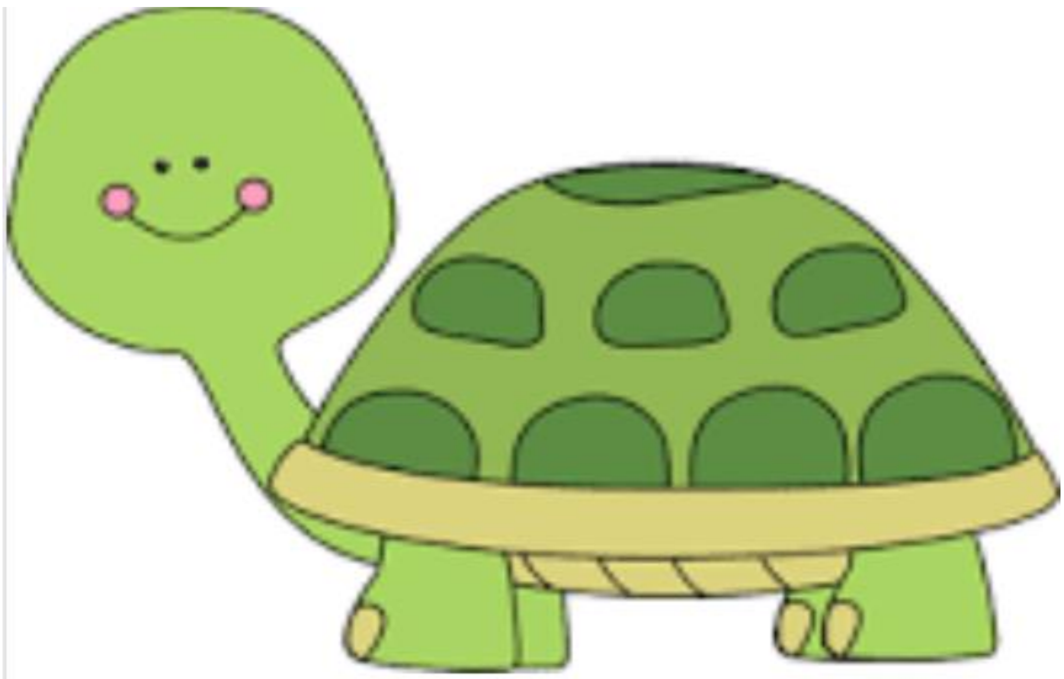
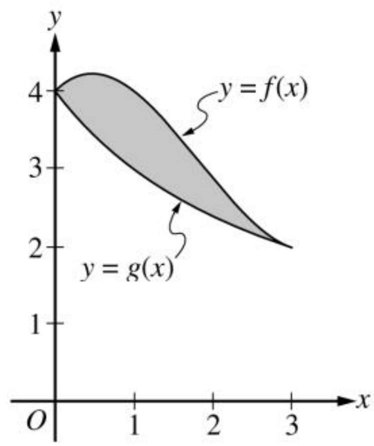


Random – AB / BC mixed topics

Typically a revolving solid / differentiable function or … just plain random type of FRQ

FRQ

Each and every year between 2010 and 2023



5. The graphs of the functions f and g are shown in the figure for $0 \le x \le 3$. It is known that $g(x) = \dfrac{12}{3+x}$ for $x \ge 0$. The twice-differentiable function f, which is not explicitly given, satisfies $f(3) = 2$ and $\int_0^3 f(x)\,dx = 10$.

(a) Find the area of the shaded region enclosed by the graphs of f and g.

(b) Evaluate the improper integral $\int_0^{\infty} (g(x))^2 \, dx$, or show that the integral diverges.

(c) Let h be the function defined by $h(x) = x \cdot f'(x)$. Find the value of $\int_0^3 h(x) \, dx$.

