Differential Equations Released Questions

AB–4 1999

4. Suppose that the function f has a continuous second derivative for all x, and that $f(0) = 2$, $f'(0) = -3$, and $f''(0) = 0$. Let g be a function whose derivative is given by $g'(x) = e^{-2x}(3f(x) + 2f'(x))$ for all x.
   (a) Write an equation of the line tangent to the graph of f at the point where $x = 0$.
   (b) Is there sufficient information to determine whether or not the graph of f has a point of inflection when $x = 0$? Explain your answer.
   (c) Given that $g(0) = 4$, write an equation of the line tangent to the graph of g at the point where $x = 0$.
   (d) Show that $g''(x) = e^{-2x}(-6f(x) - f'(x) + 2f''(x))$. Does g have a local maximum at $x = 0$? Justify your answer.

AP Calculus AB–5 / BC–5 2000

Consider the curve given by $xy^2 - x^3y = 6$.

(a) Show that $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = \dfrac{3x^2y - y^2}{2xy - x^3}$.

(b) Find all points on the curve whose x-coordinate is 1, and write an equation for the tangent line at each of these points.

(c) Find the x-coordinate of each point on the curve where the tangent line is vertical.

AP Calculus AB–6 2000

Consider the differential equation $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = \dfrac{3x^2}{e^{2y}}$.

(a) Find a solution $y = f(x)$ to the differential equation satisfying $f(0) = \dfrac{1}{2}$.

(b) Find the domain and range of the function f found in part (a).

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Question 4

Let h be a function defined for all $x \neq 0$ such that $h(4) = -3$ and the derivative of h is given by $h'(x) = \dfrac{x^2 - 2}{x}$ for all $x \neq 0$.

(a) Find all values of x for which the graph of h has a horizontal tangent, and determine whether h has a local maximum, a local minimum, or neither at each of these values. Justify your answers.

(b) On what intervals, if any, is the graph of h concave up? Justify your answer.

(c) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of h at $x = 4$.

(d) Does the line tangent to the graph of h at $x = 4$ lie above or below the graph of h for $x > 4$? Why?

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Question 5

A cubic polynomial function f is defined by

$$f(x) = 4x^3 + ax^2 + bx + k$$

where a, b, and k are constants. The function f has a local minimum at $x = -1$, and the graph of f has a point of inflection at $x = -2$.

(a) Find the values of a and b.

(b) If $\int_0^1 f(x)\,dx = 32$, what is the value of k?

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Question 6

The function f is differentiable for all real numbers. The point $\left(3, \frac{1}{4}\right)$ is on the graph of $y = f(x)$, and the slope at each point (x, y) on the graph is given by $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2(6 - 2x)$.

(a) Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ and evaluate it at the point $\left(3, \frac{1}{4}\right)$.

(b) Find $y = f(x)$ by solving the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2(6 - 2x)$ with the initial condition $f(3) = \frac{1}{4}$.

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Question 6

x	-1.5	-1.0	-0.5	0	0.5	1.0	1.5
$f(x)$	-1	-4	-6	-7	-6	-4	-1
$f'(x)$	-7	-5	-3	0	3	5	7

Let f be a function that is differentiable for all real numbers. The table above gives the values of f and its derivative f' for selected points x in the closed interval $-1.5 \le x \le 1.5$. The second derivative of f has the property that $f''(x) > 0$ for $-1.5 \le x \le 1.5$.

(a) Evaluate $\int_0^{1.5} (3f'(x) + 4)\,dx$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(b) Write an equation of the line tangent to the graph of f at the point where $x = 1$. Use this line to approximate the value of $f(1.2)$. Is this approximation greater than or less than the actual value of $f(1.2)$? Give a reason for your answer.

(c) Find a positive real number r having the property that there must exist a value c with $0 < c < 0.5$ and $f''(c) = r$. Give a reason for your answer.

(d) Let g be the function given by $g(x) = \begin{cases} 2x^2 - x - 7 & \text{for } x < 0 \\ 2x^2 + x - 7 & \text{for } x \ge 0. \end{cases}$

The graph of g passes through each of the points $(x, f(x))$ given in the table above. Is it possible that f and g are the same function? Give a reason for your answer.

2002 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 5

Consider the differential equation $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = \dfrac{3 - x}{y}$.

(a) Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the given differential equation for $1 < x < 5$ such that the line $y = -2$ is tangent to the graph of f. Find the x-coordinate of the point of tangency, and determine whether f has a local maximum, local minimum, or neither at this point. Justify your answer.

(b) Let $y = g(x)$ be the particular solution to the given differential equation for $-2 < x < 8$, with the initial condition $g(6) = -4$. Find $y = g(x)$.

2003 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 6

Let f be the function satisfying $f'(x) = x\sqrt{f(x)}$ for all real numbers x, where $f(3) = 25$.

(a) Find $f''(3)$.

(b) Write an expression for $y = f(x)$ by solving the differential equation $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = x\sqrt{y}$ with the initial condition $f(3) = 25$.

2004 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 4

Consider the curve given by $x^2 + 4y^2 = 7 + 3xy$.

(a) Show that $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = \dfrac{3y - 2x}{8y - 3x}$.

