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AP

AP® Calculus BC

Free-Response Questions

CALCULUS BC

SECTION II, Part A

Time—30 minutes

2 Questions

A GRAPHING CALCULATOR IS REQUIRED FOR THESE QUESTIONS.

t (minutes)	0	3	7	12
$C(t)$ (degrees Celsius)	100	85	69	55

1. The temperature of coffee in a cup at time t minutes is modeled by a decreasing differentiable function C, where $C(t)$ is measured in degrees Celsius. For $0 \le t \le 12$, selected values of $C(t)$ are given in the table shown.

(a) Approximate $C'(5)$ using the average rate of change of C over the interval $3 \le t \le 7$. Show the work that leads to your answer and include units of measure.

(b) Use a left Riemann sum with the three subintervals indicated by the data in the table to approximate the value of $\int_0^{12} C(t)\,dt$. Interpret the meaning of $\frac{1}{12}\int_0^{12} C(t)\,dt$ in the context of the problem.

(c) For $12 \le t \le 20$, the rate of change of the temperature of the coffee is modeled by $C'(t) = \frac{-24.55e^{0.01t}}{t}$, where $C'(t)$ is measured in degrees Celsius per minute. Find the temperature of the coffee at time $t = 20$. Show the setup for your calculations.

(d) For the model defined in part (c), it can be shown that $C''(t) = \frac{0.2455e^{0.01t}(100 - t)}{t^2}$. For $12 < t < 20$, determine whether the temperature of the coffee is changing at a decreasing rate or at an increasing rate. Give a reason for your answer.

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2. A particle moving along a curve in the xy-plane has position $(x(t), y(t))$ at time t seconds, where $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ are measured in centimeters. It is known that $x'(t) = 8t - t^2$ and $y'(t) = -t + \sqrt{t^{1.2} + 20}$. At time $t = 2$ seconds, the particle is at the point $(3, 6)$.

    (a) Find the speed of the particle at time $t = 2$ seconds. Show the setup for your calculations.

    (b) Find the total distance traveled by the particle over the time interval $0 \le t \le 2$. Show the setup for your calculations.

    (c) Find the y-coordinate of the position of the particle at the time $t = 0$. Show the setup for your calculations.

    (d) For $2 \le t \le 8$, the particle remains in the first quadrant. Find all times t in the interval $2 \le t \le 8$ when the particle is moving toward the x-axis. Give a reason for your answer.

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END OF PART A

CALCULUS BC

SECTION II, Part B

Time—1 hour

4 Questions

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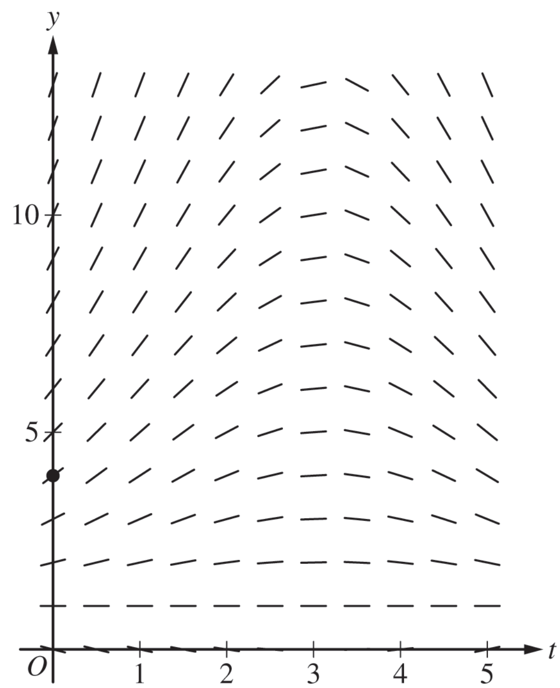
3. The depth of seawater at a location can be modeled by the function H that satisfies the differential equation $\frac{dH}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}(H - 1)\cos\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)$, where $H(t)$ is measured in feet and t is measured in hours after noon ($t = 0$). It is known that $H(0) = 4$.

