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2011 SCORING GUIDELINES**

**Question 5**

At the beginning of 2010, a landfill contained 1400 tons of solid waste. The increasing function  $W$  models the total amount of solid waste stored at the landfill. Planners estimate that  $W$  will satisfy the differential equation  $\frac{dW}{dt} = \frac{1}{25}(W - 300)$  for the next 20 years.  $W$  is measured in tons, and  $t$  is measured in years from the start of 2010.

- (a) Use the line tangent to the graph of  $W$  at  $t = 0$  to approximate the amount of solid waste that the landfill contains at the end of the first 3 months of 2010 (time  $t = \frac{1}{4}$ ).
- (b) Find  $\frac{d^2W}{dt^2}$  in terms of  $W$ . Use  $\frac{d^2W}{dt^2}$  to determine whether your answer in part (a) is an underestimate or an overestimate of the amount of solid waste that the landfill contains at time  $t = \frac{1}{4}$ .
- (c) Find the particular solution  $W = W(t)$  to the differential equation  $\frac{dW}{dt} = \frac{1}{25}(W - 300)$  with initial condition  $W(0) = 1400$ .

(a)  $\left. \frac{dW}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = \frac{1}{25}(W(0) - 300) = \frac{1}{25}(1400 - 300) = 44$

The tangent line is  $y = 1400 + 44t$ .

$$W\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \approx 1400 + 44\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = 1411 \text{ tons}$$

(b)  $\frac{d^2W}{dt^2} = \frac{1}{25} \frac{dW}{dt} = \frac{1}{625}(W - 300)$  and  $W \geq 1400$

Therefore  $\frac{d^2W}{dt^2} > 0$  on the interval  $0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{4}$ .

The answer in part (a) is an underestimate.

(c)  $\frac{dW}{dt} = \frac{1}{25}(W - 300)$

$$\int \frac{1}{W - 300} dW = \int \frac{1}{25} dt$$

$$\ln|W - 300| = \frac{1}{25}t + C$$

$$\ln(1400 - 300) = \frac{1}{25}(0) + C \Rightarrow \ln(1100) = C$$

$$W - 300 = 1100e^{\frac{1}{25}t}$$

$$W(t) = 300 + 1100e^{\frac{1}{25}t}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 20$$

$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \frac{dW}{dt} \text{ at } t = 0 \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$$

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

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

Note: 0/5 if no separation of variables

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**2008 SCORING GUIDELINES**

**Question 5**

Consider the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y-1}{x^2}$ , where  $x \neq 0$ .

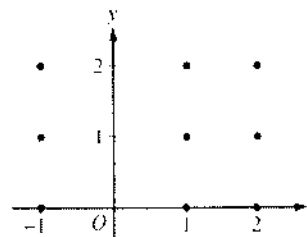
- (a) On the axes provided, sketch a slope field for the given differential equation at the nine points indicated.

(Note: Use the axes provided in the exam booklet.)

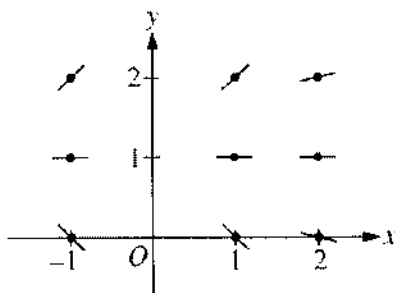
- (b) Find the particular solution  $y = f(x)$  to the differential equation with the initial condition  $f(2) = 0$ .

- (c) For the particular solution  $y = f(x)$  described in part (b), find

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x).$$



- (a)



$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{zero slopes} \\ 1 : \text{all other slopes} \end{cases}$$

(b)  $\frac{1}{y-1} dy = \frac{1}{x^2} dx$

$$\ln|y-1| = -\frac{1}{x} + C$$

$$|y-1| = e^{-\frac{1}{x} + C}$$

$$|y-1| = e^C e^{-\frac{1}{x}}$$

$$y-1 = k e^{-\frac{1}{x}}, \text{ where } k = \pm e^C$$

$$-1 = k e^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$k = -e^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$f(x) = 1 - e^{\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{x}\right)}, x > 0$$

$$6 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{separates variables} \\ 2 : \text{antidifferentiates} \\ 1 : \text{includes constant of integration} \\ 1 : \text{uses initial condition} \\ 1 : \text{solves for } y \end{cases}$$

Note: max 3/6 [1-2-0-0-0] if no constant of integration

Noté: 0/6 if no separation of variables

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 1 - e^{\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{x}\right)} = 1 - \sqrt{e}$

1 : limit

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**2007 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)**

**Question 5**

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

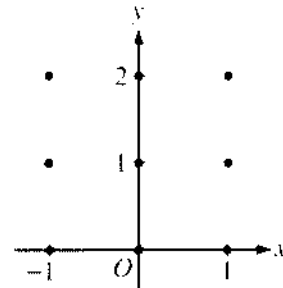
- (a) On the axes provided, sketch a slope field for the given differential equation at the nine points indicated.

