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Question 1

(a) Volume = $\int_0^{10} A(h) \, dh$ $\approx (2 - 0) \cdot A(0) + (5 - 2) \cdot A(2) + (10 - 5) \cdot A(5)$ $= 2 \cdot 50.3 + 3 \cdot 14.4 + 5 \cdot 6.5$ $= 176.3$ cubic feet (b) The approximation in part (a) is an overestimate because a left Riemann sum is used and A is decreasing. (c) $\int_0^{10} f(h) \, dh = 101.325338$ The volume is 101.325 cubic feet. (d) Using the model, $V(h) = \int_0^h f(x) \, dx$. $\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{dV}{dt} \right _{h=5} &= \left[\frac{dV}{dh} \cdot \frac{dh}{dt} \right]_{h=5} \\ &= \left[f(h) \cdot \frac{dh}{dt} \right]_{h=5} \\ &= f(5) \cdot 0.26 = 1.694419 \end{aligned}$ When $h = 5$, the volume of water is changing at a rate of 1.694 cubic feet per minute.	1 : units in parts (a), (c), and (d) 2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{left Riemann sum} \\ 1 : \text{approximation} \end{cases}$ 1 : overestimate with reason 2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{integral} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$ 3 : $\begin{cases} 2 : \frac{dV}{dt} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$
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Question 2

(a) $\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} (f(\theta))^2 d\theta = 0.648414$

The area of R is 0.648.

2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{integral} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

(b) $\int_0^k ((g(\theta))^2 - (f(\theta))^2) d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} ((g(\theta))^2 - (f(\theta))^2) d\theta$

— OR —

$$\int_0^k ((g(\theta))^2 - (f(\theta))^2) d\theta = \int_k^{\pi/2} ((g(\theta))^2 - (f(\theta))^2) d\theta$$

2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{integral expression} \\ \quad \text{for one region} \\ 1 : \text{equation} \end{cases}$

(c) $w(\theta) = g(\theta) - f(\theta)$

$$w_A = \frac{\int_0^{\pi/2} w(\theta) d\theta}{\frac{\pi}{2} - 0} = 0.485446$$

The average value of $w(\theta)$ on the interval $\left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ is 0.485.

3 : $\begin{cases} 1 : w(\theta) \\ 1 : \text{integral} \\ 1 : \text{average value} \end{cases}$

(d) $w(\theta) = w_A$ for $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = 0.517688$

$w(\theta) = w_A$ at $\theta = 0.518$ (or 0.517).

$w'(0.518) < 0 \Rightarrow w(\theta)$ is decreasing at $\theta = 0.518$.

2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{solves } w(\theta) = w_A \\ 1 : \text{answer with reason} \end{cases}$

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Question 3

$$(a) \quad f(-6) = f(-2) + \int_{-2}^{-6} f'(x) \, dx = 7 - \int_{-6}^{-2} f'(x) \, dx = 7 - 4 = 3$$

$$f(5) = f(-2) + \int_{-2}^5 f'(x) \, dx = 7 - 2\pi + 3 = 10 - 2\pi$$

$$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{uses initial condition} \\ 1 : f(-6) \\ 1 : f(5) \end{cases}$$

$$(b) \quad f'(x) > 0 \text{ on the intervals } [-6, -2) \text{ and } (2, 5).$$

Therefore, f is increasing on the intervals $[-6, -2]$ and $[2, 5]$.

2 : answer with justification

$$(c) \quad \text{The absolute minimum will occur at a critical point where } f'(x) = 0 \text{ or at an endpoint.}$$

$$f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = -2, x = 2$$

$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{considers } x = 2 \\ 1 : \text{answer with justification} \end{cases}$$

x	$f(x)$
-6	3
-2	7
2	$7 - 2\pi$
5	$10 - 2\pi$

The absolute minimum value is $f(2) = 7 - 2\pi$.

$$(d) \quad f''(-5) = \frac{2 - 0}{-6 - (-2)} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : f''(-5) \\ 1 : f''(3) \text{ does not exist,} \\ \text{with explanation} \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{f'(x) - f'(3)}{x - 3} = 2 \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{f'(x) - f'(3)}{x - 3} = -1$$

$f''(3)$ does not exist because

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{f'(x) - f'(3)}{x - 3} \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{f'(x) - f'(3)}{x - 3}.$$

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Question 4

$$(a) \quad H'(0) = -\frac{1}{4}(91 - 27) = -16$$

$$H(0) = 91$$

An equation for the tangent line is $y = 91 - 16t$.