(a) A portion of the slope field for the differential equation is provided. Sketch the solution curve, $y = H(t)$, through the point $(0, 4)$.



(b) For $0 < t < 5$, it can be shown that $H(t) > 1$. Find the value of t, for $0 < t < 5$, at which H has a critical point. Determine whether the critical point corresponds to a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither a relative minimum nor a relative maximum of the depth of seawater at the location. Justify your answer.

(c) Use separation of variables to find $y = H(t)$, the particular solution to the differential equation $\frac{dH}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}(H - 1)\cos\left(\frac{t}{2}\right)$ with initial condition $H(0) = 4$.

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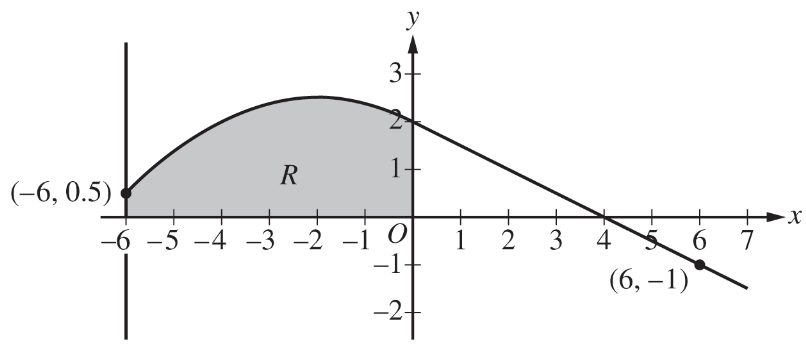

Graph of f

4. The graph of the differentiable function f, shown for $-6 \le x \le 7$, has a horizontal tangent at $x = -2$ and is linear for $0 \le x \le 7$. Let R be the region in the second quadrant bounded by the graph of f, the vertical line $x = -6$, and the x- and y-axes. Region R has area 12.

(a) The function g is defined by $g(x) = \int_0^x f(t)\,dt$. Find the values of $g(-6)$, $g(4)$, and $g(6)$.

(b) For the function g defined in part (a), find all values of x in the interval $0 \le x \le 6$ at which the graph of g has a critical point. Give a reason for your answer.

(c) The function h is defined by $h(x) = \int_{-6}^x f'(t)\,dt$. Find the values of $h(6)$, $h'(6)$, and $h''(6)$. Show the work that leads to your answers.

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x	0	π	2π
$f'(x)$	5	6	0

5. The function f is twice differentiable for all x with $f(0) = 0$. Values of f', the derivative of f, are given in the table for selected values of x.

(a) For $x \geq 0$, the function h is defined by $h(x) = \int_0^x \sqrt{1 + (f'(t))^2}\, dt$. Find the value of $h'(\pi)$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(b) What information does $\int_0^\pi \sqrt{1 + (f'(x))^2}\, dx$ provide about the graph of f ?

(c) Use Euler's method, starting at $x = 0$ with two steps of equal size, to approximate $f(2\pi)$. Show the computations that lead to your answer.

(d) Find $\int (t + 5)\cos\left(\frac{t}{4}\right) dt$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

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6. The Maclaurin series for a function f is given by $\displaystyle\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1)x^n}{n^2 6^n}$ and converges to $f(x)$ for all x in the interval of convergence. It can be shown that the Maclaurin series for f has a radius of convergence of 6.

(a) Determine whether the Maclaurin series for f converges or diverges at $x = 6$. Give a reason for your answer.

(b) It can be shown that $f(-3) = \displaystyle\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1)(-3)^n}{n^2 6^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{n^2}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$ and that the first three terms of this series sum to $S_3 = -\frac{125}{144}$. Show that $\left| f(-3) - S_3 \right| < \frac{1}{50}$.

(c) Find the general term of the Maclaurin series for f', the derivative of f. Find the radius of convergence of the Maclaurin series for f'.

(d) Let $g(x) = \displaystyle\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1)x^{2n}}{n^2 3^n}$. Use the ratio test to determine the radius of convergence of the Maclaurin series for g.

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