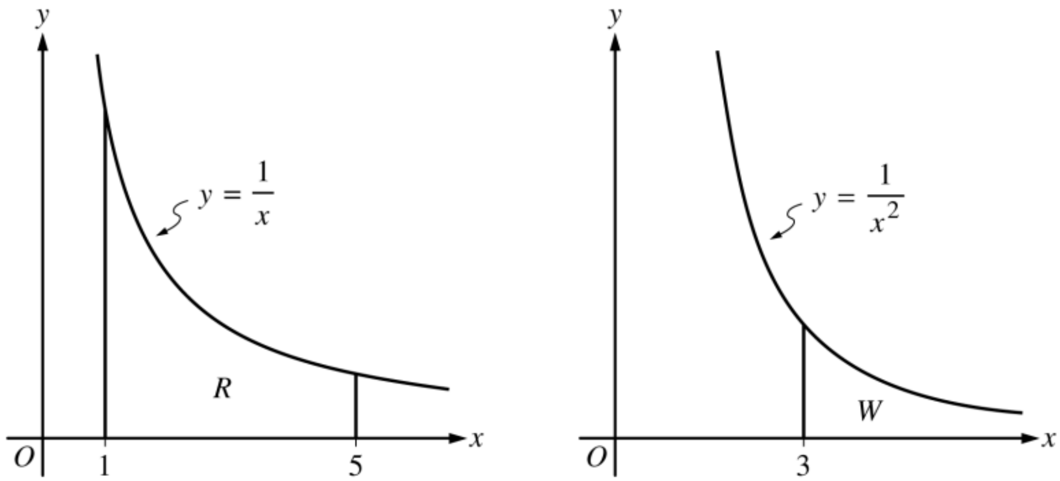


Figure 1 Figure 2

5. Figures 1 and 2, shown above, illustrate regions in the first quadrant associated with the graphs of $y = \frac{1}{x}$ and $y = \frac{1}{x^2}$, respectively. In Figure 1, let R be the region bounded by the graph of $y = \frac{1}{x}$, the x-axis, and the vertical lines $x = 1$ and $x = 5$. In Figure 2, let W be the unbounded region between the graph of $y = \frac{1}{x^2}$ and the x-axis that lies to the right of the vertical line $x = 3$.

(a) Find the area of region R.

(b) Region R is the base of a solid. For the solid, at each x the cross section perpendicular to the x-axis is a rectangle with area given by $xe^{x/5}$. Find the volume of the solid.

(c) Find the volume of the solid generated when the unbounded region W is revolved about the x-axis.

5. Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = y \cdot (x \ln x)$ with initial condition $f(1) = 4$. It can be shown that $f''(1) = 4$.

(a) Write the second-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 1$. Use the Taylor polynomial to approximate $f(2)$.

(b) Use Euler's method, starting at $x = 1$ with two steps of equal size, to approximate $f(2)$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(c) Find the particular solution $y = f(x)$ to the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = y \cdot (x \ln x)$ with initial condition $f(1) = 4$.

5. Consider the family of functions $f(x) = \dfrac{1}{x^2 - 2x + k}$, where k is a constant.

(a) Find the value of k, for $k > 0$, such that the slope of the line tangent to the graph of f at $x = 0$ equals 6.

(b) For $k = -8$, find the value of $\int_0^1 f(x)\,dx$.

(c) For $k = 1$, find the value of $\int_0^2 f(x)\, dx$ or show that it diverges.

2018 AP® CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

2. Researchers on a boat are investigating plankton cells in a sea. At a depth of h meters, the density of plankton cells, in millions of cells per cubic meter, is modeled by $p(h) = 0.2h^2e^{-0.0025h^2}$ for $0 \le h \le 30$ and is modeled by $f(h)$ for $h \ge 30$. The continuous function f is not explicitly given.

   (a) Find $p'(25)$. Using correct units, interpret the meaning of $p'(25)$ in the context of the problem.

(b) Consider a vertical column of water in this sea with horizontal cross sections of constant area 3 square meters. To the nearest million, how many plankton cells are in this column of water between $h = 0$ and $h = 30$ meters?

(c) There is a function u such that $0 \le f(h) \le u(h)$ for all $h \ge 30$ and $\int_{30}^{\infty} u(h)\, dh = 105$. The column of water in part (b) is K meters deep, where $K > 30$. Write an expression involving one or more integrals that gives the number of plankton cells, in millions, in the entire column. Explain why the number of plankton cells in the column is less than or equal to 2000 million.

(d) The boat is moving on the surface of the sea. At time $t \ge 0$, the position of the boat is $(x(t), y(t))$, where $x'(t) = 662\sin(5t)$ and $y'(t) = 880\cos(6t)$. Time t is measured in hours, and $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ are measured in meters. Find the total distance traveled by the boat over the time interval $0 \le t \le 1$.