(b) Show that there is a point P with x-coordinate 3 at which the line tangent to the curve at P is horizontal. Find the y-coordinate of P.

(c) Find the value of $\dfrac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ at the point P found in part (b). Does the curve have a local maximum, a local minimum, or neither at the point P? Justify your answer.

2004 SCORING GUIDELINES

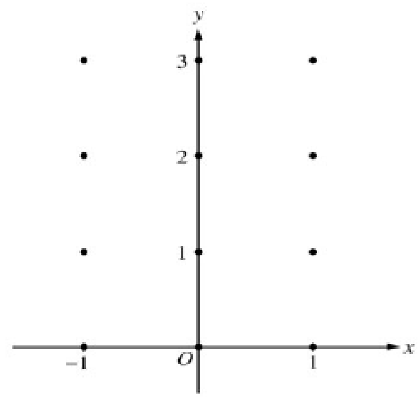
Question 6

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

(a) On the axes provided, sketch a slope field for the given differential equation at the twelve points indicated.
(Note: Use the axes provided in the pink test booklet.)

(b) While the slope field in part (a) is drawn at only twelve points, it is defined at every point in the xy-plane. Describe all points in the xy-plane for which the slopes are positive.

(c) Find the particular solution $y = f(x)$ to the given differential equation with the initial condition $f(0) = 3$.



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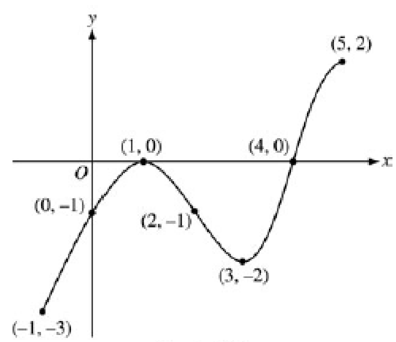
Question 4



Graph of f'

The figure above shows the graph of f', the derivative of the function f, on the closed interval $-1 \le x \le 5$. The graph of f' has horizontal tangent lines at $x = 1$ and $x = 3$. The function f is twice differentiable with $f(2) = 6$.

(a) Find the x-coordinate of each of the points of inflection of the graph of f. Give a reason for your answer.

(b) At what value of x does f attain its absolute minimum value on the closed interval $-1 \le x \le 5$? At what value of x does f attain its absolute maximum value on the closed interval $-1 \le x \le 5$? Show the analysis that leads to your answers.

(c) Let g be the function defined by $g(x) = x f(x)$. Find an equation for the line tangent to the graph of g at $x = 2$.

2004 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

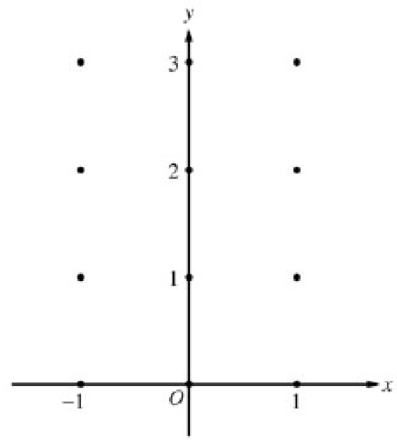
Question 5

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

(a) On the axes provided, sketch a slope field for the given differential equation at the twelve points indicated.
(Note: Use the axes provided in the test booklet.)

(b) While the slope field in part (a) is drawn at only twelve points, it is defined at every point in the xy-plane. Describe all points in the xy-plane for which the slopes are negative.

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



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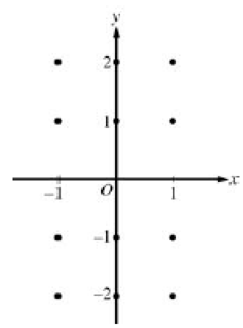
Question 6

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

(a) On the axes provided, sketch a slope field for the given differential equation at the twelve points indicated.
(Note: Use the axes provided in the pink test booklet.)

(b) Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the differential equation with the initial condition $f(1) = -1$. Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of f at $(1, -1)$ and use it to approximate $f(1.1)$.

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



2005 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 5

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

(a) Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{2y - x}$.

(b) Find all points (x, y) on the curve where the line tangent to the curve has slope $\frac{1}{2}$.

(c) Show that there are no points (x, y) on the curve where the line tangent to the curve is horizontal.

(d) 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 $\frac{dy}{dt} = 6$. Find the value of $\frac{dx}{dt}$ at time $t = 5$.

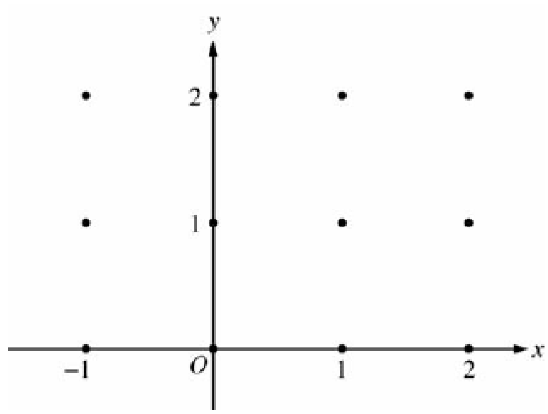
2005 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 6

Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-xy^2}{2}$. Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to this differential equation with the initial condition $f(-1) = 2$.

