AP Calculus BC 2015, 2016 Released BC Only FRQ

2. At time $t \geq 0$, a particle moving along a curve in the xy-plane has position $(x(t), y(t))$ with velocity vector $v(t) = \left(\cos\left(t^2\right), e^{0.5t}\right)$. At $t = 1$, the particle is at the point $(3, 5)$.

   (a) Find the x-coordinate of the position of the particle at time $t = 2$.

   (b) For $0 < t < 1$, there is a point on the curve at which the line tangent to the curve has a slope of 2. At what time is the object at that point?

   (c) Find the time at which the speed of the particle is 3.

   (d) Find the total distance traveled by the particle from time $t = 0$ to time $t = 1$.

5. Consider the function $f(x) = \dfrac{1}{x^2 - kx}$, where k is a nonzero constant. The derivative of f is given by $f'(x) = \dfrac{k - 2x}{\left(x^2 - kx\right)^2}$.

   (a) Let $k = 3$, so that $f(x) = \dfrac{1}{x^2 - 3x}$. Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of f at the point whose x-coordinate is 4.

   (b) Let $k = 4$, so that $f(x) = \dfrac{1}{x^2 - 4x}$. Determine whether f has a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither at $x = 2$. Justify your answer.

   (c) Find the value of k for which f has a critical point at $x = -5$.

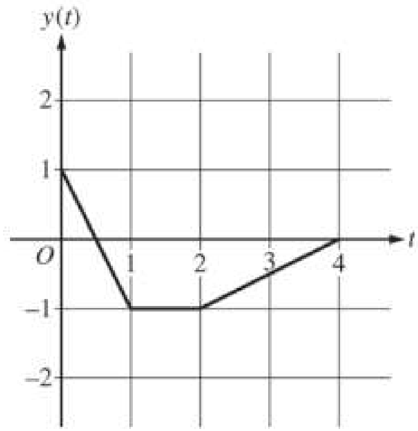
   (d) Let $k = 6$, so that $f(x) = \dfrac{1}{x^2 - 6x}$. Find the partial fraction decomposition for the function f. Find $\int f(x)\,dx$.

6. The Maclaurin series for a function f is given by $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \dfrac{(-3)^{n-1}}{n} x^n = x - \dfrac{3}{2}x^2 + 3x^3 - \cdots + \dfrac{(-3)^{n-1}}{n} x^n + \cdots$ and converges to $f(x)$ for $|x| < R$, where R is the radius of convergence of the Maclaurin series.

   (a) Use the ratio test to find R.

   (b) Write the first four nonzero terms of the Maclaurin series for f', the derivative of f. Express f' as a rational function for $|x| < R$.

   (c) Write the first four nonzero terms of the Maclaurin series for e^x. Use the Maclaurin series for e^x to write the third-degree Taylor polynomial for $g(x) = e^x f(x)$ about $x = 0$.



2. At time t, the position of a particle moving in the xy-plane is given by the parametric functions $(x(t), y(t))$, where $\frac{dx}{dt} = t^2 + \sin(3t^2)$. The graph of y, consisting of three line segments, is shown in the figure above. At $t = 0$, the particle is at position $(5, 1)$.

   (a) Find the position of the particle at $t = 3$.

   (b) Find the slope of the line tangent to the path of the particle at $t = 3$.

   (c) Find the speed of the particle at $t = 3$.

   (d) Find the total distance traveled by the particle from $t = 0$ to $t = 2$.

4. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 - \frac{1}{2}y$.

   (a) Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ in terms of x and y.

   (b) Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the given differential equation whose graph passes through the point $(-2, 8)$. Does the graph of f have a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither at the point $(-2, 8)$? Justify your answer.

   (c) Let $y = g(x)$ be the particular solution to the given differential equation with $g(-1) = 2$. Find $\lim_{x \to -1} \left(\frac{g(x) - 2}{3(x+1)^2} \right)$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

   (d) Let $y = h(x)$ be the particular solution to the given differential equation with $h(0) = 2$. Use Euler's method, starting at $x = 0$ with two steps of equal size, to approximate $h(1)$.

6. The function f has a Taylor series about $x = 1$ that converges to $f(x)$ for all x in the interval of convergence. It is known that $f(1) = 1$, $f'(1) = -\frac{1}{2}$, and the nth derivative of f at $x = 1$ is given by $f^{(n)}(1) = (-1)^n \frac{(n-1)!}{2^n}$ for $n \geq 2$.

   (a) Write the first four nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for f about $x = 1$.

   (b) The Taylor series for f about $x = 1$ has a radius of convergence of 2. Find the interval of convergence. Show the work that leads to your answer.

   (c) The Taylor series for f about $x = 1$ can be used to represent $f(1.2)$ as an alternating series. Use the first three nonzero terms of the alternating series to approximate $f(1.2)$.

   (d) Show that the approximation found in part (c) is within 0.001 of the exact value of $f(1.2)$.