The internal temperature of the potato at time $t = 3$ minutes is approximately $91 - 16 \cdot 3 = 43$ degrees Celsius.

$$(b) \quad \frac{d^2H}{dt^2} = -\frac{1}{4} \frac{dH}{dt} = \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)(H - 27) = \frac{1}{16}(H - 27)$$

$$H > 27 \text{ for } t > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d^2H}{dt^2} = \frac{1}{16}(H - 27) > 0 \text{ for } t > 0$$

Therefore, the graph of H is concave up for $t > 0$. Thus, the answer in part (a) is an underestimate.

$$(c) \quad \frac{dG}{(G - 27)^{2/3}} = -dt$$

$$\int \frac{dG}{(G - 27)^{2/3}} = \int (-1) dt$$

$$3(G - 27)^{1/3} = -t + C$$

$$3(91 - 27)^{1/3} = 0 + C \Rightarrow C = 12$$

$$3(G - 27)^{1/3} = 12 - t$$

$$G(t) = 27 + \left(\frac{12 - t}{3}\right)^3 \text{ for } 0 \leq t < 10$$

The internal temperature of the potato at time $t = 3$ minutes is

$$27 + \left(\frac{12 - 3}{3}\right)^3 = 54 \text{ degrees Celsius.}$$

$$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{slope} \\ 1 : \text{tangent line} \\ 1 : \text{approximation} \end{cases}$$

1 : underestimate with reason

$$5 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{separation of variables} \\ 1 : \text{antiderivatives} \\ 1 : \text{constant of integration and} \\ \quad \text{uses initial condition} \\ 1 : \text{equation involving } G \text{ and } t \\ 1 : G(t) \text{ and } G(3) \end{cases}$$

Note: max 2/5 [1-1-0-0-0] if no constant of integration

Note: 0/5 if no separation of variables

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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 $x = \frac{7}{4}$.

$$\begin{aligned} (c) \int_5^\infty f(x) dx &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_5^b \frac{3}{2x^2 - 7x + 5} dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_5^b \left(\frac{2}{2x - 5} - \frac{1}{x - 1} \right) dx \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln(2x - 5) - \ln(x - 1) \right]_5^b = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln \left(\frac{2x - 5}{x - 1} \right) \right]_5^b \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln \left(\frac{2b - 5}{b - 1} \right) - \ln \left(\frac{5}{4} \right) \right] = \ln 2 - \ln \left(\frac{5}{4} \right) = \ln \left(\frac{8}{5} \right) \end{aligned}$$

(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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Question 6

(a) $f(0) = 0$

$f'(0) = 1$

$f''(0) = -1(1) = -1$

$f'''(0) = -2(-1) = 2$

$f^{(4)}(0) = -3(2) = -6$

The first four nonzero terms are

$$0 + 1x + \frac{-1}{2!}x^2 + \frac{2}{3!}x^3 + \frac{-6}{4!}x^4 = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4}.$$

The general term is $\frac{(-1)^{n+1}x^n}{n}$.

(b) For $x = 1$, the Maclaurin series becomes $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n}$.

The series does not converge absolutely because the harmonic series diverges.

The series alternates with terms that decrease in magnitude to 0, and therefore the series converges conditionally.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c)} \quad \int_0^x f(t) dt &= \int_0^x \left(t - \frac{t^2}{2} + \frac{t^3}{3} - \frac{t^4}{4} + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}t^n}{n} + \cdots \right) dt \\ &= \left[\frac{t^2}{2} - \frac{t^3}{3 \cdot 2} + \frac{t^4}{4 \cdot 3} - \frac{t^5}{5 \cdot 4} + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}t^{n+1}}{(n+1)n} + \cdots \right]_{t=0}^{t=x} \\ &= \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{6} + \frac{x^4}{12} - \frac{x^5}{20} + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}x^{n+1}}{(n+1)n} + \cdots \end{aligned}$$

(d) The terms alternate in sign and decrease in magnitude to 0. By the alternating series error bound, the error $\left| P_4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - g\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \right|$ is bounded

by the magnitude of the first unused term, $\left| -\frac{(1/2)^5}{20} \right|$.

