

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.

4. A particle moves along the x -axis with position at time t given by $x(t) = e^{-t} \sin t$ for $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$.
- Find the time t at which the particle is farthest to the left. Justify your answer.
 - 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 $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$.)
- 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.
 - Find the rate of change of the volume of the balloon with respect to time when $t = 5$. Indicate units of measure.
 - 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.
 - 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) 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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(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

$$t = 0, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}, \text{ and } 2\pi.$$

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

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