

AP Calculus AB
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2010-2018

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CALCULUS AB
SECTION II, Part A
Time—45 minutes
Number of problems—3

A graphing calculator is required for some problems or parts of problems.

1. There is no snow on Janet's driveway when snow begins to fall at midnight. From midnight to 9 A.M., snow accumulates on the driveway at a rate modeled by $f(t) = 7te^{\cos t}$ cubic feet per hour, where t is measured in hours since midnight. Janet starts removing snow at 6 A.M. ($t = 6$). The rate $g(t)$, in cubic feet per hour, at which Janet removes snow from the driveway at time t hours after midnight is modeled by

$$g(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } 0 \leq t < 6 \\ 125 & \text{for } 6 \leq t < 7 \\ 108 & \text{for } 7 \leq t \leq 9. \end{cases}$$

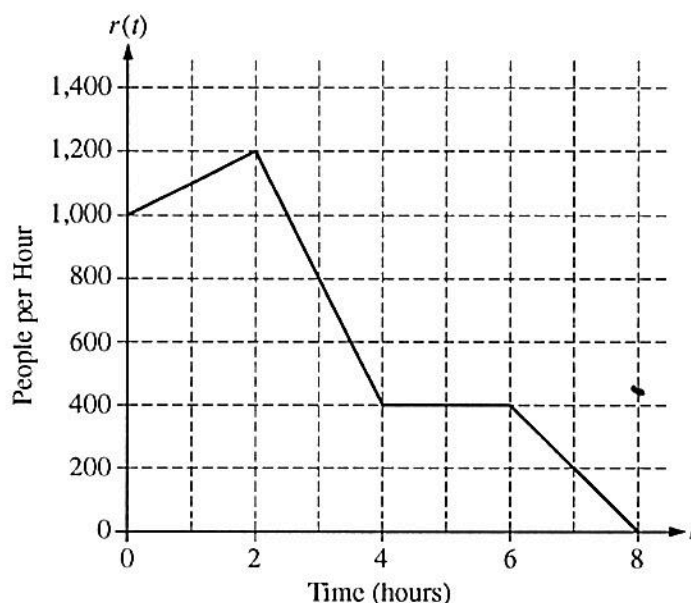
- (a) How many cubic feet of snow have accumulated on the driveway by 6 A.M.?
- (b) Find the rate of change of the volume of snow on the driveway at 8 A.M.
- (c) Let $h(t)$ represent the total amount of snow, in cubic feet, that Janet has removed from the driveway at time t hours after midnight. Express h as a piecewise-defined function with domain $0 \leq t \leq 9$.
- (d) How many cubic feet of snow are on the driveway at 9 A.M.?
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t (hours)	0	2	5	7	8
$E(t)$ (hundreds of entries)	0	4	13	21	23

2. A zoo sponsored a one-day contest to name a new baby elephant. Zoo visitors deposited entries in a special box between noon ($t = 0$) and 8 P.M. ($t = 8$). The number of entries in the box t hours after noon is modeled by a differentiable function E for $0 \leq t \leq 8$. Values of $E(t)$, in hundreds of entries, at various times t are shown in the table above.
- (a) Use the data in the table to approximate the rate, in hundreds of entries per hour, at which entries were being deposited at time $t = 6$. Show the computations that lead to your answer.
- (b) Use a trapezoidal sum with the four subintervals given by the table to approximate the value of $\frac{1}{8} \int_0^8 E(t) dt$.
Using correct units, explain the meaning of $\frac{1}{8} \int_0^8 E(t) dt$ in terms of the number of entries.
- (c) At 8 P.M., volunteers began to process the entries. They processed the entries at a rate modeled by the function P , where $P(t) = t^3 - 30t^2 + 298t - 976$ hundreds of entries per hour for $8 \leq t \leq 12$. According to the model, how many entries had not yet been processed by midnight ($t = 12$)?
- (d) According to the model from part (c), at what time were the entries being processed most quickly? Justify your answer.
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3. There are 700 people in line for a popular amusement-park ride when the ride begins operation in the morning. Once it begins operation, the ride accepts passengers until the park closes 8 hours later. While there is a line, people move onto the ride at a rate of 800 people per hour. The graph above shows the rate, $r(t)$, at which people arrive at the ride throughout the day. Time t is measured in hours from the time the ride begins operation.
- How many people arrive at the ride between $t = 0$ and $t = 3$? Show the computations that lead to your answer.
 - Is the number of people waiting in line to get on the ride increasing or decreasing between $t = 2$ and $t = 3$? Justify your answer.
 - At what time t is the line for the ride the longest? How many people are in line at that time? Justify your answers.
 - Write, but do not solve, an equation involving an integral expression of r whose solution gives the earliest time t at which there is no longer a line for the ride.
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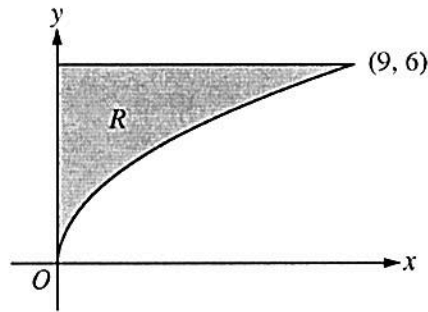
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CALCULUS AB
SECTION II, Part B

Time—45 minutes

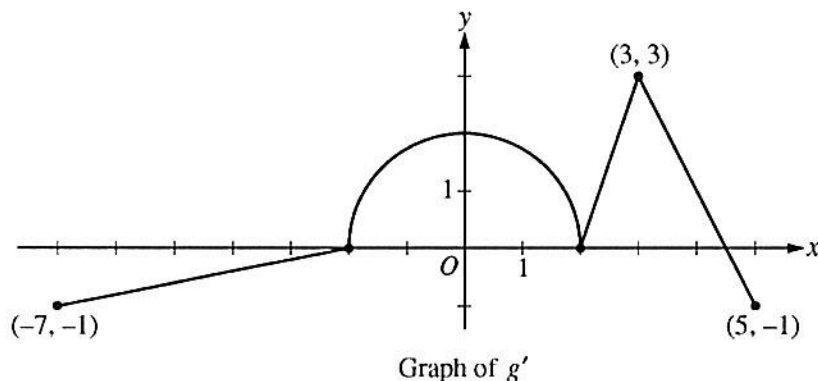
Number of problems—3

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4. Let R be the region in the first quadrant bounded by the graph of $y = 2\sqrt{x}$, the horizontal line $y = 6$, and the y -axis, as shown in the figure above.
- Find the area of R .
 - Write, but do not evaluate, an integral expression that gives the volume of the solid generated when R is rotated about the horizontal line $y = 7$.
 - Region R is the base of a solid. For each y , where $0 \leq y \leq 6$, the cross section of the solid taken perpendicular to the y -axis is a rectangle whose height is 3 times the length of its base in region R . Write, but do not evaluate, an integral expression that gives the volume of the solid.
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5. The function g is defined and differentiable on the closed interval $[-7, 5]$ and satisfies $g(0) = 5$. The graph of $y = g'(x)$, the derivative of g , consists of a semicircle and three line segments, as shown in the figure above.
- Find $g(3)$ and $g(-2)$.
 - Find the x -coordinate of each point of inflection of the graph of $y = g(x)$ on the interval $-7 < x < 5$. Explain your reasoning.
 - The function h is defined by $h(x) = g(x) - \frac{1}{2}x^2$. Find the x -coordinate of each critical point of h , where $-7 < x < 5$, and classify each critical point as the location of a relative minimum, relative maximum, or neither a minimum nor a maximum. Explain your reasoning.
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6. Solutions to the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = xy^3$ also satisfy $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = y^3(1 + 3x^2y^2)$. Let $y = f(x)$ be a particular solution to the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = xy^3$ with $f(1) = 2$.
- Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of $y = f(x)$ at $x = 1$.
 - Use the tangent line equation from part (a) to approximate $f(1.1)$. Given that $f(x) > 0$ for $1 < x < 1.1$, is the approximation for $f(1.1)$ greater than or less than $f(1.1)$? Explain your reasoning.
 - Find the particular solution $y = f(x)$ with initial condition $f(1) = 2$.
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CALCULUS AB
SECTION II, Part A

Time—30 minutes

Number of problems—2

A graphing calculator is required for these problems.

