

## 2010 AP® CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

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  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x)}{x^3 - 1}$ . 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  $f(1) = 0$ .
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6. The function  $f$ , defined above, has derivatives of all orders. Let  $g$  be the function defined by

$$g(x) = 1 + \int_0^x f(t) dt.$$

- (a) Write the first three nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for  $\cos x$  about  $x = 0$ . Use this series to write the first three nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for  $f$  about  $x = 0$ .
- (b) Use the Taylor series for  $f$  about  $x = 0$  found in part (a) to determine whether  $f$  has a relative maximum, relative minimum, or neither at  $x = 0$ . Give a reason for your answer.
- (c) Write the fifth-degree Taylor polynomial for  $g$  about  $x = 0$ .
- (d) The Taylor series for  $g$  about  $x = 0$ , evaluated at  $x = 1$ , is an alternating series with individual terms that decrease in absolute value to 0. Use the third-degree Taylor polynomial for  $g$  about  $x = 0$  to estimate the value of  $g(1)$ . Explain why this estimate differs from the actual value of  $g(1)$  by less than  $\frac{1}{6!}$ .
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**END OF EXAM**

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**Question 6**

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(a)  $\cos(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \cdots + (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \cdots$

$$f(x) = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4!} - \frac{x^4}{6!} + \cdots + (-1)^{n+1} \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n+2)!} + \cdots$$

3 :  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : \text{terms for } \cos x \\ 2 : \text{terms for } f \\ 1 : \text{first three terms} \\ 1 : \text{general term} \end{array} \right.$

- (b)  $f'(0)$  is the coefficient of  $x$  in the Taylor series for  $f$  about  $x = 0$ , so  $f'(0) = 0$ .

2 :  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : \text{determines } f'(0) \\ 1 : \text{answer with reason} \end{array} \right.$

$$\frac{f''(0)}{2!} = \frac{1}{4!} \text{ is the coefficient of } x^2 \text{ in the Taylor series for } f \text{ about } x = 0,$$

$$\text{so } f''(0) = \frac{1}{12}.$$

Therefore, by the Second Derivative Test,  $f$  has a relative minimum at  $x = 0$ .

(c)  $P_5(x) = 1 - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3 \cdot 4!} - \frac{x^5}{5 \cdot 6!}$

2 :  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : \text{two correct terms} \\ 1 : \text{remaining terms} \end{array} \right.$

(d)  $g(1) \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4!} = \frac{37}{72}$

2 :  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : \text{estimate} \\ 1 : \text{explanation} \end{array} \right.$

Since the Taylor series for  $g$  about  $x = 0$  evaluated at  $x = 1$  is alternating and the terms decrease in absolute value to 0, we know

$$\left| g(1) - \frac{37}{72} \right| < \frac{1}{5 \cdot 6!} < \frac{1}{6!}.$$