

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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Question 6

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

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

$$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{terms for } \cos x \\ 2 : \text{terms for } f \\ 1 : \text{first three terms} \\ 1 : \text{general term} \end{cases}$$

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

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

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

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

$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{determines } f'(0) \\ 1 : \text{answer with reason} \end{cases}$$

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

$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{two correct terms} \\ 1 : \text{remaining terms} \end{cases}$$

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

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

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

$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{estimate} \\ 1 : \text{explanation} \end{cases}$$