(a) On the axes provided, sketch a slope field for the given differential equation at the twelve points indicated.
(Note: Use the axes provided in the test booklet.)

(b) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of f at $x = -1$.



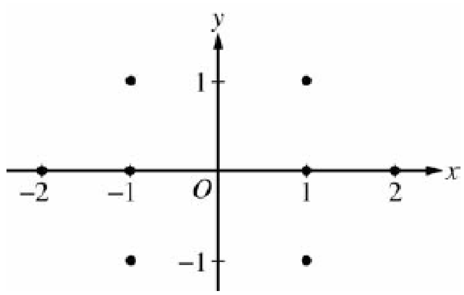
(c) Find the solution $y = f(x)$ to the given differential equation with the initial condition $f(-1) = 2$.

2006 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 5

Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1+y}{x}$, where $x \neq 0$.

(a) On the axes provided, sketch a slope field for the given differential equation at the eight points indicated. **(Note: Use the axes provided in the pink exam booklet.)**



(b) Find the particular solution $y = f(x)$ to the differential equation with the initial condition $f(-1) = 1$ and state its domain.

2006 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 6

The twice-differentiable function f is defined for all real numbers and satisfies the following conditions:

$$f(0) = 2,\ \ f'(0) = -4,\ \text{and}\ f''(0) = 3.$$

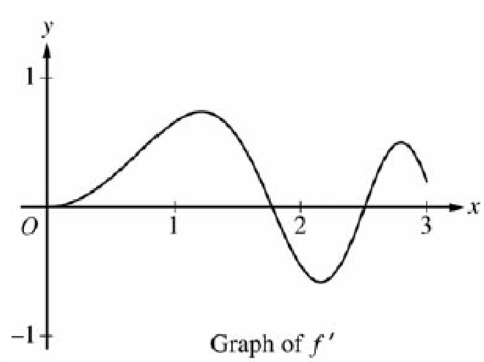
(a) The function g is given by $g(x) = e^{ax} + f(x)$ for all real numbers, where a is a constant. Find $g'(0)$ and $g''(0)$ in terms of a. Show the work that leads to your answers.

(b) The function h is given by $h(x) = \cos(kx)f(x)$ for all real numbers, where k is a constant. Find $h'(x)$ and write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of h at $x = 0$.

2006 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 2

Let f be the function defined for $x \geq 0$ with $f(0) = 5$ and f', the first derivative of f, given by $f'(x) = e^{(-x/4)}\sin(x^2)$. The graph of $y = f'(x)$ is shown above.



Graph of f'

(a) Use the graph of f' to determine whether the graph of f is concave up, concave down, or neither on the interval $1.7 < x < 1.9$. Explain your reasoning.

(b) On the interval $0 \leq x \leq 3$, find the value of x at which f has an absolute maximum. Justify your answer.

(c) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of f at $x = 2$.

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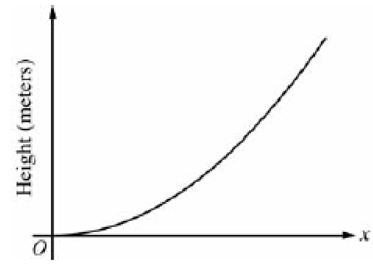
Question 3



The figure above is the graph of a function of x, which models the height of a skateboard ramp. The function meets the following requirements.

(i) At $x = 0$, the value of the function is 0, and the slope of the graph of the function is 0.
(ii) At $x = 4$, the value of the function is 1, and the slope of the graph of the function is 1.
(iii) Between $x = 0$ and $x = 4$, the function is increasing.

(a) Let $f(x) = ax^2$, where a is a nonzero constant. Show that it is not possible to find a value for a so that f meets requirement (ii) above.

(b) Let $g(x) = cx^3 - \dfrac{x^2}{16}$, where c is a nonzero constant. Find the value of c so that g meets requirement (ii) above. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(c) Using the function g and your value of c from part (b), show that g does not meet requirement (iii) above.

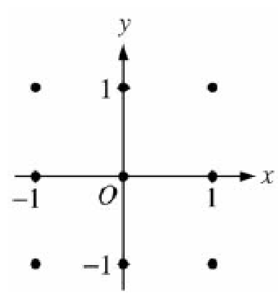
(d) Let $h(x) = \dfrac{x^n}{k}$, where k is a nonzero constant and n is a positive integer. Find the values of k and n so that h meets requirement (ii) above. Show that h also meets requirements (i) and (iii) above.

2006 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 5

Consider the differential equation $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = (y-1)^2 \cos(\pi x)$.

(a) On the axes provided, sketch a slope field for the given differential equation at the nine points indicated. **(Note: Use the axes provided in the exam booklet.)**



(b) There is a horizontal line with equation $y = c$ that satisfies this differential equation. Find the value of c.

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

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Question 4

A particle moves along the x-axis with position at time t given by $x(t) = e^{-t}\sin t$ for $0 \le t \le 2\pi$.

(a) Find the time t at which the particle is farthest to the left. Justify your answer.

(b) Find the value of the constant A for which $x(t)$ satisfies the equation $Ax''(t) + x'(t) + x(t) = 0$ for $0 < t < 2\pi$.