1. For $0 \leq t \leq 6$, a particle is moving along the x -axis. The particle's position, $x(t)$, is not explicitly given. The velocity of the particle is given by $v(t) = 2\sin(e^{t/4}) + 1$. The acceleration of the particle is given by $a(t) = \frac{1}{2}e^{t/4}\cos(e^{t/4})$ and $x(0) = 2$.
- (a) Is the speed of the particle increasing or decreasing at time $t = 5.5$? Give a reason for your answer.
 - (b) Find the average velocity of the particle for the time period $0 \leq t \leq 6$.
 - (c) Find the total distance traveled by the particle from time $t = 0$ to $t = 6$.
 - (d) For $0 \leq t \leq 6$, the particle changes direction exactly once. Find the position of the particle at that time.
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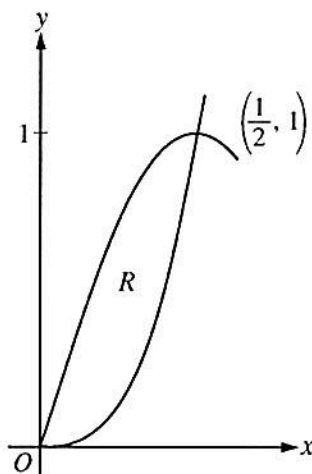
t (minutes)	0	2	5	9	10
$H(t)$ (degrees Celsius)	66	60	52	44	43

2. As a pot of tea cools, the temperature of the tea is modeled by a differentiable function H for $0 \leq t \leq 10$, where time t is measured in minutes and temperature $H(t)$ is measured in degrees Celsius. Values of $H(t)$ at selected values of time t are shown in the table above.
- (a) Use the data in the table to approximate the rate at which the temperature of the tea is changing at time $t = 3.5$. Show the computations that lead to your answer.
- (b) Using correct units, explain the meaning of $\frac{1}{10} \int_0^{10} H(t) dt$ in the context of this problem. Use a trapezoidal sum with the four subintervals indicated by the table to estimate $\frac{1}{10} \int_0^{10} H(t) dt$.
- (c) Evaluate $\int_0^{10} H'(t) dt$. Using correct units, explain the meaning of the expression in the context of this problem.
- (d) At time $t = 0$, biscuits with temperature 100°C were removed from an oven. The temperature of the biscuits at time t is modeled by a differentiable function B for which it is known that $B'(t) = -13.84e^{-0.173t}$. Using the given models, at time $t = 10$, how much cooler are the biscuits than the tea?
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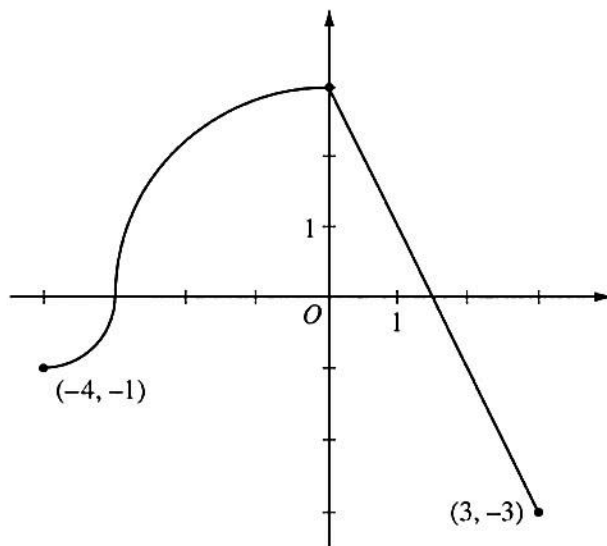
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SECTION II, Part B
Time—60 minutes
Number of problems—4

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3. Let R be the region in the first quadrant enclosed by the graphs of $f(x) = 8x^3$ and $g(x) = \sin(\pi x)$, as shown in the figure above.
- Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of f at $x = \frac{1}{2}$.
 - Find the area of R .
 - Write, but do not evaluate, an integral expression for the volume of the solid generated when R is rotated about the horizontal line $y = 1$.
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Graph of f

4. The continuous function f is defined on the interval $-4 \leq x \leq 3$. The graph of f consists of two quarter circles and one line segment, as shown in the figure above. Let $g(x) = 2x + \int_0^x f(t) dt$.
- Find $g(-3)$. Find $g'(x)$ and evaluate $g'(-3)$.
 - Determine the x -coordinate of the point at which g has an absolute maximum on the interval $-4 \leq x \leq 3$. Justify your answer.
 - Find all values of x on the interval $-4 < x < 3$ for which the graph of g has a point of inflection. Give a reason for your answer.
 - Find the average rate of change of f on the interval $-4 \leq x \leq 3$. There is no point c , $-4 < c < 3$, for which $f'(c)$ is equal to that average rate of change. Explain why this statement does not contradict the Mean Value Theorem.

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5. At the beginning of 2010, a landfill contained 1400 tons of solid waste. The increasing function W models the total amount of solid waste stored at the landfill. Planners estimate that W will satisfy the differential equation $\frac{dW}{dt} = \frac{1}{25}(W - 300)$ for the next 20 years. W is measured in tons, and t is measured in years from the start of 2010.
- (a) Use the line tangent to the graph of W at $t = 0$ to approximate the amount of solid waste that the landfill contains at the end of the first 3 months of 2010 (time $t = \frac{1}{4}$).
- (b) Find $\frac{d^2W}{dt^2}$ in terms of W . Use $\frac{d^2W}{dt^2}$ to determine whether your answer in part (a) is an underestimate or an overestimate of the amount of solid waste that the landfill contains at time $t = \frac{1}{4}$.
- (c) Find the particular solution $W = W(t)$ to the differential equation $\frac{dW}{dt} = \frac{1}{25}(W - 300)$ with initial condition $W(0) = 1400$.
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6. Let f be a function defined by $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - 2\sin x & \text{for } x \leq 0 \\ e^{-4x} & \text{for } x > 0. \end{cases}$

- (a) Show that f is continuous at $x = 0$.
- (b) For $x \neq 0$, express $f'(x)$ as a piecewise-defined function. Find the value of x for which $f'(x) = -3$.
- (c) Find the average value of f on the interval $[-1, 1]$.
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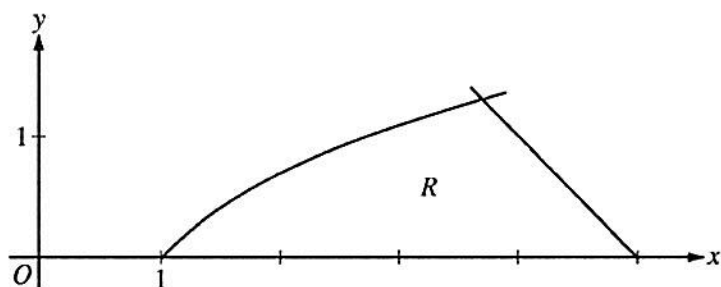
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SECTION II, Part A
Time—30 minutes
Number of problems—2