Thus, $\left| P_4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - g\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \right| \leq \left| -\frac{(1/2)^5}{20} \right| = \frac{1}{32 \cdot 20} < \frac{1}{500}.$

$$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : f''(0), f'''(0), \text{ and } f^{(4)}(0) \\ 1 : \text{verify terms} \\ 1 : \text{general term} \end{cases}$$

2 : converges conditionally
with reason

$$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{two terms} \\ 1 : \text{remaining terms} \\ 1 : \text{general term} \end{cases}$$

1 : error bound

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Question 1

t (hours)	0	1	3	6	8
$R(t)$ (liters / hour)	1340	1190	950	740	700

Water is pumped into a tank at a rate modeled by $W(t) = 2000e^{-t^2/20}$ liters per hour for $0 \leq t \leq 8$, where t is measured in hours. Water is removed from the tank at a rate modeled by $R(t)$ liters per hour, where R is differentiable and decreasing on $0 \leq t \leq 8$. Selected values of $R(t)$ are shown in the table above. At time $t = 0$, there are 50,000 liters of water in the tank.

- (a) Estimate $R'(2)$. Show the work that leads to your answer. Indicate units of measure.
- (b) Use a left Riemann sum with the four subintervals indicated by the table to estimate the total amount of water removed from the tank during the 8 hours. Is this an overestimate or an underestimate of the total amount of water removed? Give a reason for your answer.
- (c) Use your answer from part (b) to find an estimate of the total amount of water in the tank, to the nearest liter, at the end of 8 hours.
- (d) For $0 \leq t \leq 8$, is there a time t when the rate at which water is pumped into the tank is the same as the rate at which water is removed from the tank? Explain why or why not.

$$(a) \quad R'(2) \approx \frac{R(3) - R(1)}{3 - 1} = \frac{950 - 1190}{3 - 1} = -120 \text{ liters/hr}^2$$

$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{estimate} \\ 1 : \text{units} \end{cases}$$

(b) The total amount of water removed is given by $\int_0^8 R(t) dt$.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^8 R(t) dt &\approx 1 \cdot R(0) + 2 \cdot R(1) + 3 \cdot R(3) + 2 \cdot R(6) \\ &= 1(1340) + 2(1190) + 3(950) + 2(740) \\ &= 8050 \text{ liters} \end{aligned}$$

This is an overestimate since R is a decreasing function.

$$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{left Riemann sum} \\ 1 : \text{estimate} \\ 1 : \text{overestimate with reason} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (c) \quad \text{Total} &\approx 50000 + \int_0^8 W(t) dt - 8050 \\ &= 50000 + 7836.195325 - 8050 \approx 49786 \text{ liters} \end{aligned}$$

$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{integral} \\ 1 : \text{estimate} \end{cases}$$

(d) $W(0) - R(0) > 0$, $W(8) - R(8) < 0$, and $W(t) - R(t)$ is continuous.

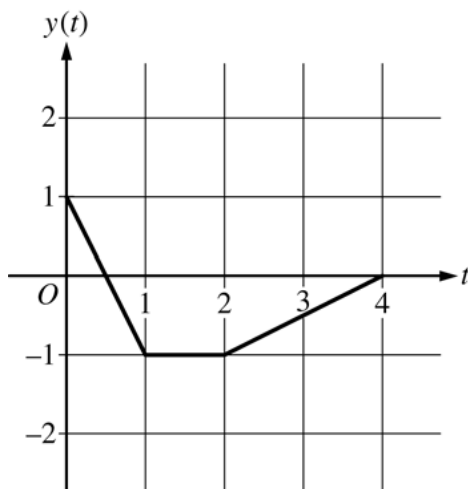
$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{considers } W(t) - R(t) \\ 1 : \text{answer with explanation} \end{cases}$$

Therefore, the Intermediate Value Theorem guarantees at least one time t , $0 < t < 8$, for which $W(t) - R(t) = 0$, or $W(t) = R(t)$.

