

2010 AP® CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

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- (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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$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\cos x - 1}{x^2} & \text{for } x \neq 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \text{for } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

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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WRITE ALL WORK IN THE PINK EXAM BOOKLET.

END OF EXAM

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &\approx f(1) + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\Big|_{(1,0)}\right) \cdot \Delta x \\ &= 0 + 1 \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

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- (b) Since f is differentiable at $x = 1$, f is continuous at $x = 1$. So, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x^3 - 1)$ and we may apply L'Hospital's Rule.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x)}{x^3 - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f'(x)}{3x^2} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f'(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 3x^2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c)} \quad \frac{dy}{dx} &= 1 - y \\ \int \frac{1}{1-y} dy &= \int 1 dx \\ -\ln|1-y| &= x + C \\ -\ln 1 &= 1 + C \Rightarrow C = -1 \\ \ln|1-y| &= 1-x \\ |1-y| &= e^{1-x} \\ f(x) &= 1 - e^{1-x} \end{aligned}$$

2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{Euler's method with two steps} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

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5 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{separation of variables} \\ 1 : \text{antiderivatives} \\ 1 : \text{constant of integration} \\ 1 : \text{uses initial condition} \\ 1 : \text{solves for } y \end{cases}$

Note: max 2/5 [1-1-0-0-0] if no constant of integration

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