

AP Calculus AB
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Question 1

x	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$	$g(x)$	$g'(x)$
1	6	4	2	5
2	9	2	3	1
3	10	-4	4	2
4	-1	3	6	7

The functions f and g are differentiable for all real numbers, and g is strictly increasing. The table above gives values of the functions and their first derivatives at selected values of x . The function h is given by $h(x) = f(g(x)) - 6$.

If g^{-1} is the inverse function of g , write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of $y = g^{-1}$ at $x = 2$.

Solution: Given that $g(1) = 2$, the point of tangency on the graph of $y = g^{-1}$ is the point $(2, 1)$. (since g^{-1} is an inverse of g , $g(2) = 1$.)

We now want to find the derivative at the point of tangency:

To find $[g^{-1}]'(2)$, we must use the rule for derivatives of inverses:

$$\begin{aligned} [g^{-1}]'(x) &= \frac{1}{g'(g^{-1}(x))} \\ [g^{-1}]'(2) &= \frac{1}{g'(g^{-1}(2))} \\ &= \frac{1}{g'(1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{5} \end{aligned}$$

Now, we just need to use the point $(2, 1)$ and the derivative at that point to write the tangent line:

$$y - 1 = \frac{1}{5}(x - 2)$$

Question 2

A student attempted to confirm that the function f defined by $f(x) = \frac{x^2+x-6}{x^2-7x+10}$ is continuous at $x = 2$. In which step, if any, does an error first appear?

Step 1:

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x^2 - 7x + 10} = \frac{(x - 2)(x + 3)}{(x - 2)(x - 5)}$$

Step 2:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x + 3}{x - 5} = \frac{2 + 3}{2 - 5} = -\frac{5}{3}$$

Step 3:

$$f(2) = \frac{2+3}{2-5} = -\frac{5}{3}$$

Step 4:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = f(2), \text{ so } f \text{ is continuous at } x = 2.$$

Solution: During Step 3, we made a little bit of a mistake. While in the limit in Step 2, we can simplify the rational definition of $f(x)$, when finding the actual value (or lack thereof) of $f(2)$, we **cannot** do this.

Even though f is actually undefined at $x = 2$ (removable discontinuity / hole), we incorrectly said it was equal to $-\frac{5}{3}$, and therefore incorrectly stated f as continuous at $x = 2$.

Question 3

Two particles move along the x -axis with velocities given by $v_1(t) = -3t^2 + 8t + 5$ and $v_2(t) = \sin t$ for time $t \geq 0$. At what time t do the two particles have equal acceleration?

Solution:

To find acceleration from give velocity equations, we must take the derivative of the velocity functions to find two new acceleration equations

$$\begin{aligned} a_1(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} (v_1(t)) \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} (-3t^2 + 8t + 5) \\ &= -6t + 8 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_2(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} (v_2(t)) \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} (\sin t) \\ &= \cos t \end{aligned}$$

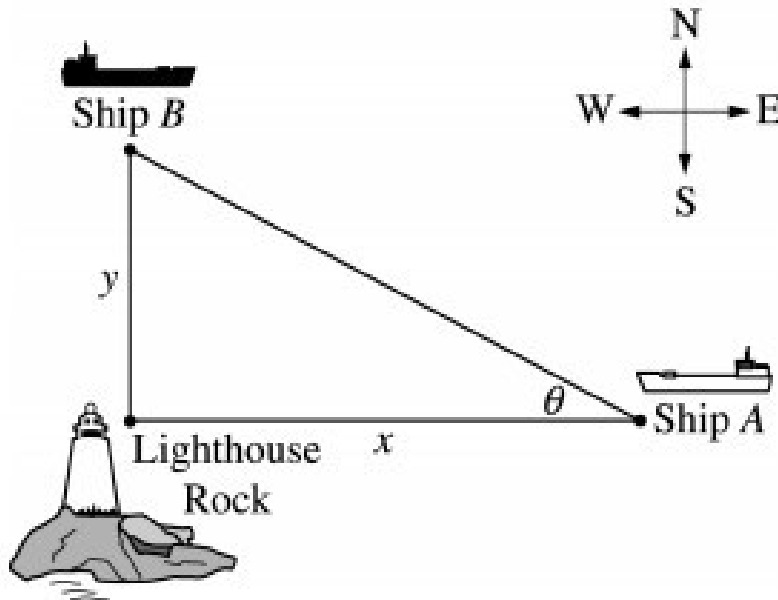
Now, we need to find the time t where $a_1(t) = a_2(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} a_1(t) &= a_2(t) \\ -6t + 8 &= \cos t \end{aligned}$$

Since this is a calculator required question, just use your calculator to find the intersection of the line and the cosine function. (**Make sure your calculator is in radian mode.**)

$$t \approx 1.2866$$

Question 4



Ship A is traveling due west toward Lighthouse Rock at a speed of 15 kilometers per hour (km/hr). Ship B is traveling due north away from Lighthouse rock at a speed of 10 km/hr. Let x be the distance between Ship A and Lighthouse Rock at time t , and let y be the distance between Ship B and Lighthouse Rock at time t , as shown in the figure above.