2017 AP® CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

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

(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 $\dfrac{3}{2x^2 - 7x + 5} = \dfrac{2}{2x - 5} - \dfrac{1}{x - 1}$, evaluate $\int_5^{\infty} f(x)\, dx$ or show that the integral diverges.

(d) Determine whether the series $\displaystyle\sum_{n=5}^{\infty} \frac{3}{2n^2 - 7n + 5}$ converges or diverges. State the conditions of the test used for determining convergence or divergence.

2016 AP® CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

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 $h(1)$.

2015 AP® CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

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

$$f'(x) = \frac{k - 2x}{\left(x^2 - kx\right)^2}.$$

(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.

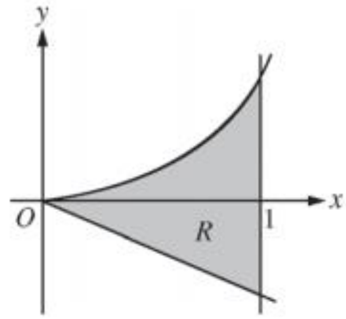
(b) Let $k = 4$, so that $f(x) = \dfrac{1}{x^2 - 4x}$. Determine whether f has a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither at $x = 2$. Justify your answer.

(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 $\int f(x)\,dx$.

2014 AP® CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS



5. Let R be the shaded region bounded by the graph of $y = xe^{x^2}$, the line $y = -2x$, and the vertical line $x = 1$, as shown in the figure above.

   (a) Find the area of R.

(b) Write, but do not evaluate, an integral expression that gives the volume of the solid generated when R is rotated about the horizontal line $y = -2$.

(c) Write, but do not evaluate, an expression involving one or more integrals that gives the perimeter of R.

2013 AP® CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

5. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2(2x + 2)$. Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the differential equation with initial condition $f(0) = -1$.

(a) Find $\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{f(x) + 1}{\sin x}$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(b) Use Euler's method, starting at $x = 0$ with two steps of equal size, to approximate $f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$.

(c) Find $y = f(x)$, the particular solution to the differential equation with initial condition $f(0) = -1$.

2012 AP® CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

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

4. 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.

   (a) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of f at $x = 1$. Use this line to approximate $f(1.4)$.

   (b) 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.

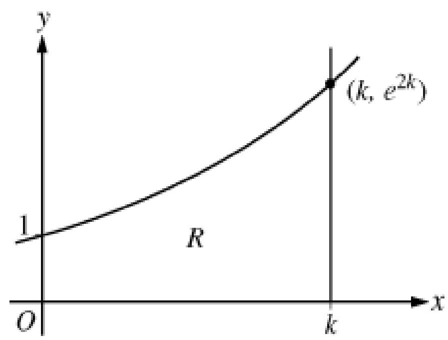
(c) Use Euler's method, starting at $x = 1$ with two steps of equal size, to approximate $f(1.4)$. Show the computations that lead to your answer.

(d) Write the second-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 1$. Use the Taylor polynomial to approximate $f(1.4)$.

2011 AP® CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

CALCULUS BC
SECTION II, Part B
Time—60 minutes
Number of problems—4

No calculator is allowed for these problems.



3. Let $f(x) = e^{2x}$. Let R be the region in the first quadrant bounded by the graph of f, the coordinate axes, and the vertical line $x = k$, where $k > 0$. The region R is shown in the figure above.

   (a) Write, but do not evaluate, an expression involving an integral that gives the perimeter of R in terms of k.

(b) The region R is rotated about the x-axis to form a solid. Find the volume, V, of the solid in terms of k.

(c) The volume V, found in part (b), changes as k changes. If $\frac{dk}{dt} = \frac{1}{3}$, determine $\frac{dV}{dt}$ when $k = \frac{1}{2}$.

2010 AP® CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

5. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - y$. Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to this differential equation with the initial condition $f(1) = 0$. For this particular solution, $f(x) < 1$ for all values of x.

   (a) Use Euler's method, starting at $x = 1$ with two steps of equal size, to approximate $f(0)$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(b) Find $\lim_{x \to 1} \frac{f(x)}{x^3 - 1}$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(c) Find the particular solution $y = f(x)$ to the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - y$ with the initial condition $f(1) = 0$.