

Solutions to the 2005 AP Calculus AB (Form B) Exam Free Response Questions

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Problem 1.

$$f[x_] = 1 + \text{Sin}[2 x]$$

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$$g[x_] = e^{x/2}$$

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$$\text{FindRoot}[f[x] == g[x], \{x, 1\}]$$

$$\{x \rightarrow 1.1356925\}$$

$$a = x /. \%$$

$$1.1356925$$

■ a)

$$\int_0^a (f[x] - g[x]) dx$$

0.42910092

■ b)

$$\pi \int_0^a ((f[x])^2 - (g[x])^2) dx$$

4.2665465

■ c)

$$\frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^a \left(\frac{1}{2} (f[x] - g[x]) \right)^2 dx$$

0.077657313

Problem 2.

$$w[t_] = 95 \sqrt{t} (\sin[t/6])^2$$

$$95 \sqrt{t} \sin\left[\frac{t}{6}\right]^2$$

$$R[t_] = 275 (\text{Sin}[t / 3])^2$$

$$275 \text{Sin}\left[\frac{t}{3}\right]^2$$

■ a)

$$W[15] - R[15]$$

$$95 \sqrt{15} \text{Sin}\left[\frac{5}{2}\right]^2 - 275 \text{Sin}[5]^2$$

$$N[\%]$$

$$-121.09003$$

When $t = 15$, The difference is negative, so water is being removed from the tank at a higher rate than it is being pumped in, so the amount of water in the tank at that time is decreasing.

■ b)

The amount of water in the tank at time t is $A[t] = 1200 + \int_0^t (W[\tau] - R[\tau]) d\tau$. Integrating numerically, we find that $A[18]$ is

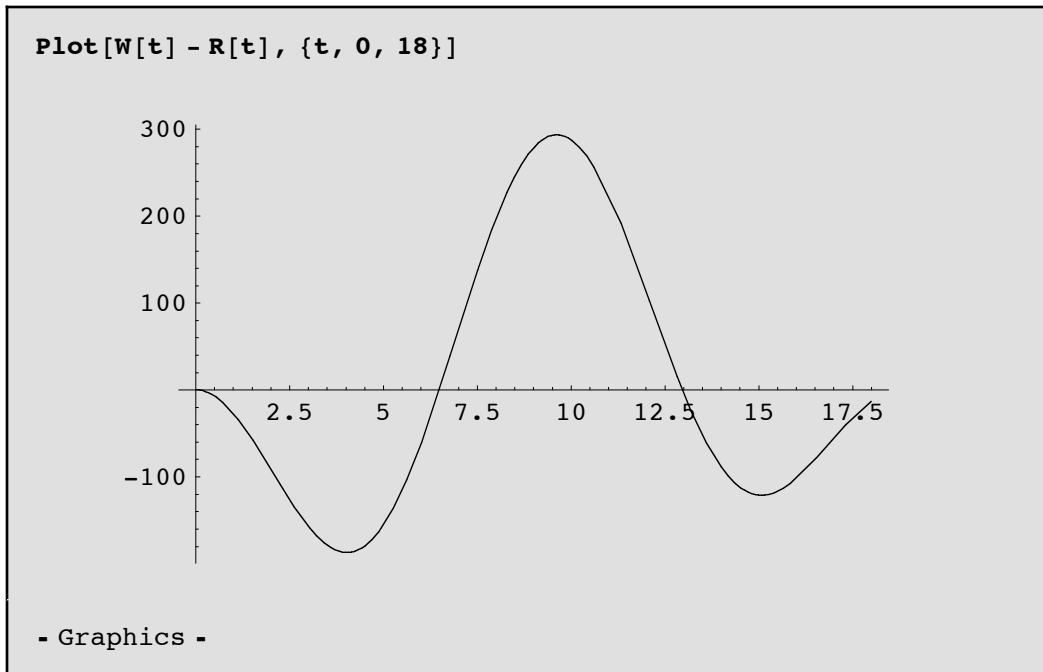
$$1200 + \text{NIntegrate}[(W[\tau] - R[\tau]), \{\tau, 0, 18\}]$$

$$1309.7882$$

To the nearest whole number, this is 1310 gallons.

■ c)

We have $A'[t] = W(t) - R(t)$. We therefore seek the zeros of $W[t] - R[t]$. From the graph,



we see that these zeros are near $t = 0$, $t = 6.5$, and $t = 13.0$. The first of these is at $t = 0$. We solve numerically for the second and the third.