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Question 6

Let f be the function defined by $f(x) = k\sqrt{x} - \ln x$ for $x > 0$, where k is a positive constant.

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

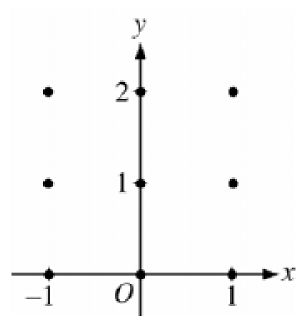
(b) For what value of the constant k does f have a critical point at $x = 1$? For this value of k, determine whether f has a relative minimum, relative maximum, or neither at $x = 1$. Justify your answer.

(c) For a certain value of the constant k, the graph of f has a point of inflection on the x-axis. Find this value of k.

2007 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 5

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



(a) On the axes provided, sketch a slope field for the given differential equation at the nine points indicated.
(Note: Use the axes provided in the exam booklet.)

(b) Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ in terms of x and y. Describe the region in the xy-plane in which all solution curves to the differential equation are concave up.

(c) Let $y = f(x)$ be a particular solution to the differential equation with the initial condition $f(0) = 1$. Does f have a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither at $x = 0$? 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.

2007 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 6

Let f be a twice-differentiable function such that $f(2) = 5$ and $f(5) = 2$. Let g be the function given by $g(x) = f(f(x))$.

(a) Explain why there must be a value c for $2 < c < 5$ such that $f'(c) = -1$.

(b) Show that $g'(2) = g'(5)$. Use this result to explain why there must be a value k for $2 < k < 5$ such that $g''(k) = 0$.

(c) Show that if $f''(x) = 0$ for all x, then the graph of g does not have a point of inflection.

(d) Let $h(x) = f(x) - x$. Explain why there must be a value r for $2 < r < 5$ such that $h(r) = 0$.

2008 SCORING GUIDELINES

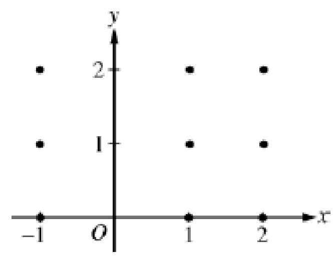
Question 5

Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y-1}{x^2}$, where $x \neq 0$.

(a) On the axes provided, sketch a slope field for the given differential equation at the nine points indicated.
(Note: Use the axes provided in the exam booklet.)

(b) Find the particular solution $y = f(x)$ to the differential equation with the initial condition $f(2) = 0$.

(c) For the particular solution $y = f(x)$ described in part (b), find $\lim_{x\to\infty} f(x)$.



2008 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 6

Let f be the function given by $f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x}$ for all $x > 0$. The derivative of f is given by

$f'(x) = \frac{1 - \ln x}{x^2}$.

(a) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of f at $x = e^2$.

(b) Find the x-coordinate of the critical point of f. Determine whether this point is a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither for the function f. Justify your answer.

(c) The graph of the function f has exactly one point of inflection. Find the x-coordinate of this point.

(d) Find $\lim_{x\to 0^+} f(x)$.

2008 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 4

The functions f and g are given by $f(x) = \int_0^{3x} \sqrt{4+t^2}\, dt$ and $g(x) = f(\sin x)$.

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

(b) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of $y = g(x)$ at $x = \pi$.

(c) Write, but do not evaluate, an integral expression that represents the maximum value of g on the interval $0 \le x \le \pi$. Justify your answer.

2008 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 6

Consider the closed curve in the xy-plane given by

$$x^2 + 2x + y^4 + 4y = 5.$$

(a) Show that $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = \dfrac{-(x+1)}{2(y^3+1)}$.

(b) Write an equation for the line tangent to the curve at the point $(-2, 1)$.

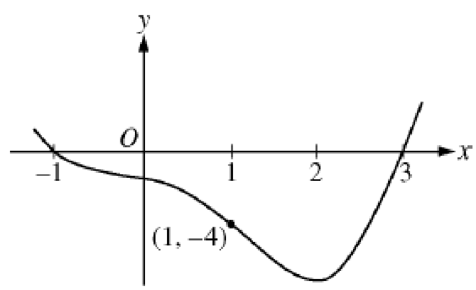
(c) Find the coordinates of the two points on the curve where the line tangent to the curve is vertical.

(d) Is it possible for this curve to have a horizontal tangent at points where it intersects the x-axis? Explain your reasoning.

2009 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 5

Let f be a twice-differentiable function defined on the interval $-1.2 < x < 3.2$ with $f(1) = 2$. The graph of f', the derivative of f, is shown above. The graph of f' crosses the x-axis at $x = -1$ and $x = 3$ and has a horizontal tangent at $x = 2$. Let g be the function given by $g(x) = e^{f(x)}$.



Graph of f'

(a) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of g at $x = 1$.

(b) For $-1.2 < x < 3.2$, find all values of x at which g has a local maximum. Justify your answer.

(c) The second derivative of g is $g''(x) = e^{f(x)}\left[(f'(x))^2 + f''(x)\right]$. Is $g''(-1)$ positive, negative, or zero? Justify your answer.

