

**AP® CALCULUS BC
2017 SCORING GUIDELINES**

Question 5

$$(a) f'(x) = \frac{-3(4x-7)}{(2x^2-7x+5)^2}$$

$$f'(3) = \frac{(-3)(5)}{(18-21+5)^2} = -\frac{15}{4}$$

$$(b) f'(x) = \frac{-3(4x-7)}{(2x^2-7x+5)^2} = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{7}{4}$$

The only critical point in the interval $1 < x < 2.5$ has x -coordinate $\frac{7}{4}$.

f' changes sign from positive to negative at $x = \frac{7}{4}$.

Therefore, f has a relative maximum at $x = \frac{7}{4}$.

$$(c) \int_5^\infty f(x) dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_5^b \frac{3}{2x^2-7x+5} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_5^b \left(\frac{2}{2x-5} - \frac{1}{x-1} \right) dx$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln(2x-5) - \ln(x-1) \right]_5^b = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln\left(\frac{2x-5}{x-1}\right) \right]_5^b$$

$$= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln\left(\frac{2b-5}{b-1}\right) - \ln\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) \right] = \ln 2 - \ln\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{8}{5}\right)$$

(d) f is continuous, positive, and decreasing on $[5, \infty)$.

The series converges by the integral test since $\int_5^\infty \frac{3}{2x^2-7x+5} dx$ converges.

— OR —

$$\frac{3}{2n^2-7n+5} > 0 \text{ and } \frac{1}{n^2} > 0 \text{ for } n \geq 5.$$

Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{3}{2n^2-7n+5}}{\frac{1}{n^2}} = \frac{3}{2}$ and the series $\sum_{n=5}^\infty \frac{1}{n^2}$ converges,

the series $\sum_{n=5}^\infty \frac{3}{2n^2-7n+5}$ converges by the limit comparison test.

2 : $f'(3)$

2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : x\text{-coordinate} \\ 1 : \text{relative maximum} \\ \text{with justification} \end{cases}$

3 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{antiderivative} \\ 1 : \text{limit expression} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

2 : answer with conditions

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Consider the function $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 - kx}$, where k is a nonzero constant. The derivative of f is given by

$$f'(x) = \frac{k-2x}{(x^2-kx)^2}.$$

(a) Let $k = 3$, so that $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 - 3x}$. Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of f at the point whose x -coordinate is 4.

(b) Let $k = 4$, so that $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 - 4x}$. Determine whether f has a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither at $x = 2$. Justify your answer.

(c) Find the value of k for which f has a critical point at $x = -5$.

(d) Let $k = 6$, so that $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 - 6x}$. Find the partial fraction decomposition for the function f .

Find $\int f(x) dx$.

$$(a) f(4) = \frac{1}{4^2 - 3 \cdot 4} = \frac{1}{4} \quad f'(4) = \frac{3 - 2 \cdot 4}{(4^2 - 3 \cdot 4)^2} = -\frac{5}{16}$$

An equation for the line tangent to the graph of f at the point whose x -coordinate is 4 is $y = -\frac{5}{16}(x-4) + \frac{1}{4}$.

$$(b) f'(x) = \frac{4-2x}{(x^2-4x)^2} \quad f'(2) = \frac{4-2 \cdot 2}{(2^2-4 \cdot 2)^2} = 0$$

$f'(x)$ changes sign from positive to negative at $x = 2$.
Therefore, f has a relative maximum at $x = 2$.

$$(c) f'(-5) = \frac{k-2 \cdot (-5)}{((-5)^2 - k \cdot (-5))^2} = 0 \Rightarrow k = -10$$

$$(d) \frac{1}{x^2 - 6x} = \frac{1}{x(x-6)} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x-6} \Rightarrow 1 = A(x-6) + Bx$$

$$x = 0 \Rightarrow 1 = A \cdot (-6) \Rightarrow A = -\frac{1}{6}$$

$$x = 6 \Rightarrow 1 = B \cdot (6) \Rightarrow B = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\frac{1}{x(x-6)} = \frac{-1/6}{x} + \frac{1/6}{x-6}$$

$$\int f(x) dx = \int \left(\frac{-1/6}{x} + \frac{1/6}{x-6} \right) dx$$

$$= -\frac{1}{6} \ln|x| + \frac{1}{6} \ln|x-6| + C = \frac{1}{6} \ln \left| \frac{x-6}{x} \right| + C$$

2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{slope} \\ 1 : \text{tangent line equation} \end{cases}$

2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{considers } f'(2) \\ 1 : \text{answer with justification} \end{cases}$

1 : answer

4 : $\begin{cases} 2 : \text{partial fraction decomposition} \\ 2 : \text{general antiderivative} \end{cases}$