For this value of t , the rate at which water is pumped into the tank is the same as the rate at which water is removed from the tank.

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Question 2



At time t , the position of a particle moving in the xy -plane is given by the parametric functions $(x(t), y(t))$, where $\frac{dx}{dt} = t^2 + \sin(3t^2)$. The graph of y , consisting of three line segments, is shown in the figure above. At $t = 0$, the particle is at position $(5, 1)$.

- Find the position of the particle at $t = 3$.
- Find the slope of the line tangent to the path of the particle at $t = 3$.
- Find the speed of the particle at $t = 3$.
- Find the total distance traveled by the particle from $t = 0$ to $t = 2$.

$$(a) \quad x(3) = x(0) + \int_0^3 x'(t) dt = 5 + 9.377035 = 14.377$$

$$y(3) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

The position of the particle at $t = 3$ is $(14.377, -0.5)$.

$$(b) \quad \text{Slope} = \frac{y'(3)}{x'(3)} = \frac{0.5}{9.956376} = 0.05$$

$$(c) \quad \text{Speed} = \sqrt{(x'(3))^2 + (y'(3))^2} = 9.969 \text{ (or } 9.968)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (d) \quad \text{Distance} &= \int_0^2 \sqrt{(x'(t))^2 + (y'(t))^2} dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \sqrt{(x'(t))^2 + (-2)^2} dt + \int_1^2 \sqrt{(x'(t))^2 + 0^2} dt \\ &= 2.237871 + 2.112003 = 4.350 \text{ (or } 4.349) \end{aligned}$$

3 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{integral} \\ 1 : \text{uses initial condition} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

1 : slope

2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{expression for speed} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

3 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{expression for distance} \\ 1 : \text{integrals} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

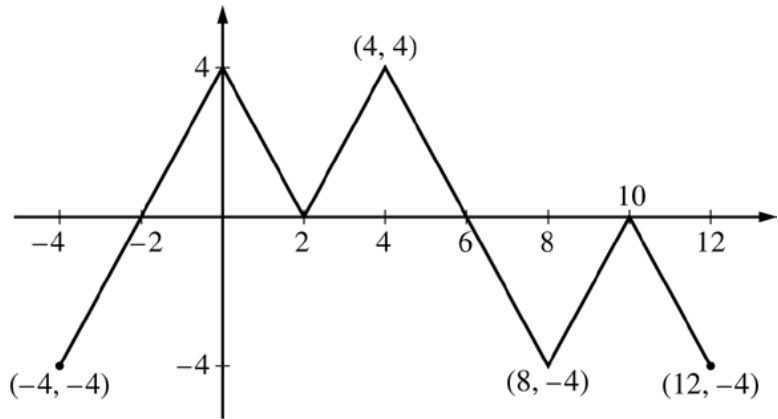
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Question 3

The figure above shows the graph of the piecewise-linear function f . For $-4 \leq x \leq 12$, the function g is defined by

$$g(x) = \int_2^x f(t) \, dt.$$

- (a) Does g have a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither at $x = 10$? Justify your answer.
- (b) Does the graph of g have a point of inflection at $x = 4$? Justify your answer.
- (c) Find the absolute minimum value and the absolute maximum value of g on the interval $-4 \leq x \leq 12$. Justify your answers.
- (d) For $-4 \leq x \leq 12$, find all intervals for which $g(x) \leq 0$.

Graph of f

- (a) The function g has neither a relative minimum nor a relative maximum at $x = 10$ since $g'(x) = f(x)$ and $f(x) \leq 0$ for $8 \leq x \leq 12$.
- (b) The graph of g has a point of inflection at $x = 4$ since $g'(x) = f(x)$ is increasing for $2 \leq x \leq 4$ and decreasing for $4 \leq x \leq 8$.
- (c) $g'(x) = f(x)$ changes sign only at $x = -2$ and $x = 6$.

x	$g(x)$
-4	-4
-2	-8
6	8
12	-4

On the interval $-4 \leq x \leq 12$, the absolute minimum value is $g(-2) = -8$ and the absolute maximum value is $g(6) = 8$.