(d) Find the average rate of change of g', the derivative of g, over the interval $[1, 3]$.

2010 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 6

Solutions to the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = xy^3$ also satisfy $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = y^3\left(1 + 3x^2y^2\right)$. Let $y = f(x)$ be a particular solution to the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = xy^3$ with $f(1) = 2$.

(a) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of $y = f(x)$ at $x = 1$.

(b) 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.

(c) Find the particular solution $y = f(x)$ with initial condition $f(1) = 2$.

2010 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 2

The function g is defined for $x > 0$ with $g(1) = 2$, $g'(x) = \sin\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)$, and $g''(x) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{x^2}\right)\cos\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)$.

(a) Find all values of x in the interval $0.12 \le x \le 1$ at which the graph of g has a horizontal tangent line.

(b) On what subintervals of $(0.12, 1)$, if any, is the graph of g concave down? Justify your answer.

(c) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of g at $x = 0.3$.

(d) Does the line tangent to the graph of g at $x = 0.3$ lie above or below the graph of g for $0.3 < x < 1$? Why?

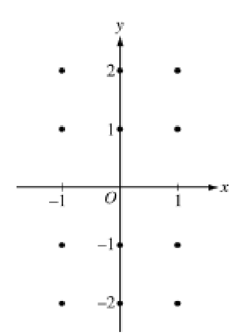
2010 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 5

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

(a) On the axes provided, sketch a slope field for the given differential equation at the twelve points indicated, and for $-1 < x < 1$, sketch the solution curve that passes through the point $(0, -1)$.

(Note: Use the axes provided in the exam booklet.)



(b) While the slope field in part (a) is drawn at only twelve points, it is defined at every point in the xy-plane for which $y \ne 0$. Describe all points in the xy-plane, $y \ne 0$, for which $\frac{dy}{dx} = -1$.

(c) Find the particular solution $y = f(x)$ to the given differential equation with the initial condition $f(0) = -2$.

2011 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 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 $W(0) = 1400$.

2011 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 4

Consider a differentiable function f having domain all positive real numbers, and for which it is known that $f'(x) = (4 - x)x^{-3}$ for $x > 0$.

(a) Find the x-coordinate of the critical point of f. Determine whether the point is a relative maximum, a relative minimum, or neither for the function f. Justify your answer.

(b) Find all intervals on which the graph of f is concave down. Justify your answer.

(c) Given that $f(1) = 2$, determine the function f.

2012 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 5

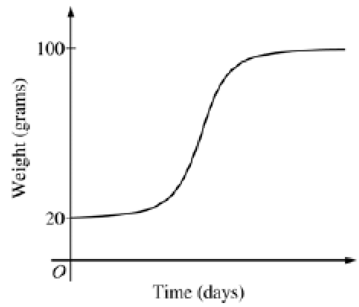
The rate at which a baby bird gains weight is proportional to the difference between its adult weight and its current weight. At time $t = 0$, when the bird is first weighed, its weight is 20 grams. If $B(t)$ is the weight of the bird, in grams, at time t days after it is first weighed, then

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

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 $B(0) = 20$.

2013 AB

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 $(1, 0)$.

2014 AB # 5

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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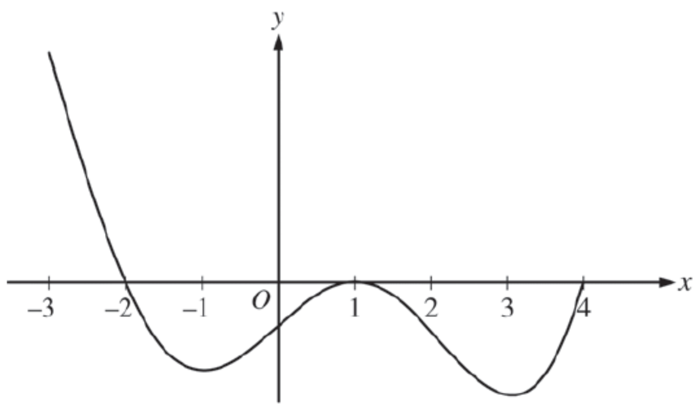


Graph of f'

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.

(a) Find all x-coordinates at which f has a relative maximum. Give a reason for your answer.

(b) 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.

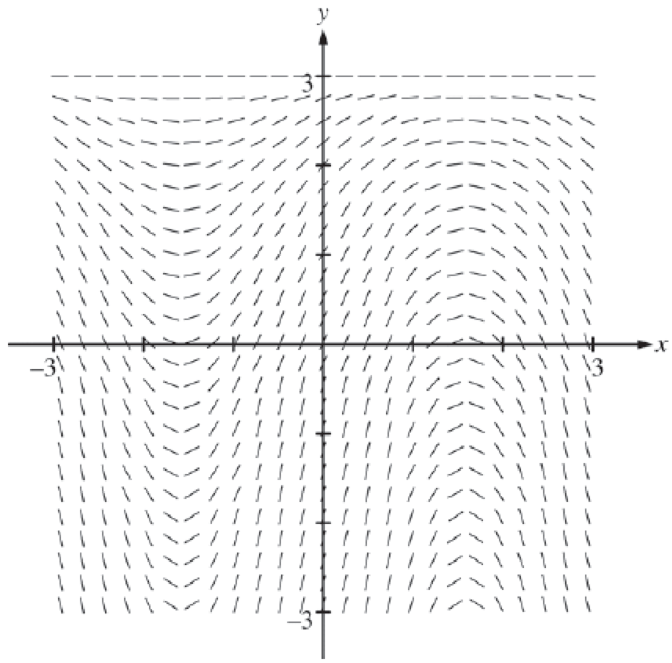
(c) Find the x-coordinates of all points of inflection for the graph of f. Give a reason for your answer.