Solution:

Equation (Pythagorean Theorem) of situation: $c^2 = y^2 + x^2$ Find: $\frac{dc}{dt}$

When: $x = 4$ km and $y = 3$ km Other Rates: $\frac{dx}{dt} = -15 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$ and $\frac{dy}{dt} = 10 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}$

c is the hypotenuse / distance between Ship B and Ship A.

Using Pythagorean Theorem: $c = \sqrt{4^2 + 3^2} = 5$

Find derivative of equation:

$$\frac{dc}{dt} \cdot 2c = \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot 2y + \frac{dx}{dt} \cdot 2x$$

Solve for $\frac{dc}{dt}$:

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt} \cdot 2y + \frac{dx}{dt} \cdot 2x}{2c}$$

Plug in knowns and solve:

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = \frac{10 \cdot 2(3) - 15 \cdot 2(4)}{2(5)} = \frac{60 - 120}{10} = -\frac{60}{10} = \boxed{-6 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{hr}}}$$

Question 5

Consider the curve given by $y^2 = 2 + xy$

Let x and y be functions of time t that are related by the equation $y^2 = 2 + xy$. At time $t = 5$, the value of y is 3 and $dy/dt = 6$. Find the value of dx/dt at time $t = 5$.

Solution: Find x at $y = 3$ (will be needed later):

$$\begin{aligned}(3)^2 &= 2 + 3x \\ 9 - 2 &= 3x \\ \frac{7}{3} &= x\end{aligned}$$

Take derivative of given curve and then solve for dx/dt :

$$\begin{aligned}2y \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} &= x \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} + y \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} \\ \frac{2y \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} - x \cdot \frac{dy}{dt}}{y} &= \frac{dx}{dt}\end{aligned}$$

Plug in knowns and simplify:

$$\frac{2(3) \cdot 6 - \frac{7}{3} \cdot 6}{3} = \frac{36 - 14}{3} = \boxed{\frac{22}{3} = \frac{dx}{dt}}$$

Question 6

The radius r of a sphere is increasing at a constant rate of 0.04 centimeters per second. (Note: The volume V of a sphere with radius r is $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$.)

At the time when the radius, r , of the sphere is 10 centimeters, what is the rate of increase of its volume, dV/dt ?

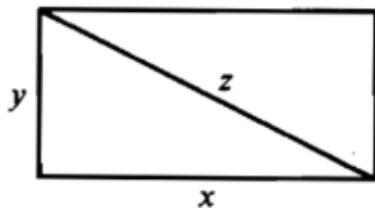
Solution: Differentiate given equation with respect to t (time):

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{4}{3}\pi(3r^2) \left(\frac{dr}{dt} \right)$$

Plug in knowns and simplify:

$$\frac{4}{3}\pi(3(10)^2)(0.04) = \frac{4}{3}\pi(12) = \boxed{16\pi = \frac{dV}{dt}}$$

Question 7



The sides of the rectangle above increase in such a way that $\frac{dz}{dt} = 1$ and $\frac{dx}{dt} = 3\frac{dy}{dt}$. At the instant when $x = 4$ and $y = 3$, what is the value of $\frac{dx}{dt}$?

Solution: Write $\frac{dy}{dt}$ in terms of $\frac{dx}{dt}$ (will be needed later):

$$\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dt}$$

Find z using Pythagorean Theorem (will be needed later):

$$z = \sqrt{4^2 + 3^2} = 5$$

Write derivative of Formula for side lengths of triangle (Pythagorean Theorem):

$$2z \frac{dz}{dt} = 2x \frac{dx}{dt} + 2y \frac{dy}{dt}$$

Solve for $\frac{dx}{dt}$:

$$\frac{2z \frac{dz}{dt} - 2y \frac{dy}{dt}}{2x} = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

Plug in knowns and simplify:

$$\frac{2(5)(1) - 2(3)\left(\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt}\right)}{2(4)} = \frac{10 - 6\left(\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt}\right)}{8} = \frac{10 - 2\frac{dx}{dt}}{8} = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{2}{8} \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right) = \frac{10}{8}$$

$$\frac{10}{8} \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right) = \frac{10}{8}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{dx}{dt} = 1}$$

Question 8**Question 9**

t (days)	0	10	22	30
$W'(t)$ (GL per day)	0.6	0.7	1.0	0.5

The twice-differentiable function W models the volume of water in a reservoir at time t , where $W(t)$ is measured in (GL) and t is measured in days. The table above gives values of $W'(t)$ sampled at various times during the time interval $0 \leq t \leq 30$ days. At time $t = 30$, the reservoir contains 125 gegaliters of water.