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t (minutes)	0	4	9	15	20
$W(t)$ (degrees Fahrenheit)	55.0	57.1	61.8	67.9	71.0

1. The temperature of water in a tub at time t is modeled by a strictly increasing, twice-differentiable function W , where $W(t)$ is measured in degrees Fahrenheit and t is measured in minutes. At time $t = 0$, the temperature of the water is 55°F . The water is heated for 30 minutes, beginning at time $t = 0$. Values of $W(t)$ at selected times t for the first 20 minutes are given in the table above.
- (a) Use the data in the table to estimate $W'(12)$. Show the computations that lead to your answer. Using correct units, interpret the meaning of your answer in the context of this problem.
- (b) Use the data in the table to evaluate $\int_0^{20} W'(t) dt$. Using correct units, interpret the meaning of $\int_0^{20} W'(t) dt$ in the context of this problem.
- (c) For $0 \leq t \leq 20$, the average temperature of the water in the tub is $\frac{1}{20} \int_0^{20} W(t) dt$. Use a left Riemann sum with the four subintervals indicated by the data in the table to approximate $\frac{1}{20} \int_0^{20} W(t) dt$. Does this approximation overestimate or underestimate the average temperature of the water over these 20 minutes? Explain your reasoning.
- (d) For $20 \leq t \leq 25$, the function W that models the water temperature has first derivative given by $W'(t) = 0.4\sqrt{t} \cos(0.06t)$. Based on the model, what is the temperature of the water at time $t = 25$?
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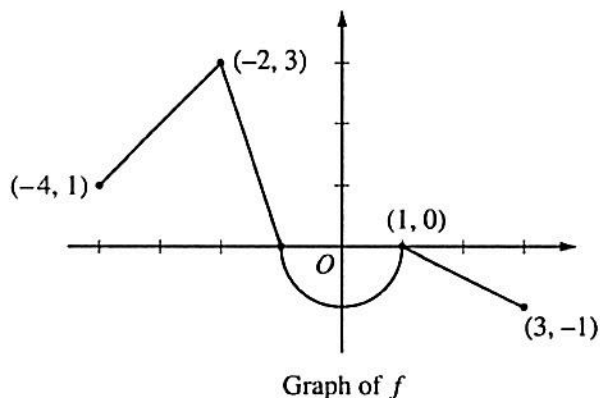


2. Let R be the region in the first quadrant bounded by the x -axis and the graphs of $y = \ln x$ and $y = 5 - x$, as shown in the figure above.
- (a) Find the area of R .
- (b) Region R is the base of a solid. For the solid, each cross section perpendicular to the x -axis is a square. Write, but do not evaluate, an expression involving one or more integrals that gives the volume of the solid.
- (c) The horizontal line $y = k$ divides R into two regions of equal area. Write, but do not solve, an equation involving one or more integrals whose solution gives the value of k .
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SECTION II, Part B
Time—60 minutes
Number of problems—4

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3. Let f be the continuous function defined on $[-4, 3]$ whose graph, consisting of three line segments and a semicircle centered at the origin, is given above. Let g be the function given by $g(x) = \int_1^x f(t) dt$.
- Find the values of $g(2)$ and $g(-2)$.
 - For each of $g'(-3)$ and $g''(-3)$, find the value or state that it does not exist.
 - Find the x -coordinate of each point at which the graph of g has a horizontal tangent line. For each of these points, determine whether g has a relative minimum, relative maximum, or neither a minimum nor a maximum at the point. Justify your answers.
 - For $-4 < x < 3$, find all values of x for which the graph of g has a point of inflection. Explain your reasoning.

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4. The function f is defined by $f(x) = \sqrt{25 - x^2}$ for $-5 \leq x \leq 5$.

(a) Find $f'(x)$.

(b) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of f at $x = -3$.

(c) Let g be the function defined by $g(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{for } -5 \leq x \leq -3 \\ x + 7 & \text{for } -3 < x \leq 5. \end{cases}$

Is g continuous at $x = -3$? Use the definition of continuity to explain your answer.

(d) Find the value of $\int_0^5 x\sqrt{25 - x^2} dx$.

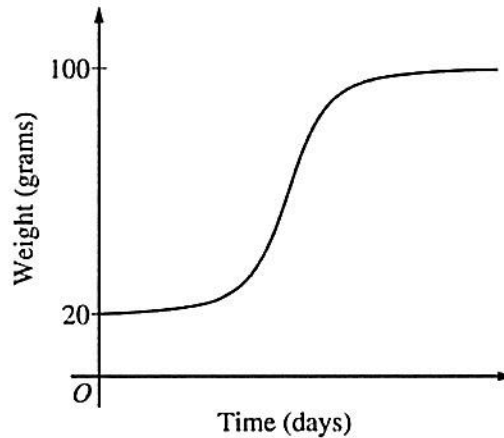
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5. The rate at which a baby bird gains weight is proportional to the difference between its adult weight and its current weight. At time $t = 0$, when the bird is first weighed, its weight is 20 grams. If $B(t)$ is the weight of the bird, in grams, at time t days after it is first weighed, then

$$\frac{dB}{dt} = \frac{1}{5}(100 - B).$$

Let $y = B(t)$ be the solution to the differential equation above with initial condition $B(0) = 20$.

- (a) Is the bird gaining weight faster when it weighs 40 grams or when it weighs 70 grams? Explain your reasoning.
- (b) Find $\frac{d^2B}{dt^2}$ in terms of B . Use $\frac{d^2B}{dt^2}$ to explain why the graph of B cannot resemble the following graph.



- (c) Use separation of variables to find $y = B(t)$, the particular solution to the differential equation with initial condition $B(0) = 20$.

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6. For $0 \leq t \leq 12$, a particle moves along the x -axis. The velocity of the particle at time t is given by

$v(t) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}t\right)$. The particle is at position $x = -2$ at time $t = 0$.

- (a) For $0 \leq t \leq 12$, when is the particle moving to the left?
 - (b) Write, but do not evaluate, an integral expression that gives the total distance traveled by the particle from time $t = 0$ to time $t = 6$.
 - (c) Find the acceleration of the particle at time t . Is the speed of the particle increasing, decreasing, or neither at time $t = 4$? Explain your reasoning.
 - (d) Find the position of the particle at time $t = 4$.
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SECTION II, Part A**

Time—30 minutes

Number of problems—2

A graphing calculator is required for these problems.