- (d) $g(x) \leq 0$ for $-4 \leq x \leq 2$ and $10 \leq x \leq 12$.

1 : $g'(x) = f(x)$ in (a), (b), (c), or (d)

1 : answer with justification

1 : answer with justification

4 : $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : \text{considers } x = -2 \text{ and } x = 6 \\ \quad \text{as candidates} \\ 1 : \text{considers } x = -4 \text{ and } x = 12 \\ 2 : \text{answers with justification} \end{array} \right.$

2 : intervals

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Question 4

Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 - \frac{1}{2}y$.

(a) Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ in terms of x and y .

(b) Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the given differential equation whose graph passes through the point $(-2, 8)$. Does the graph of f have a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither at the point $(-2, 8)$? Justify your answer.

(c) Let $y = g(x)$ be the particular solution to the given differential equation with $g(-1) = 2$. Find

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \left(\frac{g(x) - 2}{3(x+1)^2} \right).$$
 Show the work that leads to your answer.

(d) Let $y = h(x)$ be the particular solution to the given differential equation with $h(0) = 2$. Use Euler's method, starting at $x = 0$ with two steps of equal size, to approximate $h(1)$.

$$(a) \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2x - \frac{1}{2} \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x - \frac{1}{2} \left(x^2 - \frac{1}{2}y \right)$$

$$2 : \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \text{ in terms of } x \text{ and } y$$

$$(b) \quad \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(x,y)=(-2,8)} = (-2)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot 8 = 0$$

2 : conclusion with justification

$$\left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{(x,y)=(-2,8)} = 2(-2) - \frac{1}{2} \left((-2)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot 8 \right) = -4 < 0$$

Thus, the graph of f has a relative maximum at the point $(-2, 8)$.

$$(c) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (g(x) - 2) = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} 3(x+1)^2 = 0$$

$$3 : \begin{cases} 2 : \text{L'Hospital's Rule} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$$

Using L'Hospital's Rule,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \left(\frac{g(x) - 2}{3(x+1)^2} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \left(\frac{g'(x)}{6(x+1)} \right)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} g'(x) = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} 6(x+1) = 0$$

Using L'Hospital's Rule,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \left(\frac{g'(x)}{6(x+1)} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \left(\frac{g''(x)}{6} \right) = \frac{-2}{6} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

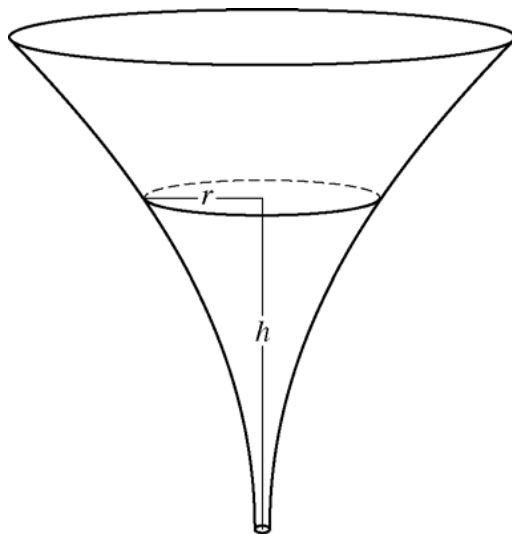
$$(d) \quad h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \approx h(0) + h'(0) \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 2 + (-1) \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$h(1) \approx h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + h'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \approx \frac{3}{2} + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{Euler's method} \\ 1 : \text{approximation} \end{cases}$$

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Question 5



The inside of a funnel of height 10 inches has circular cross sections, as shown in the figure above. At height h , the radius of the funnel is given by $r = \frac{1}{20}(3 + h^2)$, where $0 \leq h \leq 10$. The units of r and h are inches.

