) to approximate $\int_0^{1/2} f(t) dt$. What are the properties of the terms of the series representing $\int_0^{1/2} f(t) dt$ that guarantee that this approximation is within $\frac{1}{10,000}$ of the exact value of the integral?
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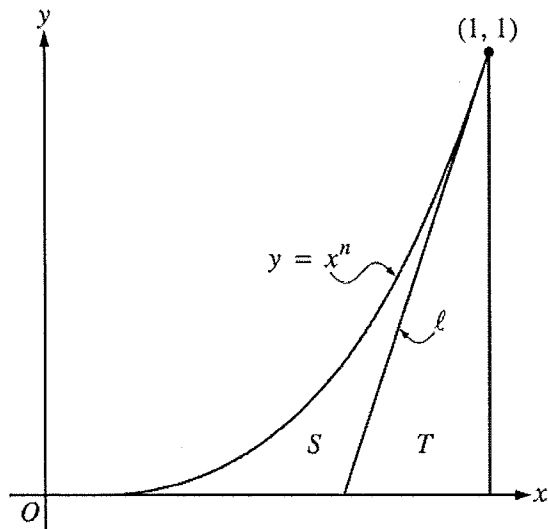
5. Let g be the function given by $g(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$.

(a) Find the average value of g on the closed interval $[1, 4]$.

(b) Let S be the solid generated when the region bounded by the graph of $y = g(x)$, the vertical lines $x = 1$ and $x = 4$, and the x -axis is revolved about the x -axis. Find the volume of S .

(c) For the solid S , given in part (b), find the average value of the areas of the cross sections perpendicular to the x -axis.

(d) The average value of a function f on the unbounded interval $[a, \infty)$ is defined to be $\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{\int_a^b f(x) dx}{b - a} \right]$. Show that the improper integral $\int_4^{\infty} g(x) dx$ is divergent, but the average value of g on the interval $[4, \infty)$ is finite.



6. Let ℓ be the line tangent to the graph of $y = x^n$ at the point $(1, 1)$, where $n > 1$, as shown above.

(a) Find $\int_0^1 x^n dx$ in terms of n .

(b) Let T be the triangular region bounded by ℓ , the x -axis, and the line $x = 1$. Show that the area of T is $\frac{1}{2n}$.

(c) Let S be the region bounded by the graph of $y = x^n$, the line ℓ , and the x -axis. Express the area of S in terms of n and determine the value of n that maximizes the area of S .

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CALCULUS BC
SECTION II, Part B

Time—45 minutes

Number of problems—3

No calculator is allowed for these problems.

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4. Let h be a function defined for all $x \neq 0$ such that $h(4) = -3$ and the derivative of h is given by

$$h'(x) = \frac{x^2 - 2}{x} \text{ for all } x \neq 0.$$

- (a) Find all values of x for which the graph of h has a horizontal tangent, and determine whether h has a local maximum, a local minimum, or neither at each of these values. Justify your answers.
- (b) On what intervals, if any, is the graph of h concave up? Justify your answer.
- (c) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of h at $x = 4$.
- (d) Does the line tangent to the graph of h at $x = 4$ lie above or below the graph of h for $x > 4$? Why?

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5. Let f be the function satisfying $f'(x) = -3xf(x)$, for all real numbers x , with $f(1) = 4$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$.

- (a) Evaluate $\int_1^{\infty} -3xf(x)dx$. Show the work that leads to your answer.
- (b) Use Euler's method, starting at $x = 1$ with a step size of 0.5, to approximate $f(2)$.
- (c) Write an expression for $y = f(x)$ by solving the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = -3xy$ with the initial condition $f(1) = 4$.
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