(d) Given that $f(1) = 3$, write an expression for $f(x)$ that involves an integral. Find $f(4)$ and $f(-2)$.

2014 AB #6

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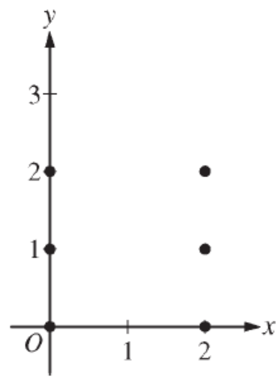
4. Consider the differential equation $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = \dfrac{y^2}{x-1}$.

(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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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 (°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 $t = 3$?

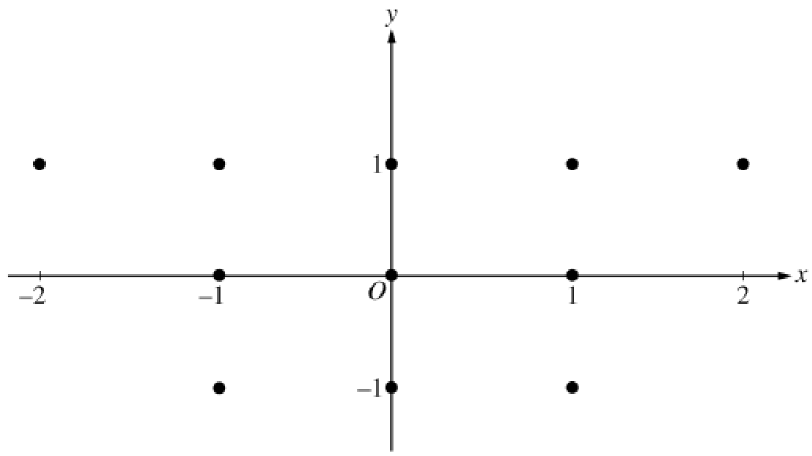
Released BC Questions

2000 BC # 6

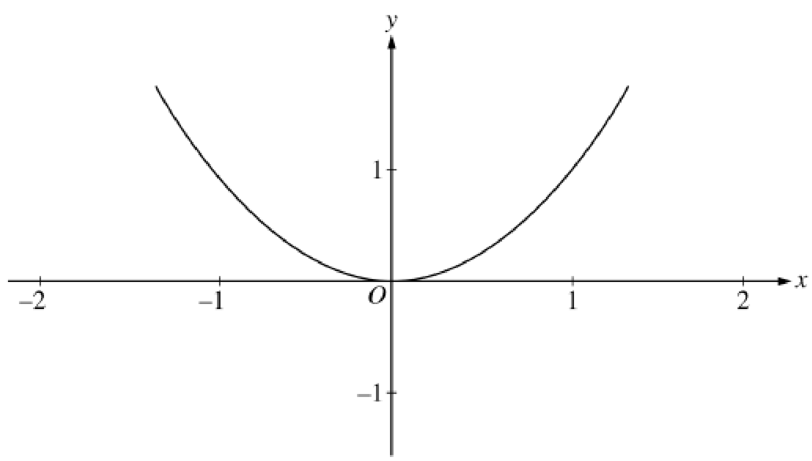
6. Consider the differential equation given by $\frac{dy}{dx} = x(y-1)^2$.

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

(**Note: Use the axes provided in the pink test booklet.**)



(b) Use the slope field for the given differential equation to explain why a solution could not have the graph shown below.



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

(d) Find the range of the solution found in part (c).

2001 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 5

Let f be the function satisfying $f'(x) = -3xf(x)$, for all real numbers x, with $f(1) = 4$ and $\lim_{x\to\infty} f(x) = 0$.

(a) Evaluate $\int_1^{\infty} -3xf(x)\,dx$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(b) Use Euler's method, starting at $x = 1$ with a step size of 0.5, to approximate $f(2)$.

(c) Write an expression for $y = f(x)$ by solving the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = -3xy$ with the initial condition $f(1) = 4$.

2002 Form B #5

5. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3 - x}{y}$.

   (a) Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the given differential equation for $1 < x < 5$ such that the line $y = -2$ is tangent to the graph of f. Find the x-coordinate of the point of tangency, and determine whether f has a local maximum, local minimum, or neither at this point. Justify your answer.

   (b) Let $y = g(x)$ be the particular solution to the given differential equation for $-2 < x < 8$, with the initial condition $g(6) = -4$. Find $y = g(x)$.

