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## Free Response Questions Stem Types: Verbal

### 2020 FRQ Practice Problem BC1

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$E'(t)$ (students/minute)	21	18	8	3	1

**BC1:** When Mr. Passwater starts his live online help session for his AP Calculus students, there are 25 students in the session. For  $0 \leq t \leq 10$  minutes, students enter the online session at a rate modeled by the differentiable function,  $E'(t)$ , where  $E'(t)$  is decreasing and measured in students per minute.

(a) Use the data in the table to approximate  $E''(5)$ . Using correct units, interpret the meaning of  $E''(5)$  in the context of the problem.

$$E''(5) \approx \frac{E'(6) - E'(4)}{6 - 4} = \frac{3 - 8}{2} = -\frac{5}{2}$$

At  $t = 5$  minutes, the rate students enter the online session is changing at a rate of  $-\frac{5}{2}$  students per minute per minute.

(b) Is there a time  $t$ ,  $0 < t < 10$ , at which  $E''(t) = -2$ ? Justify your answer.

$E'(t)$  is differentiable and continuous on the interval  $0 < t < 10$  so by the Mean Value Theorem guarantees there is at least one number  $t = c$  in  $0 < t < 10$  such that

$$E''(c) = \frac{E'(10) - E'(0)}{10 - 0} = \frac{1 - 21}{10} = -2.$$

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(c) Using correct units, explain the meaning of  $\int_0^{10} E'(t) dt$  in the context of the problem. Use a right

Riemann with the four subintervals indicated in the table to estimate  $\int_0^{10} E'(t) dt$ .

$\int_0^{10} E'(t) dt$  is the total number of students that enter the online session between  $t = 0$  minutes and  $t = 10$  minutes.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{10} E'(t) dt &\approx [E'(1)(1) + E'(4)(3) + E'(6)(2) + E'(10)(4)] \\ &= [(18)(1) + (8)(3) + (3)(2) + (1)(4)] = [(18) + (24) + (6) + (4)] \\ &= 52 \text{ students entered during the 10 minute time interval} \end{aligned}$$

(d) Is the approximation in part (b) an overestimate or underestimate of  $\int_0^{10} E'(t) dt$ ? Give a reason for your answer.

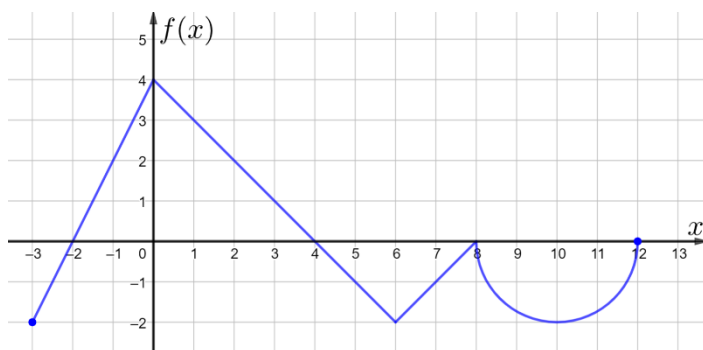
$E'(t)$  is decreasing for  $0 \leq t \leq 10$  so the right Riemann sum approximation for  $\int_0^{10} E'(t) dt$  is an underestimate.

(e) A tangent line to the graph of  $y = E(t)$  at  $t = 0$  is used to approximate  $E(1)$ . Does this approximation overestimate or underestimate  $E(1)$ ? Give a reason for your answer.

The approximation is overestimate because  $E'(t)$  is decreasing which means  $E(t)$  is concave down and the tangent line lies above the curve.

## Free Response Questions Stem Types: Verbal

### 2020 FRQ Practice Problem BC2



**BC2:** The function  $f$  is defined on the closed interval  $[-3, 12]$ . The graph of  $f$ , shown in the figure above, consists of three line segments and a semicircle centered at  $(10, 0)$ . Let  $g$  be the function defined by

$$g(x) = \int_4^x f(t) dt.$$

- (a) Find all value(s) of  $x$  on the open interval  $-3 < x < 12$  for which the function  $g$  has a local maximum. Justify your answer.

$g'(x) = f(x)$  There is a local maximum at  $x = 4$  because  $g'(x) = f(x)$  changes from positive to negative at  $x = 4$ .

- (b) On what open intervals contained in  $-3 < x < 12$  is the graph of  $g$  both concave up and decreasing? Explain your reasoning.

$g(x)$  is concave up and decreasing when  $g'(x) = f(x)$  is increasing and negative.