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FindRoot[W[t] - R[t] == 0, {t, 6.5}]
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{t -> 6.4948402}
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r2 = t /. %
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6.4948402
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FindRoot[W[t] - R[t] == 0, {t, 13}]
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{t -> 12.974825}
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r3 = t /. %
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12.974825
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We calculate A for each of these and for $t = 18$. First we note that $A[0] = 1200$.

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A[t_] := 1200 + NIntegrate[(W[τ] - R[τ]), {τ, 0, t}]
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A[r2]
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525.24215
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A[r3]
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1697.4412
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A[18]
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1309.7882
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The amount of water in the tank is minimal when $t \sim 6.495$.

■ d)

With A and R defined as above, we must solve $A(18) - \int_{18}^k R(\tau) d\tau = 0$ for k .

Problem 3.

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v[t_] = Log[t^2 - 3 t + 3]
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Log[3 - 3 t + t^2]
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■ a)

Acceleration is

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v'[t]
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$$\frac{-3 + 2 t}{3 - 3 t + t^2}$$

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At $t = 4$, this is

$$\mathbf{v}' [4]$$

$$\frac{5}{7}$$

■ b)

The particle changes direction where v changes sign. This can occur only where $v(t) = 0$, or where $t^2 - 3t + 3 = 1$. Thus, $t^2 - 3t + 2 = 0$, or $(t - 1)(t - 2) = 0$. $v(t) = 0$, therefore, when $t = 1$ and when $t = 2$. Now $t^2 - 3t + 2$ has a graph which is a parabola opening upward. Consequently, $v(t) > 0$ when $t < 1$ and when $t > 2$. $v(t) < 0$ when $1 < t < 2$. This means that the particle changes direction at $t = 1$ and at $t = 2$.

■ c)

The position of the particle at time t is $x(t) = 8 + \int_0^t v(\tau) d\tau$. When $t = 2$, this is

$$\mathbf{8 + \int_0^2 v[t] dt}$$

$$4 + \frac{\sqrt{3} \pi}{2} + \frac{\text{Log}[27]}{2}$$

Numerically, this is

$$\mathbf{N[\%]}$$

$$8.3686175$$

■ d)

Average speed on the interval $[0, 2]$ is $\frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 |v(\tau)| d\tau$. Using what we have learned about the sign of v in part b) above, we find that the required average speed is;

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\int_0^1 \mathbf{v}[\tau] \, d\tau - \int_1^2 \mathbf{v}[\tau] \, d\tau \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{3}} + \frac{3 \operatorname{Log}[3]}{2} \right)$$

Numerically, this is

N[%]

0.37050938

Problem 4.

■ a)

$g(-1) = \int_{-4}^x f(t) \, dt$ is the negative of the area of the trapezoid defined by the x -axis, the vertical lines $x = -4$ and $x = -1$ and the line segment joining the points $(-4, -3)$ and $(-1, -2)$. Thus, $g(-1) = \frac{-1}{2} (3 + 2) \cdot 3 = \frac{-15}{2}$. By the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, $g'(x) = f(x)$, so $f'(-1) = -2$. Because $g'(x) = f(x)$, it follows that $g''(x) = f'(x)$, iff the latter exists. Because of the corner in the graph of $f(x)$ at the point corresponding to $x = -1$, $f'(-1)$ does not exist. (In fact, $f_- '(-1) = 1/3$, while $f_+ '(-1) = 2$.) Thus, $g''(-1)$ does not exist.

■ b)

The inflection points of g occur at the values of x for which $g' = f$ has relative extrema. But f has just one relative extremum in the interval $(-4, 3)$, at $x = 1$ —as is evident from the graph. Thus the only relative extremum for g is to be found at $x = 1$.

■ c)

If $h(x) = \int_x^3 f(t) \, dt = -\int_3^x f(t) \, dt$, then the zeros of h are to be found at those values of x for which the graph of f has just as much area above the x -axis as below in the interval $[x, 3]$. These values are evidently $x = -1$ and $x = 1$. And, of course, we shouldn't forget the trivial solution $x = 3$.

■ d)

With h given as in part c), above, we have by the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus $h'(x) = -f(x)$. Therefore, h is decreasing on the closures of those intervals for which $-f(x) < 0$, or, equivalently, where $f'(x) > 0$. From the graph, it is evident that h is decreasing on $[0, 2]$.

Problem 5.

■ a)

By implicit differentiation, we have $2yy' = y + xy'$, so that $(2y - x)y' = y$, or $y' = y/(2y - x)$, provided that $2y - x \neq 0$. But $2y - x = 0$ implies that $x = 2y$, and, substituting this in the original equation, we find that $y^2 = 2 + (2y)y$, or $y^2 + 2 = 0$. This is not possible for real y , so we conclude that $y' = y/(2y - x)$ whenever (x, y) lies on the curve $y^2 = 2 + xy$.

