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Sample Problem 2:

This sample shows how to write **three commonly** used problem types: **formulas** making use of **more of the MathObjects Formula** functionality, **multiple choice**, and **string entry** problems.

PG codes	Explanation
<pre># DESCRIPTION # A simple sample problem that illustrates # three common problem types. # WeBWorK problem written by Gavin LaRose, # <glarose(at)umich(dot)edu> # ENDDescription ## DBsubject('WeBWorK') ## DBchapter('Demos') ## DBsection('Problem') ## KEYWORDS('') ## TitleText1('') ## EditionText1('') ## AuthorText1('') ## Section1('') ## Problem1('') ## Author('Gavin LaRose') ## Institution('UMich')</pre>	<p>Tagging and description section</p> <p>All of the tagging information exists to allow the problem to be easily indexed.</p> <p>There is an on-line list of current chapter and section names and a similar list of keywords, as well as a page of best practices for tagging problems.</p> <p>Similar as sample 1, there's just only the <i>comment</i> section.</p>
<pre>DOCUMENT(); loadMacros("PGstandard.pl", "MathObjects.pl", "PGchoicemacros.pl",);</pre>	<p>Initialization section</p> <p>To use the multiple choice object we use in this problem, we have to add PGchoicemacros.pl to the list of macros files that we load.</p>
<pre># make sure we're in the context we want Context("Numeric"); # INITIALIZATION FOR PART 1 # set up a function for our formula problem. Context()->variables->are(t=>'Real'); \$a = random(2,9,1); \$func = Formula("cos(\$a t)"); \$funcDeriv = \$func->D('t'); \$m = \$funcDeriv->eval(t=>2); \$y0 = \$func->eval(t=>2); \$line = Formula("\$m (t - 2) + \$y0");</pre>	<p>Problem set-up section</p> <p>For part 1, we define a function of the variable t. By default, the only defined variable is x, so we first add the real variable t to the Context. A list of commonly used Context modifications is available. Then we define the function, find its derivative, and work out the equation of the tangent line to the function.</p> <p>Note: we're using a number of characteristics of Formulas here. \$f->D('t') finds the derivative of \$f with respect to t. Then, \$f->eval(t=>2) evaluates \$f at the point t=2.</p> <p>Note that values must be specified for all variables when calling eval.</p> <div data-bbox="858 1933 1423 2128"> <p>If $f'(a)$ exists, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$</p> <p><input type="radio"/> A. must exist, but there is not enough information to determine its value. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> B. is equal to $f(a)$.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> C. is equal to $f'(a)$.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> D. might not exist.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> E. does not exist.</p> </div>

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# INITIALIZATION FOR PART 2
# set up for a multiple choice problem.
$radio = new_multiple_choice();
$radio->qa("This problem is", "easy");
$radio->extra("very easy", "hard");
$radio->makeLast("impossible");
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# INITIALIZATION FOR PART 3
Context()->strings->add(True=>{},False=>{});
$strAns = String('True');
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TEXT(beginproblem());
Context()->texStrings;

BEGIN_TEXT
 $\{\text{BOLD}\}$ Part 1 $\{\text{EBOLD}\}$ 
$BR
Find the equation of the line tangent to
 $(f(t) = \$func)$  at  $(t=2)$ .
$BR
 $(y = )$   $\{\text{ans\_rule}(35)\}$  (note that
this must be a function of  $(t)$ .)

$PAR
 $\{\text{BOLD}\}$ Part 2 $\{\text{EBOLD}\}$ 
$BR
 $\{\$radio->print\_q()\}$ 
 $\{\$radio->print\_a()\}$ 

$PAR
 $\{\text{BOLD}\}$ Part 3 $\{\text{EBOLD}\}$ 
$BR
(Enter True or False: ) All instructors
love WeBWorK.  $\{\text{ans\_rule}(6)\}$ 

END_TEXT

Context()->normalStrings;
```

For **part 2**, we define a **radio object** to include a multiple choice problem.

The `$radio->qa("question", "correctAnswer")` line gives the **question** and **answer** to the question. Then `$radio->extra("answer", "answer", ...)` defines **extra (incorrect) answers** for the problem. By using `$radio->makeLast("lastAnswer")` we can **specify which answer is displayed last** (all others will be presented in a **random order**).

To make the correct answer be the last one, just call `$radio->makeLast("correctAnswer")` anytime after the initial `$radio->qa("question", "correctAnswer")` call.

For **part 3**, we are **asking the student to enter a String answer**. To avoid error messages we first add to the Context all valid strings (in this case, the strings "True" and "False"). Then we define a String object which gives the correct answer.

Text section

Note that we use a couple of **formatting variables** here: `\{\text{BOLD}\}` begins a **bold section of text**, and `\{\text{EBOLD}\}` ends it. `\$BR` inserts a **line break**, and `\$PAR` inserts a **paragraph break**.

For **Part 1**, we display the equation in-line with `\(f(t) = $func \)` and then ask for the answer with an answer rule.

For **Part 2**, we can just use the **radio button object** to print the question and options. Recall that `\{ \}` executes code in the text section; `$radio->print_q()` (and `...print_a()`) are methods of the radio object that **print the question and answers**.

For **Part 3**, we just ask a question and insert an answer rule.

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ANS( $line->cmp() );
ANS( radio_cmp( $radio->correct_ans() ) );
ANS( $strAns->cmp() );
```

```
Context()->texStrings;
```

```
SOLUTION(EV3(<<'END_SOLUTION'));
```

```
$PAR SOLUTION $PAR
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${BBOLD}Part 1$EBOLD
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$BR
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The derivative of $(f(t) = $func)$ is $(f'(t) = $funcDeriv)$, so the slope of the line is $(f'(2) = $m)$. Then when $(t = 2)$ we have $(f(2) = $y0)$, so the equation of the line is $(y = $line)$.

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$PAR
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${BBOLD}Part 2$EBOLD
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$BR
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This problem is clearly easy.

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$PAR
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${BBOLD}Part 3$EBOLD
```

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$BR
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A careful study of one WeBWork instructor showed that 100% of all respondents thought this statement was true.

```
END_SOLUTION
```

```
Context()->normalStrings;
```

```
ENDDOCUMENT();
```

Answer and solution section

Because there are **three parts** to the question, we have three **ANS()** calls. These evaluate the answer blanks in the order that they appeared in the problem.

For the **first part** of the problem, we want to check that the student entered the right equation for the line. We therefore use the comparison method of the **\$line** Formula we defined.

For the **second part** of the problem we have to check that the student entered the correct (multiple-choice) answer. At the moment this requires that we use an *old-style answer checker*, **radio_cmp**. This just [verifies that the answer that the student submitted is the same as the correct answer to the problem](#).

For **part 3**, we just [check that the answer the student submitted compares with the expected String](#).

Finally, note that we can use any formatting that we use in the text section of the problem in the solution.