1. On a certain workday, the rate, in tons per hour, at which unprocessed gravel arrives at a gravel processing plant is modeled by $G(t) = 90 + 45\cos\left(\frac{t^2}{18}\right)$, where t is measured in hours and $0 \leq t \leq 8$. At the beginning of the workday ($t = 0$), the plant has 500 tons of unprocessed gravel. During the hours of operation, $0 \leq t \leq 8$, the plant processes gravel at a constant rate of 100 tons per hour.
- (a) Find $G'(5)$. Using correct units, interpret your answer in the context of the problem.
 - (b) Find the total amount of unprocessed gravel that arrives at the plant during the hours of operation on this workday.
 - (c) Is the amount of unprocessed gravel at the plant increasing or decreasing at time $t = 5$ hours? Show the work that leads to your answer.
 - (d) What is the maximum amount of unprocessed gravel at the plant during the hours of operation on this workday? Justify your answer.
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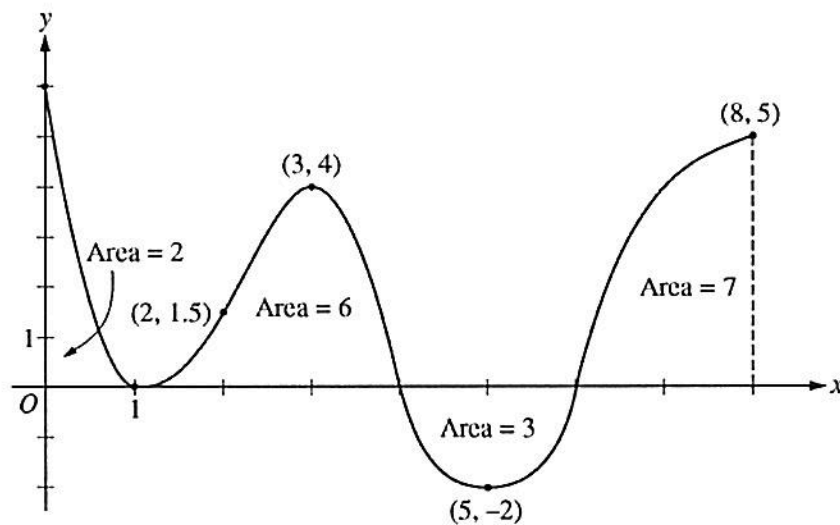
2. A particle moves along a straight line. For $0 \leq t \leq 5$, the velocity of the particle is given by $v(t) = -2 + (t^2 + 3t)^{6/5} - t^3$, and the position of the particle is given by $s(t)$. It is known that $s(0) = 10$.
- (a) Find all values of t in the interval $2 \leq t \leq 4$ for which the speed of the particle is 2.
 - (b) Write an expression involving an integral that gives the position $s(t)$. Use this expression to find the position of the particle at time $t = 5$.
 - (c) Find all times t in the interval $0 \leq t \leq 5$ at which the particle changes direction. Justify your answer.
 - (d) Is the speed of the particle increasing or decreasing at time $t = 4$? Give a reason for your answer.
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SECTION II, Part B****Time—60 minutes****Number of problems—4****No calculator is allowed for these problems.**

t (minutes)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
$C(t)$ (ounces)	0	5.3	8.8	11.2	12.8	13.8	14.5

3. Hot water is dripping through a coffeemaker, filling a large cup with coffee. The amount of coffee in the cup at time t , $0 \leq t \leq 6$, is given by a differentiable function C , where t is measured in minutes. Selected values of $C(t)$, measured in ounces, are given in the table above.
- (a) Use the data in the table to approximate $C'(3.5)$. Show the computations that lead to your answer, and indicate units of measure.
- (b) Is there a time t , $2 \leq t \leq 4$, at which $C'(t) = 2$? Justify your answer.
- (c) Use a midpoint sum with three subintervals of equal length indicated by the data in the table to approximate the value of $\frac{1}{6} \int_0^6 C(t) dt$. Using correct units, explain the meaning of $\frac{1}{6} \int_0^6 C(t) dt$ in the context of the problem.
- (d) The amount of coffee in the cup, in ounces, is modeled by $B(t) = 16 - 16e^{-0.4t}$. Using this model, find the rate at which the amount of coffee in the cup is changing when $t = 5$.
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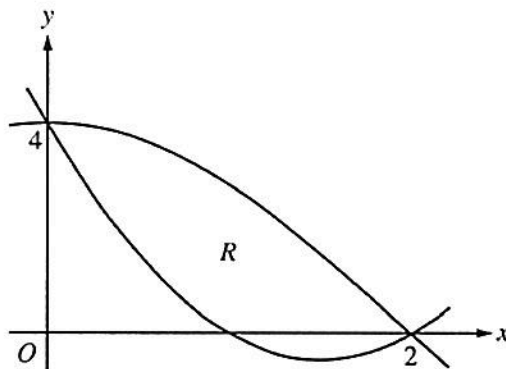
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Graph of f'

4. The figure above shows the graph of f' , the derivative of a twice-differentiable function f , on the closed interval $0 \leq x \leq 8$. The graph of f' has horizontal tangent lines at $x = 1$, $x = 3$, and $x = 5$. The areas of the regions between the graph of f' and the x -axis are labeled in the figure. The function f is defined for all real numbers and satisfies $f(8) = 4$.
- Find all values of x on the open interval $0 < x < 8$ for which the function f has a local minimum. Justify your answer.
 - Determine the absolute minimum value of f on the closed interval $0 \leq x \leq 8$. Justify your answer.
 - On what open intervals contained in $0 < x < 8$ is the graph of f both concave down and increasing? Explain your reasoning.
 - The function g is defined by $g(x) = (f(x))^3$. If $f(3) = -\frac{5}{2}$, find the slope of the line tangent to the graph of g at $x = 3$.

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5. Let $f(x) = 2x^2 - 6x + 4$ and $g(x) = 4\cos\left(\frac{1}{4}\pi x\right)$. Let R be the region bounded by the graphs of f and g , as shown in the figure above.
- (a) Find the area of R .
 - (b) Write, but do not evaluate, an integral expression that gives the volume of the solid generated when R is rotated about the horizontal line $y = 4$.
 - (c) The region R is the base of a solid. For this solid, each cross section perpendicular to the x -axis is a square. Write, but do not evaluate, an integral expression that gives the volume of the solid.
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6. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^y(3x^2 - 6x)$. Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the differential equation that passes through $(1, 0)$.
- (a) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of f at the point $(1, 0)$. Use the tangent line to approximate $f(1.2)$.
- (b) Find $y = f(x)$, the particular solution to the differential equation that passes through $(1, 0)$.
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**CALCULUS AB
SECTION II, Part A**

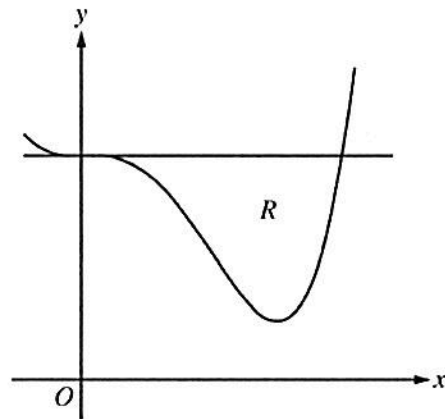
Time—30 minutes

Number of problems—2

A graphing calculator is required for these problems.