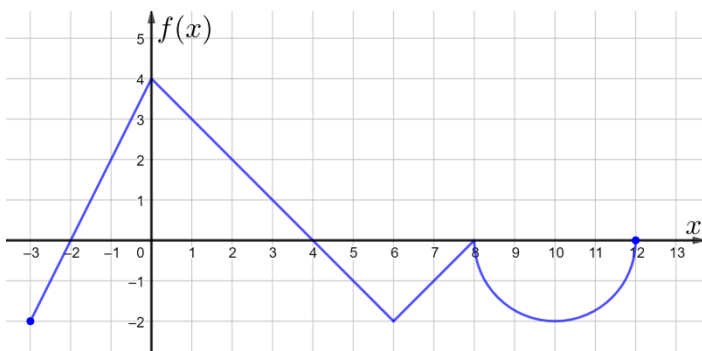
$g(x)$  is concave up and decreasing on three intervals  $-3 < x < -2$  and  $6 < x < 8$  and  $10 < x < 12$ .

- (c) For  $-3 < x < 12$ , find all values of  $x$  for which the graph of  $g$  has a point of inflection. Explain your reasoning.

The graph of  $g$  has a point of inflection when  $g'(x) = f(x)$  changes from increasing to decreasing or vice versa which also means  $g'(x) = f(x)$  has an extrema.

The graph of  $g$  has a point of inflection when  $x = 0, 6, 8$ , and  $10$ .

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(d) Determine the minimum value of  $g$  on the closed interval  $[-3, 12]$ . Justify your answer.

local minimum candidate:  $x = -2$

endpoint candidates:  $x = -3, 12$

$x$	$g(x) = \int_4^x f(t) dt$
$-3$	$g(-3) = \int_4^{-3} f(t) dt = -\int_{-3}^4 f(t) dt = -\left[-\frac{1}{2}(1)(2) + \frac{1}{2}(6)(4)\right] = -[(-1) + (12)] = -11$
$-2$	$g(-2) = \int_4^{-2} f(t) dt = -\int_{-2}^4 f(t) dt = -\left[\frac{1}{2}(6)(4)\right] = -12$
$12$	$g(12) = \int_4^{12} f(t) dt = -\left[\frac{1}{2}(2)(4) + \frac{1}{2}\pi(2)^2\right] = -[(4) + 2\pi] = -4 - 2\pi \approx -10$

The minimum value of  $g$  on  $[-3, 12]$  is  $g(-2) = -12$

(e) Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{g(2x) + x - 1}{1 - e^{f(x+1)}}$ .

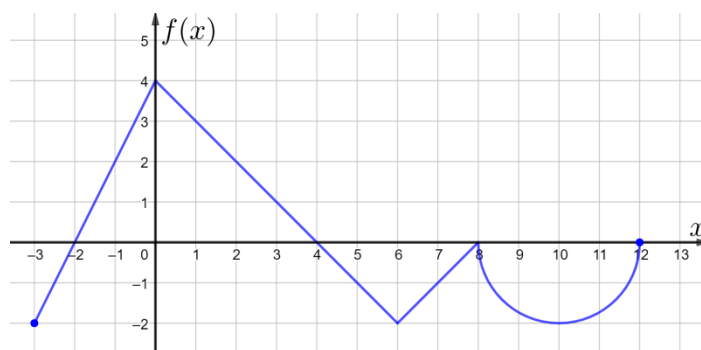
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (g(2x) + x - 1) = g(6) + 3 - 1 = -\frac{1}{2}(2)(2) + 3 - 1 = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (1 - e^{f(x+1)}) = 1 - e^{f(4)} = 1 - e^0 = 1$$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{g(2x) + x - 1}{1 - e^{f(x+1)}}$  produces the indeterminate form  $\frac{0}{0}$  so we can apply l'Hospital's Rule

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{g(2x) + x - 1}{1 - e^{f(x+1)}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \underbrace{\frac{g'(2x)(2) + 1}{-e^{f(x+1)} f'(x+1)}}_{\text{l'Hospital's Rule}} = \frac{g'(6)(2) + 1}{-e^{f(4)} f'(4)} = \frac{f(6)(2) + 1}{-e^{(0)}(-1)} = \frac{(-2)(2) + 1}{1} = -3$$

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(f) Let  $H(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{g(x)} & x < 8 \\ -2\ln|e + f(x)| & x \geq 8 \end{cases}$ . Is  $H(x)$  continuous at  $x = 8$ ? Why or why not?

$$H(8) = -2\ln|e + f(8)| = -2\ln|e + (0)| = -2\ln|e| = -2(1) = -2$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 8^-} H(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 8^-} \frac{x}{g(x)} = \frac{8}{g(8)} = \frac{8}{\int_4^8 f(t) dt} = \frac{8}{\left[-\frac{1}{2}(4)(2)\right]} = \frac{8}{-4} = -2$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 8^+} H(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 8^+} (-2\ln|e + f(x)|) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 8^+} (-2\ln|e + (0)|) = -2$$

$$H(x) \text{ is continuous at } x = 8 \text{ because } \lim_{x \rightarrow 8} H(x) = H(8).$$