

2011 AP[®] CALCULUS AB FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

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 $W(0) = 1400$.
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6. Let f be a function defined by $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - 2\sin x & \text{for } x \leq 0 \\ e^{-4x} & \text{for } x > 0. \end{cases}$
- (a) Show that f is continuous at $x = 0$.
- (b) For $x \neq 0$, express $f'(x)$ as a piecewise-defined function. Find the value of x for which $f'(x) = -3$.
- (c) Find the average value of f on the interval $[-1, 1]$.
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Question 6

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- (a) Show that f is continuous at $x = 0$.
 (b) For $x \neq 0$, express $f'(x)$ as a piecewise-defined function. Find the value of x for which $f'(x) = -3$.
 (c) Find the average value of f on the interval $[-1, 1]$.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} (1 - 2\sin x) = 1$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} e^{-4x} = 1$$

$$f(0) = 1$$

$$\text{So, } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = f(0).$$

Therefore f is continuous at $x = 0$.

(b) $f'(x) = \begin{cases} -2\cos x & \text{for } x < 0 \\ -4e^{-4x} & \text{for } x > 0 \end{cases}$

$$-2\cos x \neq -3 \text{ for all values of } x < 0.$$

$$-4e^{-4x} = -3 \text{ when } x = -\frac{1}{4}\ln\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) > 0.$$

$$\text{Therefore } f'(x) = -3 \text{ for } x = -\frac{1}{4}\ln\left(\frac{3}{4}\right).$$

(c)
$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^1 f(x) \, dx &= \int_{-1}^0 f(x) \, dx + \int_0^1 f(x) \, dx \\ &= \int_{-1}^0 (1 - 2\sin x) \, dx + \int_0^1 e^{-4x} \, dx \\ &= \left[x + 2\cos x \right]_{x=-1}^{x=0} + \left[-\frac{1}{4}e^{-4x} \right]_{x=0}^{x=1} \\ &= (3 - 2\cos(-1)) + \left(-\frac{1}{4}e^{-4} + \frac{1}{4} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Average value} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f(x) \, dx \\ &= \frac{13}{8} - \cos(-1) - \frac{1}{8}e^{-4} \end{aligned}$$

2 : analysis

3 : $\begin{cases} 2 : f'(x) \\ 1 : \text{value of } x \end{cases}$

4 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \int_{-1}^0 (1 - 2\sin x) \, dx \text{ and } \int_0^1 e^{-4x} \, dx \\ 2 : \text{antiderivatives} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$