1. Grass clippings are placed in a bin, where they decompose. For $0 \leq t \leq 30$, the amount of grass clippings remaining in the bin is modeled by $A(t) = 6.687(0.931)^t$, where $A(t)$ is measured in pounds and t is measured in days.
- (a) Find the average rate of change of $A(t)$ over the interval $0 \leq t \leq 30$. Indicate units of measure.
 - (b) Find the value of $A'(15)$. Using correct units, interpret the meaning of the value in the context of the problem.
 - (c) Find the time t for which the amount of grass clippings in the bin is equal to the average amount of grass clippings in the bin over the interval $0 \leq t \leq 30$.
 - (d) For $t > 30$, $L(t)$, the linear approximation to A at $t = 30$, is a better model for the amount of grass clippings remaining in the bin. Use $L(t)$ to predict the time at which there will be 0.5 pound of grass clippings remaining in the bin. Show the work that leads to your answer.
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2. Let R be the region enclosed by the graph of $f(x) = x^4 - 2.3x^3 + 4$ and the horizontal line $y = 4$, as shown in the figure above.
- (a) Find the volume of the solid generated when R is rotated about the horizontal line $y = -2$.
 - (b) Region R is the base of a solid. For this solid, each cross section perpendicular to the x -axis is an isosceles right triangle with a leg in R . Find the volume of the solid.
 - (c) The vertical line $x = k$ divides R into two regions with equal areas. Write, but do not solve, an equation involving integral expressions whose solution gives the value k .
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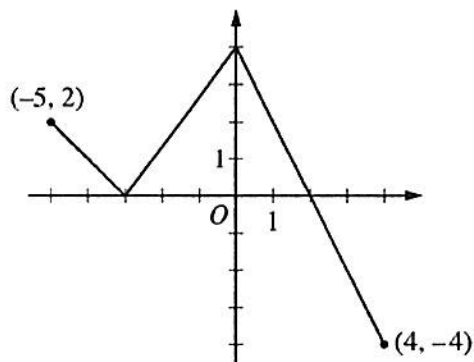
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**CALCULUS AB
SECTION II, Part B**

Time—60 minutes

Number of problems—4

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Graph of f

3. The function f is defined on the closed interval $[-5, 4]$. The graph of f consists of three line segments and is shown in the figure above. Let g be the function defined by $g(x) = \int_{-3}^x f(t) dt$.
- (a) Find $g(3)$.
- (b) On what open intervals contained in $-5 < x < 4$ is the graph of g both increasing and concave down? Give a reason for your answer.
- (c) The function h is defined by $h(x) = \frac{g(x)}{5x}$. Find $h'(3)$.
- (d) The function p is defined by $p(x) = f(x^2 - x)$. Find the slope of the line tangent to the graph of p at the point where $x = -1$.
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t (minutes)	0	2	5	8	12
$v_A(t)$ (meters/minute)	0	100	40	-120	-150

4. Train A runs back and forth on an east-west section of railroad track. Train A 's velocity, measured in meters per minute, is given by a differentiable function $v_A(t)$, where time t is measured in minutes. Selected values for $v_A(t)$ are given in the table above.
- (a) Find the average acceleration of train A over the interval $2 \leq t \leq 8$.
- (b) Do the data in the table support the conclusion that train A 's velocity is -100 meters per minute at some time t with $5 < t < 8$? Give a reason for your answer.
- (c) At time $t = 2$, train A 's position is 300 meters east of the Origin Station, and the train is moving to the east. Write an expression involving an integral that gives the position of train A , in meters from the Origin Station, at time $t = 12$. Use a trapezoidal sum with three subintervals indicated by the table to approximate the position of the train at time $t = 12$.
- (d) A second train, train B , travels north from the Origin Station. At time t the velocity of train B is given by $v_B(t) = -5t^2 + 60t + 25$, and at time $t = 2$ the train is 400 meters north of the station. Find the rate, in meters per minute, at which the distance between train A and train B is changing at time $t = 2$.
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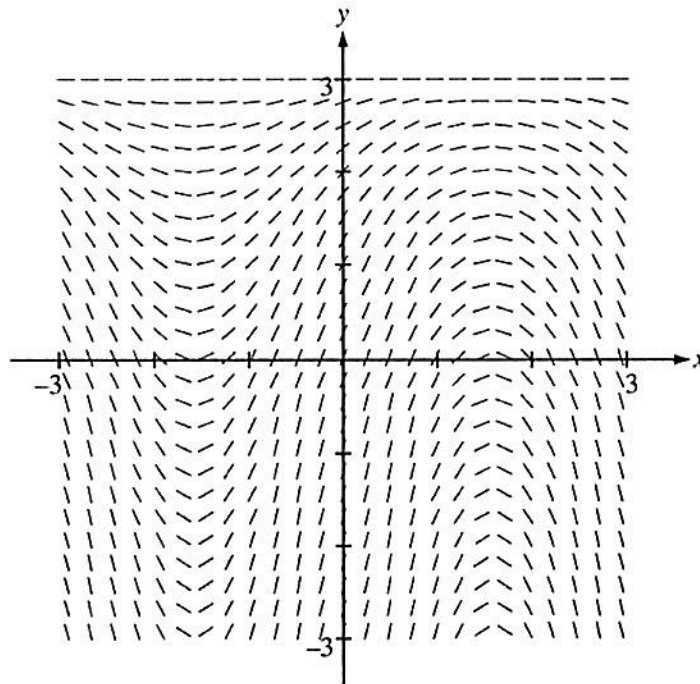
x	-2	$-2 < x < -1$	-1	$-1 < x < 1$	1	$1 < x < 3$	3
$f(x)$	12	Positive	8	Positive	2	Positive	7
$f'(x)$	-5	Negative	0	Negative	0	Positive	$\frac{1}{2}$
$g(x)$	-1	Negative	0	Positive	3	Positive	1
$g'(x)$	2	Positive	$\frac{3}{2}$	Positive	0	Negative	-2

5. The twice-differentiable functions f and g are defined for all real numbers x . Values of f , f' , g , and g' for various values of x are given in the table above.
- (a) Find the x -coordinate of each relative minimum of f on the interval $[-2, 3]$. Justify your answers.
- (b) Explain why there must be a value c , for $-1 < c < 1$, such that $f''(c) = 0$.
- (c) The function h is defined by $h(x) = \ln(f(x))$. Find $h'(3)$. Show the computations that lead to your answer.
- (d) Evaluate $\int_{-2}^3 f'(g(x))g'(x) dx$.
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6. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = (3 - y)\cos x$. Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the differential equation with the initial condition $f(0) = 1$. The function f is defined for all real numbers.

(a) A portion of the slope field of the differential equation is given below. Sketch the solution curve through the point $(0, 1)$.



(b) Write an equation for the line tangent to the solution curve in part (a) at the point $(0, 1)$. Use the equation to approximate $f(0.2)$.

(c) Find $y = f(x)$, the particular solution to the differential equation with the initial condition $f(0) = 1$.

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SECTION II, Part A**

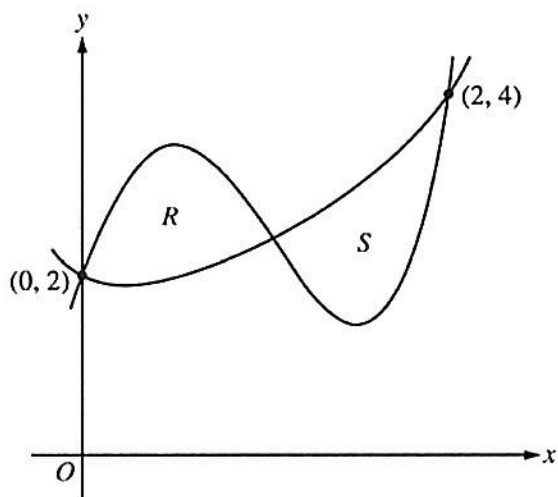
Time—30 minutes

Number of problems—2

A graphing calculator is required for these problems.

