

**2007 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. A particle moves along the  $x$ -axis with position at time  $t$  given by  $x(t) = e^{-t} \sin t$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ .
- (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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$t$ (minutes)	0	2	5	7	11	12
$r'(t)$ (feet per minute)	5.7	4.0	2.0	1.2	0.6	0.5

5. The volume of a spherical hot air balloon expands as the air inside the balloon is heated. The radius of the balloon, in feet, is modeled by a twice-differentiable function  $r$  of time  $t$ , where  $t$  is measured in minutes. For  $0 < t < 12$ , the graph of  $r$  is concave down. The table above gives selected values of the rate of change,  $r'(t)$ , of the radius of the balloon over the time interval  $0 \leq t \leq 12$ . The radius of the balloon is 30 feet when  $t = 5$ . (Note: The volume of a sphere of radius  $r$  is given by  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ .)
- (a) Estimate the radius of the balloon when  $t = 5.4$  using the tangent line approximation at  $t = 5$ . Is your estimate greater than or less than the true value? Give a reason for your answer.
- (b) Find the rate of change of the volume of the balloon with respect to time when  $t = 5$ . Indicate units of measure.
- (c) Use a right Riemann sum with the five subintervals indicated by the data in the table to approximate  $\int_0^{12} r'(t) dt$ . Using correct units, explain the meaning of  $\int_0^{12} r'(t) dt$  in terms of the radius of the balloon.
- (d) Is your approximation in part (c) greater than or less than  $\int_0^{12} r'(t) dt$ ? Give a reason for your answer.
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**Question 4**

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- (a)  $x'(t) = -e^{-t} \sin t + e^{-t} \cos t = e^{-t} (\cos t - \sin t)$   
 $x'(t) = 0$  when  $\cos t = \sin t$ . Therefore,  $x'(t) = 0$  on  
 $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$  for  $t = \frac{\pi}{4}$  and  $t = \frac{5\pi}{4}$ .  
 The candidates for the absolute minimum are at  
 $t = 0, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}$ , and  $2\pi$ .

$t$	$x(t)$
0	$e^0 \sin(0) = 0$
$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) > 0$
$\frac{5\pi}{4}$	$e^{-\frac{5\pi}{4}} \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{4}\right) < 0$
$2\pi$	$e^{-2\pi} \sin(2\pi) = 0$

The particle is farthest to the left when  $t = \frac{5\pi}{4}$ .

- (b)  $x''(t) = -e^{-t} (\cos t - \sin t) + e^{-t} (-\sin t - \cos t)$   
 $= -2e^{-t} \cos t$   
 $Ax''(t) + x'(t) + x(t)$   
 $= A(-2e^{-t} \cos t) + e^{-t} (\cos t - \sin t) + e^{-t} \sin t$   
 $= (-2A + 1)e^{-t} \cos t$   
 $= 0$   
 Therefore,  $A = \frac{1}{2}$ .

$$5 : \begin{cases} 2 : x'(t) \\ 1 : \text{sets } x'(t) = 0 \\ 1 : \text{answer} \\ 1 : \text{justification} \end{cases}$$

$$4 : \begin{cases} 2 : x''(t) \\ 1 : \text{substitutes } x''(t), x'(t), \text{ and } x(t) \\ \quad \text{into } Ax''(t) + x'(t) + x(t) \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$$