

AP Calculus – Free Response
Solutions File

Unit 2 – Intro to Derivatives

#1 (2004 ABB4c)

AP Scoring Rubric

(c) $g'(x) = f(x) + xf'(x)$
 $g'(2) = f(2) + 2f'(2) = 6 + 2(-1) = 4$
 $g(2) = 2f(2) = 12$

Tangent line is $y = 4(x - 2) + 12$

3: $\begin{cases} 2: g'(x) \\ 1: \text{tangent line} \end{cases}$

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Work for problem 4(c)

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= x f(x) \\ g'(x) &= (x)' f(x) + x f'(x) \\ g'(2) &= f(2) + 2f'(2) \\ &= 6 + 2 \cdot (-1) \\ &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g(2) &= 2 \cdot f(2) \\ &= 12 \\ (2, 12) \end{aligned}$$

$$y = \frac{4-12}{x-2}$$

$$4x - 8 + 12 = y$$

$$y = 4x + 4$$

#2 (2007B- AB3 a&b)**AP Scoring Rubric**

(a) $W'(20) = -22.1 \cdot 0.16 \cdot 20^{-0.84} = -0.285$ or -0.286

When $v = 20$ mph, the wind chill is decreasing at $0.286^\circ\text{F}/\text{mph}$.

(b) The average rate of change of W over the interval $5 \leq v \leq 60$ is $\frac{W(60) - W(5)}{60 - 5} = -0.253$ or -0.254 .
 $W'(v) = \frac{W(60) - W(5)}{60 - 5}$ when $v = 23.011$.

2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{value} \\ 1 : \text{explanation} \end{cases}$

3 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{average rate of change} \\ 1 : W'(v) = \text{average rate of change} \\ 1 : \text{value of } v \end{cases}$

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Work for problem 3(a)

$$W(v) = 55.6 - 22.1 v^{0.16}$$

$$W'(v) = -22.1(0.16) v^{0.16-1}$$

$$= -3.536 v^{-0.84}$$

$$W'(20) \approx -3.536(20)^{-0.84}$$

$$\approx -0.286^\circ\text{F}/\text{mph}$$

It means that the wind chill is decreasing at a rate of $0.286^\circ\text{F}/\text{mph}$ when $v = 20$ mph.

Work for problem 3(b)

$$\frac{F(60) - F(5)}{60 - 5} = \frac{13.0503 - 27.0091}{60 - 5} = \boxed{-.254}$$

$$W'(v) = -22.1 (.16)v^{-.84} = -.254$$

$$-.16v^{-.84} = (-.254 / 22.1)$$

$$v^{-.84} = (.71777)^{1/.84}$$

$$\boxed{v = 23.011}$$

#3 (2008 AB6a).

AP Scoring Rubric

(a) $f(e^2) = \frac{\ln e^2}{e^2} = \frac{2}{e^2}$, $f'(e^2) = \frac{1 - \ln e^2}{(e^2)^2} = -\frac{1}{e^2}$

An equation for the tangent line is $y = \frac{2}{e^2} - \frac{1}{e^2}(x - e^2)$.

2: $\begin{cases} 1: f(e^2) \text{ and } f'(e^2) \\ 1: \text{answer} \end{cases}$

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Work for problem 6(a)

$$f(e^2) = \frac{\ln(e^2)}{e^2} = \frac{2}{e^2}$$

$$y - \frac{2}{e^2} = \left(\frac{1 - \ln(e^2)}{e^4} \right) (x - e^2)$$

$$y - \frac{2}{e^2} = -\frac{1}{e^2} (x - e^2)$$

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#4 20011B- AB2c

AP Scoring Rubric

(c) $r'(3) = 50$

The rate at which water is draining out of the tank at time $t = 3$ hours is increasing at 50 liters/hour².

2: $\begin{cases} 1: r'(3) \\ 1: \text{meaning of } r'(3) \end{cases}$

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Work for problem 2(c)

$$\begin{aligned} r'(3) &= \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{600t}{t+3} \right) \\ &= \frac{(t+3)(600) - (600t)(1)}{(t+3)^2} \\ &= \frac{3600 - 1800}{36} \\ &= 50 \end{aligned}$$

The rate at which water is draining is increasing at 50 liters/h² at $t=3$.

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#5 (2009 AB3a)

AP Scoring Rubric

(a) $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h} = \frac{2}{3}$

$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h} < 0$

Since the one-sided limits do not agree, f is not differentiable at $x = 0$.

2: $\begin{cases} 1: \text{sets up difference quotient at } x = 0 \\ 1: \text{answer with justification} \end{cases}$

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Work for problem 3(a)

~~f is differentiable at x=0~~ $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0}$ exists

Now $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x} < 0$ because $f(x) < f(0)$ as $x > 0$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x} > 0$ because $f(x) < f(0)$ as $x < 0$

so $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x} \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x}$

$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x}$ does not exist $\Rightarrow f$ is not differentiable at $x = 0$

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#6 (2011 AB3c)

(c) $g'(x) = -1$

Thus a line perpendicular to the graph of g has slope 1.

$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$

$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} = 1 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{4}$

The point P has coordinates $(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2})$.

3: $\begin{cases} 1: f'(x) \\ 1: \text{equation} \\ 1: \text{answer} \end{cases}$

Work for problem 3(c)

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \quad g'(x) = -1$$

Since the line is perpendicular to $g(x)$, when $g'(x) = -1$,
the slope of the line is 1

$$\text{Therefore } \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} = 1 \quad x = \frac{1}{4}$$

So $f(\frac{1}{4}) = \frac{1}{2}$ the coordinates of point P is $(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2})$

Work for problem 3(c)

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \quad g'(x) = -1$$

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} = 1 \quad 1 = 2\sqrt{x}$$
$$\sqrt{x} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$f(\frac{1}{4}) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow P(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2})$$