The equation $A = 0.3W^{2/3}$ gives the relationship between the area A , in square kilometers, of the surface of the reservoir, and the volume of the water $W(t)$, in gegaliters, in the reservoir. Find the instantaneous rate of change of A , in square kilometer per day, with respect to t when $t = 30$ days.

Solution: We are attempting to find $A'(t)$ when $t = 30$ days.

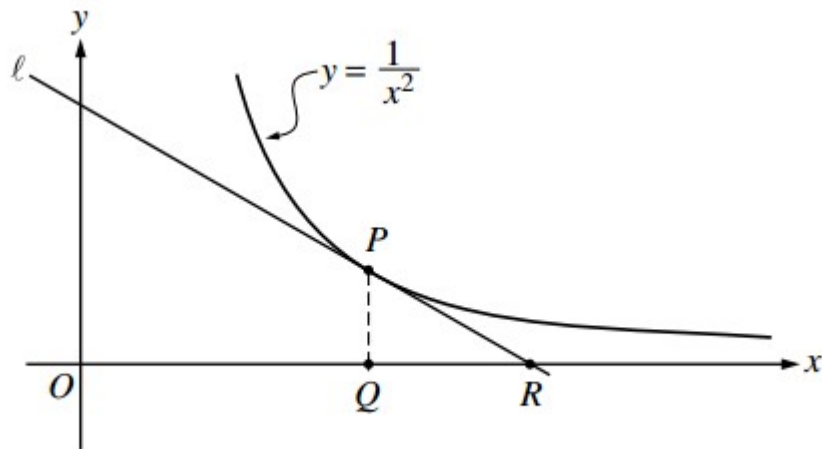
Knowns: $W'(30) = 0.5$, $W(30) = 125$ and $A = 7.5$ Differentiate given equation for A :

$$A' = 0.4(2/3 W^{1/3})(W')$$

Plug in and simplify:

$$\left(\frac{3}{10} \right) \left(\frac{2}{3\sqrt[3]{125}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{6}{300} = \boxed{0.02 = A'}$$

Question 10



In the figure above, line ℓ is tangent to the graph of $y = \frac{1}{x^2}$ at point P , with coordinates $w, \frac{1}{w^2}$, where $w > 0$. Point Q has coordinates $(w, 0)$. Line ℓ crosses the x -axis at point R , with coordinates $(k, 0)$.

- (a) Find the value of k when $w = 3$.
- (b) For all $w > 0$, find k in terms of w .
- (c) Suppose that w is increasing at the constant rate of 7 units per second. When $w = 5$, what is the rate of change of k with respect to time?
- (d) Suppose that w is increasing at the constant rate of 7 units per second. When $w = 5$, what is the rate of change of the area of PQR with respect to time? Determine whether the area is increasing or decreasing at this instant.

Solution: The slope of the tangent line ℓ is $\left.\frac{dy}{dx}\right|_{x=w}$ (Since w is the x coordinate of point P .)

Derivative of y :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}(x^{-2}) = -2x^{-3} = \frac{-2}{x^3}$$

- (a) In order to find Point R , where $y = 0$, we should write the equation of line ℓ where $x = w$ (the x -coordinate of point P) and then plug in $y = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} y - \frac{1}{w^2} &= \left(\left.\frac{dy}{dx}\right|_{x=w}\right)(k - w) \\ -\frac{1}{w^2} &= \left(\left.\frac{dy}{dx}\right|_{x=w}\right)(k - w) \end{aligned}$$

Now, we need to plug in $w = 3$ and solve for x :

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{3^2} &= \left(\left.\frac{dy}{dx}\right|_{x=3}\right)(k - 3) \\ -\frac{1}{9} &= \left(-\frac{2}{3^3}\right)(k - 3) \\ -\frac{1}{9} &= \left(-\frac{2}{27}\right)(k - 3) \\ k - 3 &= \frac{-\frac{1}{27}}{-\frac{2}{9}} \\ k &= \left(-\frac{1}{27} \cdot -\frac{9}{2}\right) + 3 \\ k &= \boxed{\frac{9}{54} + 3 = \frac{1}{6} + 3 = \frac{19}{6} \approx 3.1667} \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{w^2} &= \left(\left.\frac{dy}{dx}\right|_{x=w}\right)(k - w) \\ -\frac{1}{w^2} &= \left(\frac{-2}{w^3}\right)(k - w) \\ k - w &= -\frac{1}{w^2} \div \left(\frac{-2}{w^3}\right) \\ k &= -\frac{1}{w^2} \left(\frac{w^3}{-2}\right) + w \\ k &= \frac{w}{2} + w = \boxed{\frac{3w}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

(c)

(d)

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