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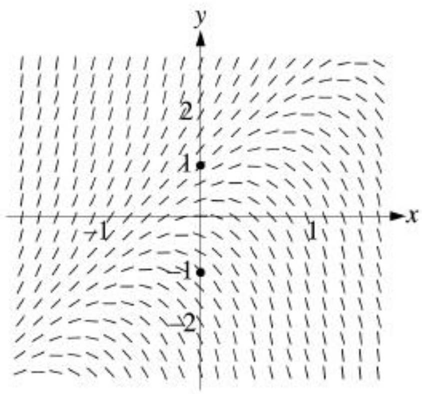
5. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2y - 4x$.

   (a) The slope field for the given differential equation is provided. Sketch the solution curve that passes through the point $(0, 1)$ and sketch the solution curve that passes through the point $(0, -1)$.
   (Note: Use the slope field provided in the pink test booklet.)



   (b) Let f be the function that satisfies the given differential equation with the initial condition $f(0) = 1$. Use Euler's method, starting at $x = 0$ with a step size of 0.1, to approximate $f(0.2)$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

   (c) Find the value of b for which $y = 2x + b$ is a solution to the given differential equation. Justify your answer.

   (d) Let g be the function that satisfies the given differential equation with the initial condition $g(0) = 0$. Does the graph of g have a local extremum at the point $(0, 0)$? If so, is the point a local maximum or a local minimum? Justify your answer.

2004 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 5

A population is modeled by a function P that satisfies the logistic differential equation

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{P}{5}\left(1 - \frac{P}{12}\right).$$

(a) If $P(0) = 3$, what is $\lim_{t \to \infty} P(t)$?

   If $P(0) = 20$, what is $\lim_{t \to \infty} P(t)$?

(b) If $P(0) = 3$, for what value of P is the population growing the fastest?

(c) A different population is modeled by a function Y that satisfies the separable differential equation

$$\frac{dY}{dt} = \frac{Y}{5}\left(1 - \frac{t}{12}\right).$$

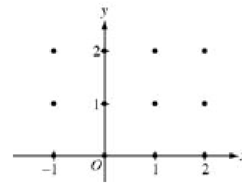
   Find $Y(t)$ if $Y(0) = 3$.

(d) For the function Y found in part (c), what is $\lim_{t \to \infty} Y(t)$?

2005 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 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 twelve points indicated, and sketch the solution curve that passes through the point $(0, 1)$. (**Note: Use the axes provided in the pink test booklet.**)

(b) The solution curve that passes through the point $(0, 1)$ has a local minimum at $x = \ln\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$. What is the y-coordinate of this local minimum?

(c) Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the given differential equation with the initial condition $f(0) = 1$. Use Euler's method, starting at $x = 0$ with two steps of equal size, to approximate $f(-0.4)$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(d) Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ in terms of x and y. Determine whether the approximation found in part (c) is less than or greater than $f(-0.4)$. Explain your reasoning.

2006 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 5

Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 5x^2 - \frac{6}{y-2}$ for $y \neq 2$. Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to this differential equation with the initial condition $f(-1) = -4$.

(a) Evaluate $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ at $(-1, -4)$.

(b) Is it possible for the x-axis to be tangent to the graph of f at some point? Explain why or why not.

(c) Find the second-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = -1$.

(d) Use Euler's method, starting at $x = -1$ with two steps of equal size, to approximate $f(0)$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

2006 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 5

Let f be a function with $f(4) = 1$ such that all points (x, y) on the graph of f satisfy the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2y(3 - x).$$

Let g be a function with $g(4) = 1$ such that all points (x, y) on the graph of g satisfy the logistic differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2y(3 - y).$$

(a) Find $y = f(x)$.

(b) Given that $g(4) = 1$, find $\lim_{x \to \infty} g(x)$ and $\lim_{x \to \infty} g'(x)$. (It is not necessary to solve for $g(x)$ or to show how you arrived at your answers.)

(c) For what value of y does the graph of g have a point of inflection? Find the slope of the graph of g at the point of inflection. (It is not necessary to solve for $g(x)$.)

2007 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 4

Let f be the function defined for $x > 0$, with $f(e) = 2$ and f', the first derivative of f, given by $f'(x) = x^2 \ln x$.

(a) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of f at the point $(e, 2)$.

(b) Is the graph of f concave up or concave down on the interval $1 < x < 3$? Give a reason for your answer.

(c) Use antidifferentiation to find $f(x)$.

2007 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)

Question 5

Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x + 2y + 1$.

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

(b) Find the values of the constants m, b, and r for which $y = mx + b + e^{rx}$ is a solution to the differential equation.

(c) Let $y = f(x)$ be a particular solution to the differential equation with the initial condition $f(0) = -2$. Use Euler's method, starting at $x = 0$ with a step size of $\frac{1}{2}$, to approximate $f(1)$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(d) Let $y = g(x)$ be another solution to the differential equation with the initial condition $g(0) = k$, where k is a constant. Euler's method, starting at $x = 0$ with a step size of 1, gives the approximation $g(1) \approx 0$. Find the value of k.

2008 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 5

The derivative of a function f is given by $f'(x) = (x-3)e^x$ for $x > 0$, and $f(1) = 7$.

(a) The function f has a critical point at $x = 3$. At this point, does f have a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither? Justify your answer.

(b) On what intervals, if any, is the graph of f both decreasing and concave up? Explain your reasoning.