1. The rate at which rainwater flows into a drainpipe is modeled by the function R , where $R(t) = 20\sin\left(\frac{t^2}{35}\right)$ cubic feet per hour, t is measured in hours, and $0 \leq t \leq 8$. The pipe is partially blocked, allowing water to drain out the other end of the pipe at a rate modeled by $D(t) = -0.04t^3 + 0.4t^2 + 0.96t$ cubic feet per hour, for $0 \leq t \leq 8$. There are 30 cubic feet of water in the pipe at time $t = 0$.
- (a) How many cubic feet of rainwater flow into the pipe during the 8-hour time interval $0 \leq t \leq 8$?
- (b) Is the amount of water in the pipe increasing or decreasing at time $t = 3$ hours? Give a reason for your answer.
- (c) At what time t , $0 \leq t \leq 8$, is the amount of water in the pipe at a minimum? Justify your answer.
- (d) The pipe can hold 50 cubic feet of water before overflowing. For $t > 8$, water continues to flow into and out of the pipe at the given rates until the pipe begins to overflow. Write, but do not solve, an equation involving one or more integrals that gives the time w when the pipe will begin to overflow.
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2. Let f and g be the functions defined by $f(x) = 1 + x + e^{x^2-2x}$ and $g(x) = x^4 - 6.5x^2 + 6x + 2$. Let R and S be the two regions enclosed by the graphs of f and g shown in the figure above.
- Find the sum of the areas of regions R and S .
 - Region S is the base of a solid whose cross sections perpendicular to the x -axis are squares. Find the volume of the solid.
 - Let h be the vertical distance between the graphs of f and g in region S . Find the rate at which h changes with respect to x when $x = 1.8$.
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SECTION II, Part B****Time—60 minutes****Number of problems—4****No calculator is allowed for these problems.**

t (minutes)	0	12	20	24	40
$v(t)$ (meters per minute)	0	200	240	-220	150

3. Johanna jogs along a straight path. For $0 \leq t \leq 40$, Johanna's velocity is given by a differentiable function v . Selected values of $v(t)$, where t is measured in minutes and $v(t)$ is measured in meters per minute, are given in the table above.

(a) Use the data in the table to estimate the value of $v'(16)$.

(b) Using correct units, explain the meaning of the definite integral $\int_0^{40} |v(t)| dt$ in the context of the problem.

Approximate the value of $\int_0^{40} |v(t)| dt$ using a right Riemann sum with the four subintervals indicated in the table.

(c) Bob is riding his bicycle along the same path. For $0 \leq t \leq 10$, Bob's velocity is modeled by $B(t) = t^3 - 6t^2 + 300$, where t is measured in minutes and $B(t)$ is measured in meters per minute.

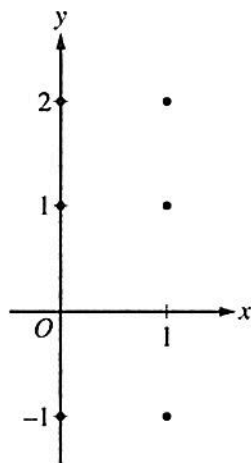
Find Bob's acceleration at time $t = 5$.

(d) Based on the model B from part (c), find Bob's average velocity during the interval $0 \leq t \leq 10$.

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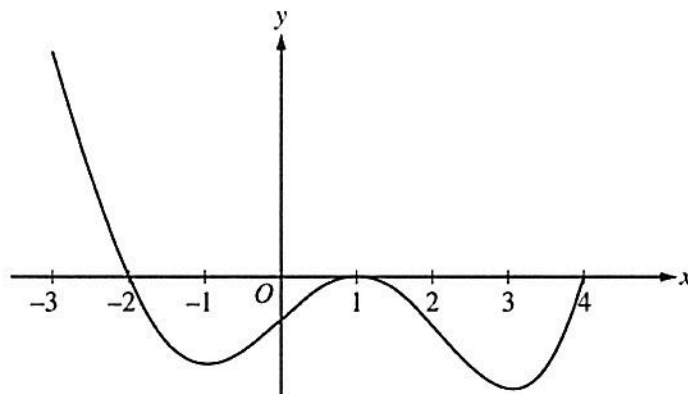
4. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x - y$.

(a) On the axes provided, sketch a slope field for the given differential equation at the six points indicated.



- (b) Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ in terms of x and y . Determine the concavity of all solution curves for the given differential equation in Quadrant II. Give a reason for your answer.
- (c) Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the differential equation with the initial condition $f(2) = 3$. Does f have a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither at $x = 2$? Justify your answer.
- (d) Find the values of the constants m and b for which $y = mx + b$ is a solution to the differential equation.
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Graph of f'

5. The figure above shows the graph of f' , the derivative of a twice-differentiable function f , on the interval $[-3, 4]$. The graph of f' has horizontal tangents at $x = -1$, $x = 1$, and $x = 3$. The areas of the regions bounded by the x -axis and the graph of f' on the intervals $[-2, 1]$ and $[1, 4]$ are 9 and 12, respectively.
- Find all x -coordinates at which f has a relative maximum. Give a reason for your answer.
 - On what open intervals contained in $-3 < x < 4$ is the graph of f both concave down and decreasing? Give a reason for your answer.
 - Find the x -coordinates of all points of inflection for the graph of f . Give a reason for your answer.
 - Given that $f(1) = 3$, write an expression for $f(x)$ that involves an integral. Find $f(4)$ and $f(-2)$.
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6. Consider the curve given by the equation $y^3 - xy = 2$. It can be shown that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{3y^2 - x}$.
- (a) Write an equation for the line tangent to the curve at the point $(-1, 1)$.
 - (b) Find the coordinates of all points on the curve at which the line tangent to the curve at that point is vertical.
 - (c) Evaluate $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ at the point on the curve where $x = -1$ and $y = 1$.
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SECTION II, Part A
Time—30 minutes
Number of problems—2**

A graphing calculator is required for these problems.

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

1. 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.
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2. For $t \geq 0$, a particle moves along the x -axis. The velocity of the particle at time t is given by

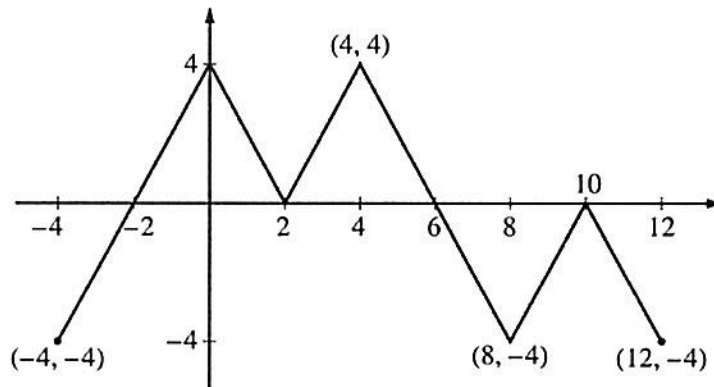
$$v(t) = 1 + 2\sin\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right). \text{ The particle is at position } x = 2 \text{ at time } t = 4.$$

- (a) At time $t = 4$, is the particle speeding up or slowing down?
 - (b) Find all times t in the interval $0 < t < 3$ when the particle changes direction. Justify your answer.
 - (c) Find the position of the particle at time $t = 0$.
 - (d) Find the total distance the particle travels from time $t = 0$ to time $t = 3$.
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SECTION II, Part B
Time—60 minutes
Number of problems—4

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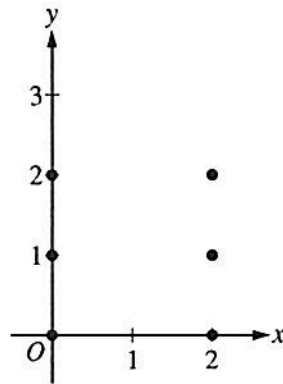
Graph of f

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 $g(x) \leq 0$.
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4. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2}{x-1}$.