(Note: Use the axes provided in the exam booklet.)

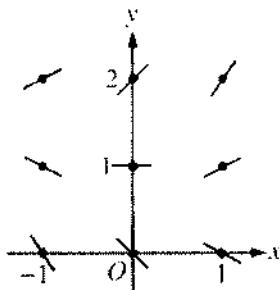
- (b) Find  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  in terms of  $x$  and  $y$ . Describe the region in the  $xy$ -plane in which all solution curves to the differential equation are concave up.

- (c) Let  $y = f(x)$  be a particular solution to the differential equation with the initial condition  $f(0) = 1$ . Does  $f$  have a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither at  $x = 0$ ? Justify your answer.

- (d) Find the values of the constants  $m$  and  $b$ , for which  $y = mx + b$  is a solution to the differential equation.



(a)



2 : Sign of slope at each point and relative steepness of slope lines in rows and columns.

(b)  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}x + y - \frac{1}{2}$

Solution curves will be concave up on the half-plane above the line

$$y = -\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}$$

3 :  $\begin{cases} 2 : \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \\ 1 : \text{description} \end{cases}$

(c)  $\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(0,1)} = 0 + 1 - 1 = 0$  and  $\left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{(0,1)} = 0 + 1 - \frac{1}{2} > 0$

Thus,  $f$  has a relative minimum at  $(0, 1)$ .

2 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{answer} \\ 1 : \text{justification} \end{cases}$

- (d) Substituting  $y = mx + b$  into the differential equation:

$$m = \frac{1}{2}x + (mx + b) - 1 = \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right)x + (b - 1)$$

Then  $0 = m + \frac{1}{2}$  and  $m = b - 1$ :  $m = -\frac{1}{2}$  and  $b = \frac{1}{2}$ .

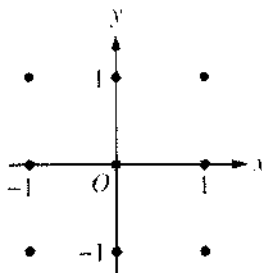
2 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{value for } m \\ 1 : \text{value for } b \end{cases}$

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**2006 SCORING GUIDELINES (Form B)**

**Question 5**

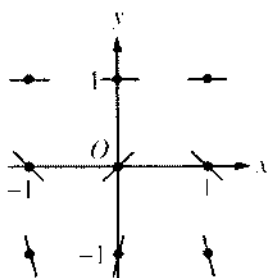
Consider the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = (y - 1)^2 \cos(\pi x)$ .

- (a) On the axes provided, sketch a slope field for the given differential equation at the nine points indicated.  
 (Note: Use the axes provided in the exam booklet.)



- (b) There is a horizontal line with equation  $y = c$  that satisfies this differential equation. Find the value of  $c$ .  
 (c) Find the particular solution  $y = f(x)$  to the differential equation with the initial condition  $f(1) = 0$ .

(a)



- (b) The line  $y = 1$  satisfies the differential equation, so  $c = 1$ .

(c) 
$$\frac{1}{(y - 1)^2} dy = \cos(\pi x) dx$$

$$-(y - 1)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\pi} \sin(\pi x) + C$$

$$\frac{1}{1 - y} = \frac{1}{\pi} \sin(\pi x) + C$$

$$1 = \frac{1}{\pi} \sin(\pi) + C = C$$

$$\frac{1}{1 - y} = \frac{1}{\pi} \sin(\pi x) + 1$$

$$\frac{\pi}{1 - y} = \sin(\pi x) + \pi$$

$$y = 1 - \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi x) + \pi} \text{ for } -\infty < x < \infty$$

2 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{zero slopes} \\ 1 : \text{all other slopes} \end{cases}$

1 :  $c = 1$

6 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{separates variables} \\ 2 : \text{antiderivatives} \\ 1 : \text{constant of integration} \\ 1 : \text{uses initial condition} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

Note: max 3/6 [1-2-0-0-0] if no constant of integration

Note: 0/6 if no separation of variables