

# 2000 AP® CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

## CALCULUS BC

### SECTION II, Part B

Time—45 minutes

Number of problems—3

No calculator is allowed for these problems.

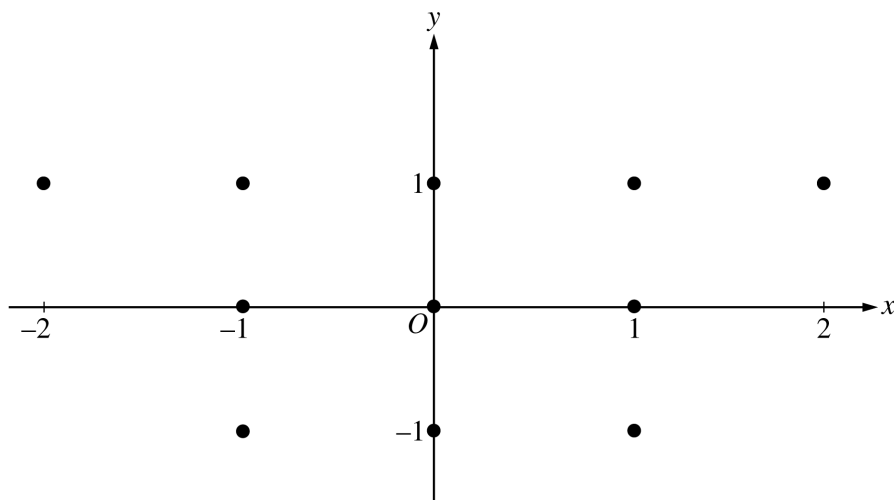
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4. A moving particle has position  $(x(t), y(t))$  at time  $t$ . The position of the particle at time  $t = 1$  is  $(2, 6)$ , and the velocity vector at any time  $t > 0$  is given by  $\left(1 - \frac{1}{t^2}, 2 + \frac{1}{t^2}\right)$ .
- (a) Find the acceleration vector at time  $t = 3$ .
  - (b) Find the position of the particle at time  $t = 3$ .
  - (c) For what time  $t > 0$  does the line tangent to the path of the particle at  $(x(t), y(t))$  have a slope of 8?
  - (d) The particle approaches a line as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . Find the slope of this line. Show the work that leads to your conclusion.
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5. Consider the curve given by  $xy^2 - x^3y = 6$ .
- (a) Show that  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2y - y^2}{2xy - x^3}$ .
  - (b) Find all points on the curve whose  $x$ -coordinate is 1, and write an equation for the tangent line at each of these points.
  - (c) Find the  $x$ -coordinate of each point on the curve where the tangent line is vertical.
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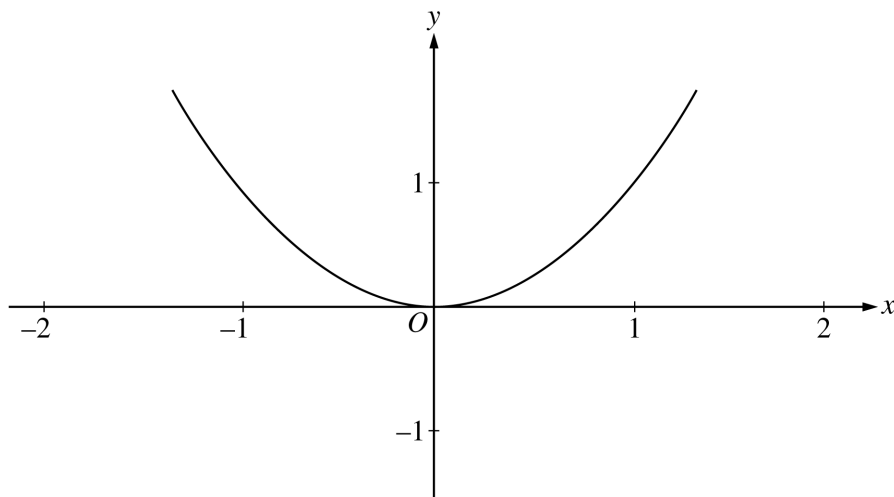
6. Consider the differential equation given by  $\frac{dy}{dx} = x(y - 1)^2$ .

(a) On the axes provided, sketch a slope field for the given differential equation at the eleven points indicated.

(Note: Use the axes provided in the pink test booklet.)



(b) Use the slope field for the given differential equation to explain why a solution could not have the graph shown below.



(c) Find the particular solution  $y = f(x)$  to the given differential equation with the initial condition  $f(0) = -1$ .

(d) Find the range of the solution found in part (c).

**END OF EXAMINATION**

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(a)  $y^2 + 2xy \frac{dy}{dx} - 3x^2y - x^3 \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

$$\frac{dy}{dx}(2xy - x^3) = 3x^2y - y^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2y - y^2}{2xy - x^3}$$

(b) When  $x = 1$ ,  $y^2 - y = 6$   
 $y^2 - y - 6 = 0$   
 $(y - 3)(y + 2) = 0$   
 $y = 3, y = -2$

At  $(1, 3)$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{9 - 9}{6 - 1} = 0$

Tangent line equation is  $y = 3$

At  $(1, -2)$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-6 - 4}{-4 - 1} = \frac{-10}{-5} = 2$

Tangent line equation is  $y + 2 = 2(x - 1)$

(c) Tangent line is vertical when  $2xy - x^3 = 0$

$$x(2y - x^2) = 0 \text{ gives } x = 0 \text{ or } y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$$

There is no point on the curve with  $x$ -coordinate 0.

When  $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}x^5 - \frac{1}{2}x^5 = 6$

$$-\frac{1}{4}x^5 = 6$$

$$x = \sqrt[5]{-24}$$

$$2 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : \text{implicit differentiation} \\ 1 : \text{verifies expression for } \frac{dy}{dx} \end{array} \right.$$

$$4 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : y^2 - y = 6 \\ 1 : \text{solves for } y \\ 2 : \text{tangent lines} \end{array} \right.$$

Note: 0/4 if not solving an equation of the form  $y^2 - y = k$

$$3 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : \text{sets denominator of } \frac{dy}{dx} \text{ equal to 0} \\ 1 : \text{substitutes } y = \frac{1}{2}x^2 \text{ or } x = \pm\sqrt{2y} \\ \text{into the equation for the curve} \\ 1 : \text{solves for } x\text{-coordinate} \end{array} \right.$$