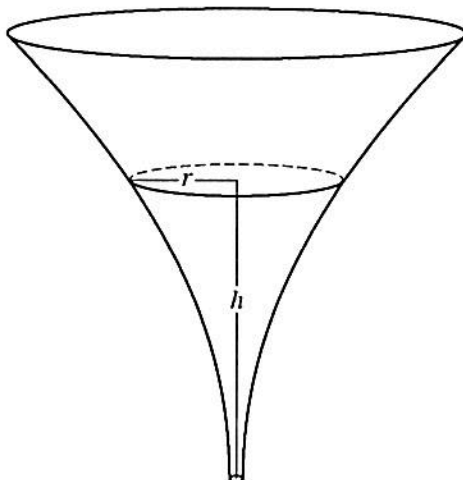
(a) On the axes provided, sketch a slope field for the given differential equation at the six points indicated.



(b) Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the given differential equation with the initial condition $f(2) = 3$. Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of $y = f(x)$ at $x = 2$.
Use your equation to approximate $f(2.1)$.

(c) Find the particular solution $y = f(x)$ to the given differential equation with the initial condition $f(2) = 3$.

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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?
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x	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$	$g(x)$	$g'(x)$
1	-6	3	2	8
2	2	-2	-3	0
3	8	7	6	2
6	4	5	3	-1

6. The functions f and g have continuous second derivatives. The table above gives values of the functions and their derivatives at selected values of x .

(a) Let $k(x) = f(g(x))$. Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of k at $x = 3$.

(b) Let $h(x) = \frac{g(x)}{f(x)}$. Find $h'(1)$.

(c) Evaluate $\int_1^3 f''(2x) dx$.

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**CALCULUS AB
SECTION II, Part A**

Time—30 minutes

Number of questions—2

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h (feet)	0	2	5	10
$A(h)$ (square feet)	50.3	14.4	6.5	2.9

1. A tank has a height of 10 feet. The area of the horizontal cross section of the tank at height h feet is given by the function A , where $A(h)$ is measured in square feet. The function A is continuous and decreases as h increases. Selected values for $A(h)$ are given in the table above.
- (a) Use a left Riemann sum with the three subintervals indicated by the data in the table to approximate the volume of the tank. Indicate units of measure.
- (b) Does the approximation in part (a) overestimate or underestimate the volume of the tank? Explain your reasoning.
- (c) The area, in square feet, of the horizontal cross section at height h feet is modeled by the function f given by $f(h) = \frac{50.3}{e^{0.2h} + h}$. Based on this model, find the volume of the tank. Indicate units of measure.
- (d) Water is pumped into the tank. When the height of the water is 5 feet, the height is increasing at the rate of 0.26 foot per minute. Using the model from part (c), find the rate at which the volume of water is changing with respect to time when the height of the water is 5 feet. Indicate units of measure.
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2. When a certain grocery store opens, it has 50 pounds of bananas on a display table. Customers remove bananas from the display table at a rate modeled by

$$f(t) = 10 + (0.8t)\sin\left(\frac{t^3}{100}\right) \text{ for } 0 < t \leq 12,$$

where $f(t)$ is measured in pounds per hour and t is the number of hours after the store opened. After the store has been open for three hours, store employees add bananas to the display table at a rate modeled by

$$g(t) = 3 + 2.4 \ln(t^2 + 2t) \text{ for } 3 < t \leq 12,$$

where $g(t)$ is measured in pounds per hour and t is the number of hours after the store opened.

- (a) How many pounds of bananas are removed from the display table during the first 2 hours the store is open?
- (b) Find $f'(7)$. Using correct units, explain the meaning of $f'(7)$ in the context of the problem.
- (c) Is the number of pounds of bananas on the display table increasing or decreasing at time $t = 5$? Give a reason for your answer.
- (d) How many pounds of bananas are on the display table at time $t = 8$?
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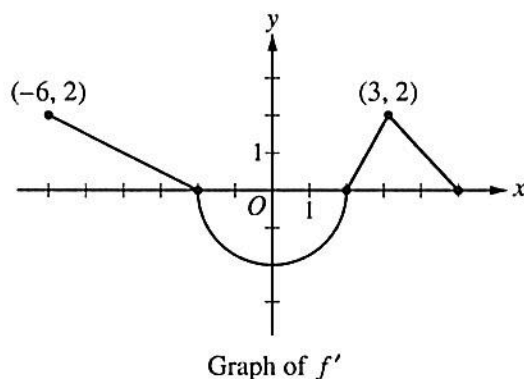
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SECTION II, Part B

Time—1 hour

Number of questions—4

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3. The function f is differentiable on the closed interval $[-6, 5]$ and satisfies $f(-2) = 7$. The graph of f' , the derivative of f , consists of a semicircle and three line segments, as shown in the figure above.
- Find the values of $f(-6)$ and $f(5)$.
 - On what intervals is f increasing? Justify your answer.
 - Find the absolute minimum value of f on the closed interval $[-6, 5]$. Justify your answer.
 - For each of $f''(-5)$ and $f''(3)$, find the value or explain why it does not exist.
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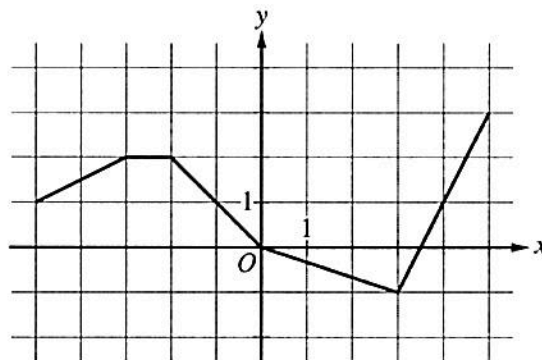
4. At time $t = 0$, a boiled potato is taken from a pot on a stove and left to cool in a kitchen. The internal temperature of the potato is 91 degrees Celsius ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) at time $t = 0$, and the internal temperature of the potato is greater than 27°C for all times $t > 0$. The internal temperature of the potato at time t minutes can be modeled by the function H that satisfies the differential equation $\frac{dH}{dt} = -\frac{1}{4}(H - 27)$, where $H(t)$ is measured in degrees Celsius and $H(0) = 91$.
- (a) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of H at $t = 0$. Use this equation to approximate the internal temperature of the potato at time $t = 3$.
- (b) Use $\frac{d^2H}{dt^2}$ to determine whether your answer in part (a) is an underestimate or an overestimate of the internal temperature of the potato at time $t = 3$.
- (c) For $t < 10$, an alternate model for the internal temperature of the potato at time t minutes is the function G that satisfies the differential equation $\frac{dG}{dt} = -(G - 27)^{2/3}$, where $G(t)$ is measured in degrees Celsius and $G(0) = 91$. Find an expression for $G(t)$. Based on this model, what is the internal temperature of the potato at time $t = 3$?
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5. Two particles move along the x -axis. For $0 \leq t \leq 8$, the position of particle P at time t is given by $x_P(t) = \ln(t^2 - 2t + 10)$, while the velocity of particle Q at time t is given by $v_Q(t) = t^2 - 8t + 15$. Particle Q is at position $x = 5$ at time $t = 0$.
- (a) For $0 \leq t \leq 8$, when is particle P moving to the left?
- (b) For $0 \leq t \leq 8$, find all times t during which the two particles travel in the same direction.
- (c) Find the acceleration of particle Q at time $t = 2$. Is the speed of particle Q increasing, decreasing, or neither at time $t = 2$? Explain your reasoning.
- (d) Find the position of particle Q the first time it changes direction.
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x	$g(x)$	$g'(x)$
-5	10	-3
-4	5	-1
-3	2	4
-2	3	1
-1	1	-2
0	0	-3



Graph of h

6. Let f be the function defined by $f(x) = \cos(2x) + e^{\sin x}$.

Let g be a differentiable function. The table above gives values of g and its derivative g' at selected values of x .

