

2001 AP® CALCULUS AB FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

CALCULUS AB SECTION II, Part B

Time—45 minutes

Number of problems—3

No calculator is allowed for these problems.

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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

$$h'(x) = \frac{x^2 - 2}{x} \text{ for all } x \neq 0.$$

- (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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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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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 $f(3) = \frac{1}{4}$.

END OF EXAMINATION

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Question 4

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(a) $h'(x) = 0$ at $x = \pm\sqrt{2}$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} h'(x) & & - & 0 & + & \text{und} & - & 0 & + \\ & & & | & & & | & & | \\ x & & & -\sqrt{2} & & & 0 & & \sqrt{2} \end{array}$$

Local minima at $x = -\sqrt{2}$ and at $x = \sqrt{2}$

(b) $h''(x) = 1 + \frac{2}{x^2} > 0$ for all $x \neq 0$. Therefore,
the graph of h is concave up for all $x \neq 0$.

(c) $h'(4) = \frac{16 - 2}{4} = \frac{7}{2}$

$$y + 3 = \frac{7}{2}(x - 4)$$

- (d) The tangent line is below the graph because
the graph of h is concave up for $x > 4$.

$$4 : \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : x = \pm\sqrt{2} \\ 1 : \text{analysis} \\ 2 : \text{conclusions} \\ \quad < -1 > \text{not dealing with} \\ \quad \text{discontinuity at } 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$3 : \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : h''(x) \\ 1 : h''(x) > 0 \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{array} \right.$$

1 : tangent line equation

1 : answer with reason