

2006 AP[®] CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

5. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 5x^2 - \frac{6}{y-2}$ for $y \neq 2$. Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to this differential equation with the initial condition $f(-1) = -4$.

- (a) Evaluate $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ at $(-1, -4)$.
- (b) Is it possible for the x -axis to be tangent to the graph of f at some point? Explain why or why not.
- (c) Find the second-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = -1$.
- (d) 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.
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6. The function f is defined by the power series

$$f(x) = -\frac{x}{2} + \frac{2x^2}{3} - \frac{3x^3}{4} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n nx^n}{n+1} + \dots$$

for all real numbers x for which the series converges. The function g is defined by the power series

$$g(x) = 1 - \frac{x}{2!} + \frac{x^2}{4!} - \frac{x^3}{6!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^n}{(2n)!} + \dots$$

for all real numbers x for which the series converges.

- (a) Find the interval of convergence of the power series for f . Justify your answer.
- (b) The graph of $y = f(x) - g(x)$ passes through the point $(0, -1)$. Find $y'(0)$ and $y''(0)$. Determine whether y has a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither at $x = 0$. Give a reason for your answer.
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