- (a) Find the average value of the radius of the funnel.
- (b) Find the volume of the funnel.
- (c) The funnel contains liquid that is draining from the bottom. At the instant when the height of the liquid is $h = 3$ inches, the radius of the surface of the liquid is decreasing at a rate of $\frac{1}{5}$ inch per second. At this instant, what is the rate of change of the height of the liquid with respect to time?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) Average radius} &= \frac{1}{10} \int_0^{10} \frac{1}{20}(3 + h^2) dh = \frac{1}{200} \left[3h + \frac{h^3}{3} \right]_0^{10} \\ &= \frac{1}{200} \left(\left(30 + \frac{1000}{3} \right) - 0 \right) = \frac{109}{60} \text{ in} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) Volume} &= \pi \int_0^{10} \left(\left(\frac{1}{20} \right) (3 + h^2) \right)^2 dh = \frac{\pi}{400} \int_0^{10} (9 + 6h^2 + h^4) dh \\ &= \frac{\pi}{400} \left[9h + 2h^3 + \frac{h^5}{5} \right]_0^{10} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{400} \left(\left(90 + 2000 + \frac{100000}{5} \right) - 0 \right) = \frac{2209\pi}{40} \text{ in}^3 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c) } \frac{dr}{dt} &= \frac{1}{20}(2h) \frac{dh}{dt} \\ -\frac{1}{5} &= \frac{3}{10} \frac{dh}{dt} \\ \frac{dh}{dt} &= -\frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{10}{3} = -\frac{2}{3} \text{ in/sec} \end{aligned}$$

3 : $\begin{cases} 2 : \text{chain rule} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

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Question 6

The function f has a Taylor series about $x = 1$ that converges to $f(x)$ for all x in the interval of convergence.

It is known that $f(1) = 1$, $f'(1) = -\frac{1}{2}$, and the n th derivative of f at $x = 1$ is given by

$$f^{(n)}(1) = (-1)^n \frac{(n-1)!}{2^n} \text{ for } n \geq 2.$$

- (a) Write the first four nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for f about $x = 1$.
- (b) The Taylor series for f about $x = 1$ has a radius of convergence of 2. Find the interval of convergence. Show the work that leads to your answer.
- (c) The Taylor series for f about $x = 1$ can be used to represent $f(1.2)$ as an alternating series. Use the first three nonzero terms of the alternating series to approximate $f(1.2)$.
- (d) Show that the approximation found in part (c) is within 0.001 of the exact value of $f(1.2)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad f(1) = 1, \quad f'(1) = -\frac{1}{2}, \quad f''(1) = \frac{1}{2^2}, \quad f'''(1) = -\frac{2}{2^3} \\ f(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}(x-1) + \frac{1}{2^2 \cdot 2}(x-1)^2 - \frac{1}{2^3 \cdot 3}(x-1)^3 + \cdots \\ + \frac{(-1)^n}{2^n \cdot n}(x-1)^n + \cdots \end{aligned}$$

$$4 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{first two terms} \\ 1 : \text{third term} \\ 1 : \text{fourth term} \\ 1 : \text{general term} \end{cases}$$

- (b) $R = 2$. The series converges on the interval $(-1, 3)$.

When $x = -1$, the series is $1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \cdots$.

Since the harmonic series diverges, this series diverges.

When $x = 3$, the series is $1 - 1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \cdots$.

Since the alternating harmonic series converges, this series converges.

Therefore, the interval of convergence is $-1 < x \leq 3$.

$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{identifies both endpoints} \\ 1 : \text{analysis and interval of convergence} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{(c)} \quad f(1.2) \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2}(0.2) + \frac{1}{8}(0.2)^2 = 1 - 0.1 + 0.005 = 0.905$$

1 : approximation

- (d) The series for $f(1.2)$ alternates with terms that decrease in magnitude to 0.

$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{error form} \\ 1 : \text{analysis} \end{cases}$$

$$|f(1.2) - T_2(1.2)| \leq \left| \frac{-1}{2^3 \cdot 3}(0.2)^3 \right| = \frac{1}{3000} \leq 0.001$$