



AP Calculus BC – AP Exam Review Project –Free Response Problems → Group 8

Year & #	2017 5	2015 1	2013 3	2012 4	2010 6	
National Average	3.54	5.10	3.55	3.24	2.60	
Type of Problem	Power Series & Tangent Line	WP Polynomial Water Flow	Midpoint	Euler	Taylor	Particle Cross Section WP

Let f be the function defined by $f(x) = \frac{3}{2x^2 - 7x + 5}$.

- (a) Find the slope of the line tangent to the graph of f at $x = 3$.
- (b) Find the x -coordinate of each critical point of f in the interval $1 < x < 2.5$. Classify each critical point as the location of a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither. Justify your answers.
- (c) Using the identity that $\frac{3}{2x^2 - 7x + 5} = \frac{2}{2x - 5} - \frac{1}{x - 1}$, evaluate $\int_5^{\infty} f(x) dx$ or show that the integral diverges.
- (d) Determine whether the series $\sum_{n=5}^{\infty} \frac{3}{2n^2 - 7n + 5}$ converges or diverges. State the conditions of the test used for determining convergence or divergence.

The rate at which rainwater flows into a drainpipe is modeled by the function R , where $R(t) = 20\sin\left(\frac{t^2}{35}\right)$ cubic feet per hour, t is measured in hours, and $0 \leq t \leq 8$. The pipe is partially blocked, allowing water to drain out the other end of the pipe at a rate modeled by $D(t) = -0.04t^3 + 0.4t^2 + 0.96t$ cubic feet per hour, for $0 \leq t \leq 8$. There are 30 cubic feet of water in the pipe at time $t = 0$.

- How many cubic feet of rainwater flow into the pipe during the 8-hour time interval $0 \leq t \leq 8$?
- Is the amount of water in the pipe increasing or decreasing at time $t = 3$ hours? Give a reason for your answer.
- At what time t , $0 \leq t \leq 8$, is the amount of water in the pipe at a minimum? Justify your answer.
- The pipe can hold 50 cubic feet of water before overflowing. For $t > 8$, water continues to flow into and out of the pipe at the given rates until the pipe begins to overflow. Write, but do not solve, an equation involving one or more integrals that gives the time w when the pipe will begin to overflow.

t (minutes)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
$C(t)$ (ounces)	0	5.3	8.8	11.2	12.8	13.8	14.5

Hot water is dripping through a coffeemaker, filling a large cup with coffee. The amount of coffee in the cup at time t , $0 \leq t \leq 6$, is given by a differentiable function C , where t is measured in minutes. Selected values of $C(t)$, measured in ounces, are given in the table above.

- Use the data in the table to approximate $C'(3.5)$. Show the computations that lead to your answer, and indicate units of measure.
- Is there a time t , $2 \leq t \leq 4$, at which $C'(t) = 2$? Justify your answer.
- Use a midpoint sum with three subintervals of equal length indicated by the data in the table to approximate the value of $\frac{1}{6} \int_0^6 C(t) dt$. Using correct units, explain the meaning of $\frac{1}{6} \int_0^6 C(t) dt$ in the context of the problem.
- The amount of coffee in the cup, in ounces, is modeled by $B(t) = 16 - 16e^{-0.4t}$. Using this model, find the rate at which the amount of coffee in the cup is changing when $t = 5$.

x	1	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4
$f'(x)$	8	10	12	13	14.5

The function f is twice differentiable for $x > 0$ with $f(1) = 15$ and $f''(1) = 20$. Values of f' , the derivative of f , are given for selected values of x in the table above.

- Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of f at $x = 1$. Use this line to approximate $f(1.4)$.
- Use a midpoint Riemann sum with two subintervals of equal length and values from the table to approximate $\int_1^{1.4} f'(x) dx$. Use the approximation for $\int_1^{1.4} f'(x) dx$ to estimate the value of $f(1.4)$. Show the computations that lead to your answer.
- Use Euler's method, starting at $x = 1$ with two steps of equal size, to approximate $f(1.4)$. Show the computations that lead to your answer.
- Write the second-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 1$. Use the Taylor polynomial to approximate $f(1.4)$.

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

The function f , defined above, has derivatives of all orders. Let g be the function defined by

$$g(x) = 1 + \int_0^x f(t) dt.$$

- 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 $x = 0$.
- 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.
- Write the fifth-degree Taylor polynomial for g about $x = 0$.
- 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 $\frac{1}{6!}$.