

“You’re gonna get weekly problem sets. They are such a great thing so please do them! If you have trouble procrastinating or not doing them weekly, find a friend to review answers with. Some weeks I found myself doing the problem sets on Sunday night and let me tell you the oceans of tears I cried out in frustration.” A 2019 Nerd

FR1. 1980 – AB 7 (No Calculator)

Let p and q be real numbers and let $f(x)$ be the function defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 + 3p(x-1) + (x-1)^2 & x \leq 1 \\ qx + p & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

- a) Find the value of q , in terms of p , for which $f(x)$ is continuous at $x=1$. Justify your answer.
- b) Using the results from a), find the values of p and q for which $f(x)$ is differentiable at $x=1$.
- c) If p and q have the values determined in part b), is f'' a continuous function? Justify your answer.

FR2. 1993 – AB 1 (No Calculator)

Let $f(x)$ be the function given by $f(x) = x^3 - 5x^2 + 3x + k$, where k is a constant.

- a) On what interval(s) is $f(x)$ decreasing? Justify your answer.
- b) On what interval(s) is the graph of $f(x)$ concave up? Justify your answer.
- c) Find the value of k for which $f(c) = 17$ is its relative minimum at $x = c$.

- MC1. The temperature of a room, in degrees Fahrenheit, is modeled by H , a differentiable function of the number of minutes after the thermostat is adjusted. Of the following, which is the best interpretation of $H'(5) = 2$?
- (A) The temperature of the room is 2 degrees Fahrenheit, 5 minutes after the thermostat is adjusted.
 - (B) The temperature of the room increases by 2 degrees Fahrenheit during the first 5 minutes after the thermostat is adjusted.
 - (C) The temperature of the room is increasing at a constant rate of $\frac{2}{5}$ degree Fahrenheit per minute.
 - (D) The temperature of the room is increasing at a rate of 2 degrees Fahrenheit per minute, 5 minutes after the thermostat is adjusted.
- MC2. Let f be a function that is differentiable on the open interval $(1,10)$. If $f(2) = -5$, $f(5) = 5$, and $f(9) = -5$, which of the following must be true?
- I. f has at least 2 zeros.
 - II. The graph of f has at least one horizontal tangent.
 - III. For some c , $2 < c < 5$, $f(c) = 3$.
- (A) None
 - (B) I only
 - (C) I and II only
 - (D) I and III only
 - (E) I, II, and III
- MC3. The local linear approximation to the function g at $x = \frac{1}{2}$ is $y = 4x + 1$. What is the value of $g\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + g'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$?
- (A) 4
 - (B) 5
 - (C) 6
 - (D) 7
- MC4. CA The temperature, in degrees Fahrenheit ($^{\circ}\text{F}$), of water in a pond is modeled by the function H given by $H(t) = 55 - 9 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{365}(t + 10)\right)$, where t is the number of days since January 1 ($t = 0$). What is the instantaneous rate of change of the temperature of the water at time $t = 90$ days?
- (A) $0.114^{\circ}\text{F/day}$
 - (B) $0.153^{\circ}\text{F/day}$
 - (C) $50.252^{\circ}\text{F/day}$
 - (D) $56.350^{\circ}\text{F/day}$