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AP[®] Calculus AB

Free-Response Questions

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CALCULUS AB
SECTION II, Part A
Time—30 minutes
2 Questions

A GRAPHING CALCULATOR IS REQUIRED FOR THESE QUESTIONS.

r (centimeters)	0	1	2	2.5	4
$f(r)$ (milligrams per square centimeter)	1	2	6	10	18

1. The density of a bacteria population in a circular petri dish at a distance r centimeters from the center of the dish is given by an increasing, differentiable function f , where $f(r)$ is measured in milligrams per square centimeter. Values of $f(r)$ for selected values of r are given in the table above.
- (a) Use the data in the table to estimate $f'(2.25)$. Using correct units, interpret the meaning of your answer in the context of this problem.
- (b) The total mass, in milligrams, of bacteria in the petri dish is given by the integral expression $2\pi \int_0^4 r f(r) dr$. Approximate the value of $2\pi \int_0^4 r f(r) dr$ using a right Riemann sum with the four subintervals indicated by the data in the table.
- (c) Is the approximation found in part (b) an overestimate or underestimate of the total mass of bacteria in the petri dish? Explain your reasoning.
- (d) The density of bacteria in the petri dish, for $1 \leq r \leq 4$, is modeled by the function g defined by $g(r) = 2 - 16(\cos(1.57\sqrt{r}))^3$. For what value of k , $1 < k < 4$, is $g(k)$ equal to the average value of $g(r)$ on the interval $1 \leq r \leq 4$?

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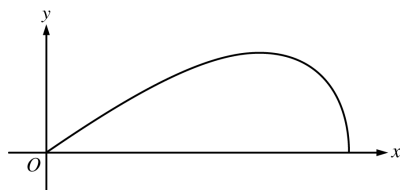
2. A particle, P , is moving along the x -axis. The velocity of particle P at time t is given by $v_P(t) = \sin(t^{1.5})$ for $0 \leq t \leq \pi$. At time $t = 0$, particle P is at position $x = 5$.
- A second particle, Q , also moves along the x -axis. The velocity of particle Q at time t is given by $v_Q(t) = (t - 1.8) \cdot 1.25^t$ for $0 \leq t \leq \pi$. At time $t = 0$, particle Q is at position $x = 10$.
- (a) Find the positions of particles P and Q at time $t = 1$.
- (b) Are particles P and Q moving toward each other or away from each other at time $t = 1$? Explain your reasoning.
- (c) Find the acceleration of particle Q at time $t = 1$. Is the speed of particle Q increasing or decreasing at time $t = 1$? Explain your reasoning.
- (d) Find the total distance traveled by particle P over the time interval $0 \leq t \leq \pi$.

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END OF PART A

CALCULUS AB
SECTION II, Part B
Time—1 hour
4 Questions

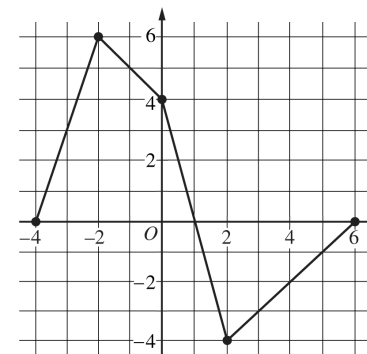
NO CALCULATOR IS ALLOWED FOR THESE QUESTIONS.



3. A company designs spinning toys using the family of functions $y = c\sqrt{4 - x^2}$, where c is a positive constant. The figure above shows the region in the first quadrant bounded by the x -axis and the graph of $y = c\sqrt{4 - x^2}$, for some c . Each spinning toy is in the shape of the solid generated when such a region is revolved about the x -axis. Both x and y are measured in inches.

- (a) Find the area of the region in the first quadrant bounded by the x -axis and the graph of $y = c\sqrt{4 - x^2}$ for $c = 6$.
- (b) It is known that, for $y = c\sqrt{4 - x^2}$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{c(4 - 2x^2)}{\sqrt{4 - x^2}}$. For a particular spinning toy, the radius of the largest cross-sectional circular slice is 1.2 inches. What is the value of c for this spinning toy?
- (c) For another spinning toy, the volume is 2π cubic inches. What is the value of c for this spinning toy?

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Graph of f

4. Let f be a continuous function defined on the closed interval $-4 \leq x \leq 6$. The graph of f , consisting of four line segments, is shown above. Let G be the function defined by $G(x) = \int_0^x f(t) \, dt$.
- (a) On what open intervals is the graph of G concave up? Give a reason for your answer.
- (b) Let P be the function defined by $P(x) = G(x) \cdot f(x)$. Find $P'(3)$.
- (c) Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{G(x)}{x^2 - 2x}$.
- (d) Find the average rate of change of G on the interval $[-4, 2]$. Does the Mean Value Theorem guarantee a value c , $-4 < c < 2$, for which $G'(c)$ is equal to this average rate of change? Justify your answer.

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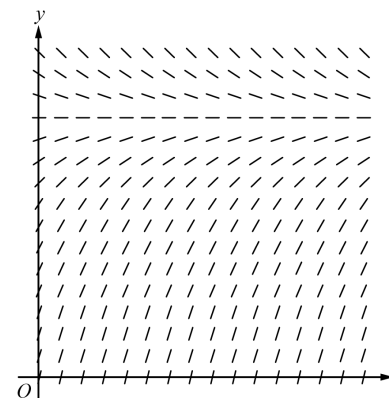
5. Consider the function $y = f(x)$ whose curve is given by the equation $2y^2 - 6 = y \sin x$ for $y > 0$.

- (a) Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y \cos x}{4y - \sin x}$.
- (b) Write an equation for the line tangent to the curve at the point $(0, \sqrt{3})$.
- (c) For $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ and $y > 0$, find the coordinates of the point where the line tangent to the curve is horizontal.
- (d) Determine whether f has a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither at the point found in part (c). Justify your answer.

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6. A medication is administered to a patient. The amount, in milligrams, of the medication in the patient at time t hours is modeled by a function $y = A(t)$ that satisfies the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{12 - y}{3}$. At time $t = 0$ hours, there are 0 milligrams of the medication in the patient.

- (a) A portion of the slope field for the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{12 - y}{3}$ is given below. Sketch the solution curve through the point $(0, 0)$.



- (b) Using correct units, interpret the statement $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} A(t) = 12$ in the context of this problem.
- (c) Use separation of variables to find $y = A(t)$, the particular solution to the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{12 - y}{3}$ with initial condition $A(0) = 0$.

- (d) A different procedure is used to administer the medication to a second patient. The amount, in milligrams, of the medication in the second patient at time t hours is modeled by a function $y = B(t)$ that satisfies the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dt} = 3 - \frac{y}{t+2}$. At time $t = 1$ hour, there are 2.5 milligrams of the medication in the second patient. Is the rate of change of the amount of medication in the second patient increasing or decreasing at time $t = 1$? Give a reason for your answer.

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