■ b)

If $y' = 1/2$, then $1/2 = y/(2y - x)$, or $2y - x = 2y$. Thus $x = 0$. Now if (x, y) lies on the curve $y^2 = 2 + xy$ and $x = 0$, then $y^2 = 2$. The required points are thus $(0, \sqrt{2})$ and $(0, -\sqrt{2})$.

■ c)

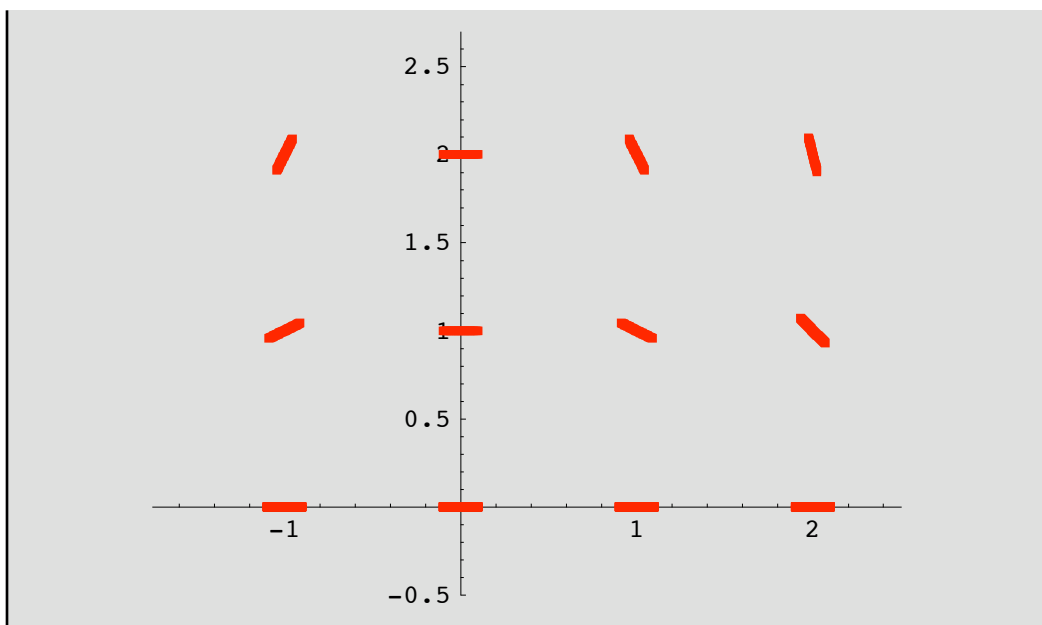
If the tangent line to $y^2 = 2 + xy$ is horizontal at a point (x_0, y_0) , then we must have $0 = y'(x_0) = y_0/(2y_0 - x_0)$, and this implies that $y_0 = 0$. But then $0 = y_0^2 = 2 + x_0 y_0 = 2 + 0 = 2$, or $0 = 2$. The contradiction shows that there can be no point on the curve $y^2 = 2 + xy$ where the tangent line is horizontal.

■ d)

We differentiate the equation for the curve implicitly again, but this time we treat x and y both as functions of t and the prime means differentiation with respect to t . This gives $2yy' = x'y + xy'$. Putting $y = 3$, $y' = 6$ in both the original equation and the derived equation leads to the system $9 = 2 + 3x$; $36 = 3x' + 6x$. From the first of these two, we find that $x = 7/3$. Substituting this for x in the second equation, we find that $36 = 3x' + 14$, whence $x' = 22/3$.

Problem 6.

■ a)



■ b)

We are given a solution f of the differential equation with $f(-1) = 2$. Hence $f'(-1) = -\frac{(-1)(2)^2}{2} = 2$. The equation of the line tangent to the graph of $y = f(x)$ at the point $(-1, 2)$ is therefore $y = 2 + 2(x + 1)$, or $y = 2x + 4$.

■ c)

We may rewrite the differential equation as $y'(x)/[y(x)]^2 = -x/2$. Thus, $\int_{-1}^x y'(t)/[y(t)]^2 dt = -\int_{-1}^x (t/2) dt$, or $[1/y(-1)] - [1/y(x)] = (1/4) - (x^2/4)$. But $y(-1) = 2$, so this equation becomes $(1/y) = (1/2) - [(1 - x^2)/4]$, which simplifies to $y = 4/(1 + x^2)$.