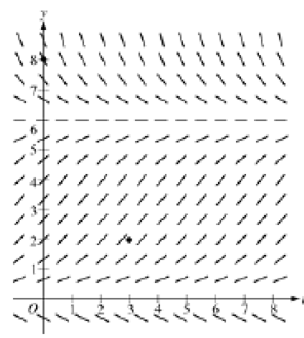
(c) Find the value of $f(3)$.

2008 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 6

Consider the logistic differential equation $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{y}{8}(6-y)$. Let $y = f(t)$ be the particular solution to the differential equation with $f(0) = 8$.

(a) A slope field for this differential equation is given below. Sketch possible solution curves through the points $(3, 2)$ and $(0, 8)$.
(Note: Use the axes provided in the exam booklet.)



(b) Use Euler's method, starting at $t = 0$ with two steps of equal size, to approximate $f(1)$.

(c) Write the second-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $t = 0$, and use it to approximate $f(1)$.

(d) What is the range of f for $t \geq 0$?

2009 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 4

Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6x^2 - x^2y$. Let $y = f(x)$ be a particular solution to this differential equation with the initial condition $f(-1) = 2$.

(a) Use Euler's method with two steps of equal size, starting at $x = -1$, to approximate $f(0)$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(b) At the point $(-1, 2)$, the value of $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ is -12. Find the second-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = -1$.

(c) Find the particular solution $y = f(x)$ to the given differential equation with the initial condition $f(-1) = 2$.

2010 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 5

Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - y$. Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to this differential equation with the initial condition $f(1) = 0$. For this particular solution, $f(x) < 1$ for all values of x.

(a) Use Euler's method, starting at $x = 1$ with two steps of equal size, to approximate $f(0)$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(b) Find $\lim_{x \to 1} \frac{f(x)}{x^3 - 1}$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(c) Find the particular solution $y = f(x)$ to the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - y$ with the initial condition $f(1) = 0$.

2013 AP® CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

5. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2(2x + 2)$. Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the differential equation with initial condition $f(0) = -1$.

(a) Find $\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{f(x) + 1}{\sin x}$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(b) Use Euler's method, starting at $x = 0$ with two steps of equal size, to approximate $f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$.

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

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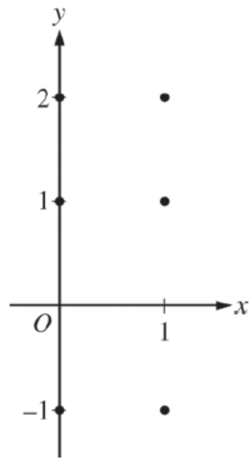
4. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x - y$.

(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.

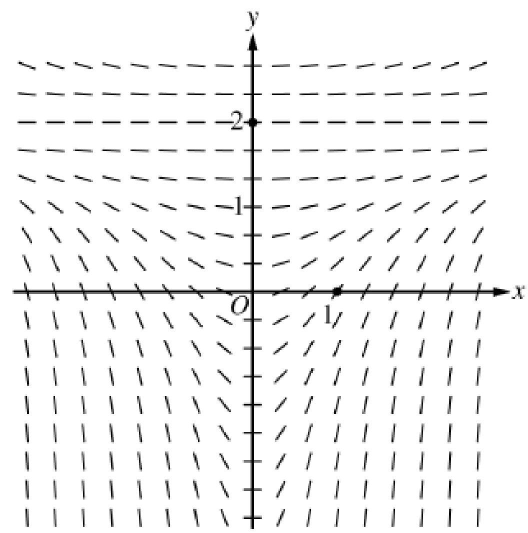
(c) Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the differential equation with the initial condition $f(2) = 3$. Does f have a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither at $x = 2$? Justify your answer.

(d) Find the values of the constants m and b for which $y = mx + b$ is a solution to the differential equation.

2018 No Calculator

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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Do not attempt in AB!!!

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

   (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 $\int f(x)\,dx$.

2018 No Calculator

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 (°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 $t = 3$?

2016 BC #6 No Calculator Permitted

2016 SCORING GUIDELINES

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 $\lim_{x \to -1}\left(\frac{g(x) - 2}{3(x+1)^2}\right)$. 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 $h(1)$.

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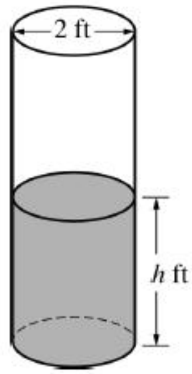

4. A cylindrical barrel with a diameter of 2 feet contains collected rainwater, as shown in the figure above. The water drains out through a valve (not shown) at the bottom of the barrel. The rate of change of the height h of the water in the barrel with respect to time t is modeled by $\frac{dh}{dt} = -\frac{1}{10}\sqrt{h}$, where h is measured in feet and t is measured in seconds. (The volume V of a cylinder with radius r and height h is $V = \pi r^2 h$.)

   (a) Find the rate of change of the volume of water in the barrel with respect to time when the height of the water is 4 feet. Indicate units of measure.

   (b) When the height of the water is 3 feet, is the rate of change of the height of the water with respect to time increasing or decreasing? Explain your reasoning.

   (c) At time $t = 0$ seconds, the height of the water is 5 feet. Use separation of variables to find an expression for h in terms of t.