Let h be the function whose graph, consisting of five line segments, is shown in the figure above.

- Find the slope of the line tangent to the graph of f at $x = \pi$.
- Let k be the function defined by $k(x) = h(f(x))$. Find $k'(\pi)$.
- Let m be the function defined by $m(x) = g(-2x) \cdot h(x)$. Find $m'(2)$.
- Is there a number c in the closed interval $[-5, -3]$ such that $g'(c) = -4$? Justify your answer.

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CALCULUS AB
SECTION II, Part A
Time—30 minutes
Number of questions—2

A GRAPHING CALCULATOR IS REQUIRED FOR THESE QUESTIONS.

1. People enter a line for an escalator at a rate modeled by the function r given by

$$r(t) = \begin{cases} 44\left(\frac{t}{100}\right)^3\left(1 - \frac{t}{300}\right)^7 & \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq 300 \\ 0 & \text{for } t > 300, \end{cases}$$

where $r(t)$ is measured in people per second and t is measured in seconds. As people get on the escalator, they exit the line at a constant rate of 0.7 person per second. There are 20 people in line at time $t = 0$.

- (a) How many people enter the line for the escalator during the time interval $0 \leq t \leq 300$?
- (b) During the time interval $0 \leq t \leq 300$, there are always people in line for the escalator. How many people are in line at time $t = 300$?
- (c) For $t > 300$, what is the first time t that there are no people in line for the escalator?
- (d) For $0 \leq t \leq 300$, at what time t is the number of people in line a minimum? To the nearest whole number, find the number of people in line at this time. Justify your answer.
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2. A particle moves along the x -axis with velocity given by $v(t) = \frac{10 \sin(0.4t^2)}{t^2 - t + 3}$ for time $0 \leq t \leq 3.5$.

The particle is at position $x = -5$ at time $t = 0$.

(a) Find the acceleration of the particle at time $t = 3$.

(b) Find the position of the particle at time $t = 3$.

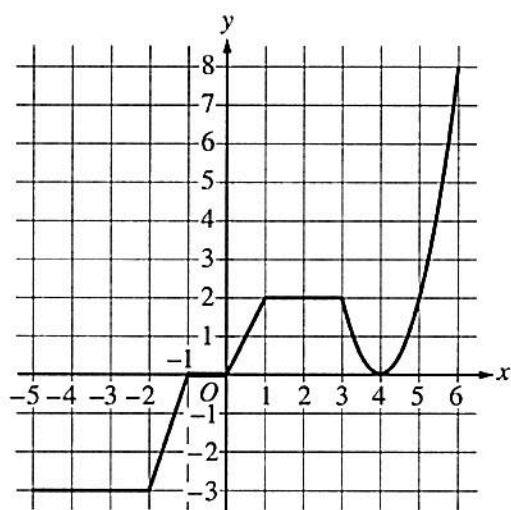
(c) Evaluate $\int_0^{3.5} v(t) dt$, and evaluate $\int_0^{3.5} |v(t)| dt$. Interpret the meaning of each integral in the context of the problem.

(d) A second particle moves along the x -axis with position given by $x_2(t) = t^2 - t$ for $0 \leq t \leq 3.5$. At what time t are the two particles moving with the same velocity?

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SECTION II, Part B
Time—1 hour
Number of questions—4

NO CALCULATOR IS ALLOWED FOR THESE QUESTIONS.



Graph of g

3. The graph of the continuous function g , the derivative of the function f , is shown above. The function g is piecewise linear for $-5 \leq x < 3$, and $g(x) = 2(x - 4)^2$ for $3 \leq x \leq 6$.
- (a) If $f(1) = 3$, what is the value of $f(-5)$?
- (b) Evaluate $\int_1^6 g(x) dx$.
- (c) For $-5 < x < 6$, on what open intervals, if any, is the graph of f both increasing and concave up? Give a reason for your answer.
- (d) Find the x -coordinate of each point of inflection of the graph of f . Give a reason for your answer.

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t (years)	2	3	5	7	10
$H(t)$ (meters)	1.5	2	6	11	15

4. The height of a tree at time t is given by a twice-differentiable function H , where $H(t)$ is measured in meters and t is measured in years. Selected values of $H(t)$ are given in the table above.
- (a) Use the data in the table to estimate $H'(6)$. Using correct units, interpret the meaning of $H'(6)$ in the context of the problem.
- (b) Explain why there must be at least one time t , for $2 < t < 10$, such that $H'(t) = 2$.
- (c) Use a trapezoidal sum with the four subintervals indicated by the data in the table to approximate the average height of the tree over the time interval $2 \leq t \leq 10$.
- (d) The height of the tree, in meters, can also be modeled by the function G , given by $G(x) = \frac{100x}{1+x}$, where x is the diameter of the base of the tree, in meters. When the tree is 50 meters tall, the diameter of the base of the tree is increasing at a rate of 0.03 meter per year. According to this model, what is the rate of change of the height of the tree with respect to time, in meters per year, at the time when the tree is 50 meters tall?
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5. Let f be the function defined by $f(x) = e^x \cos x$.

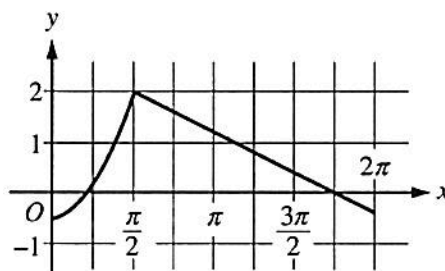
(a) Find the average rate of change of f on the interval $0 \leq x \leq \pi$.

(b) What is the slope of the line tangent to the graph of f at $x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$?

(c) Find the absolute minimum value of f on the interval $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$. Justify your answer.

(d) Let g be a differentiable function such that $g\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0$. The graph of g' , the derivative of g , is shown

below. Find the value of $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ or state that it does not exist. Justify your answer.

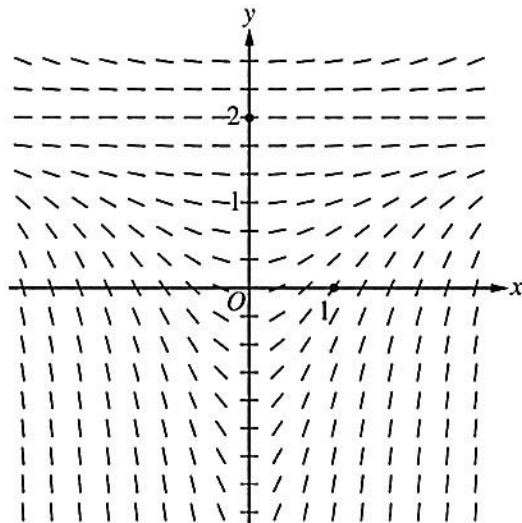


Graph of g'

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6. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{3}x(y - 2)^2$.

- (a) A slope field for the given differential equation is shown below. Sketch the solution curve that passes through the point $(0, 2)$, and sketch the solution curve that passes through the point $(1, 0)$.



- (b) Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the given differential equation with initial condition $f(1) = 0$. Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of $y = f(x)$ at $x = 1$. Use your equation to approximate $f(0.7)$.
- (c) Find the particular solution $y = f(x)$ to the given differential equation with initial condition $f(1) = 0$.
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