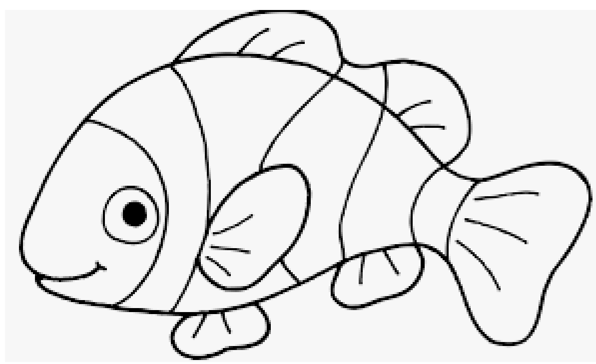
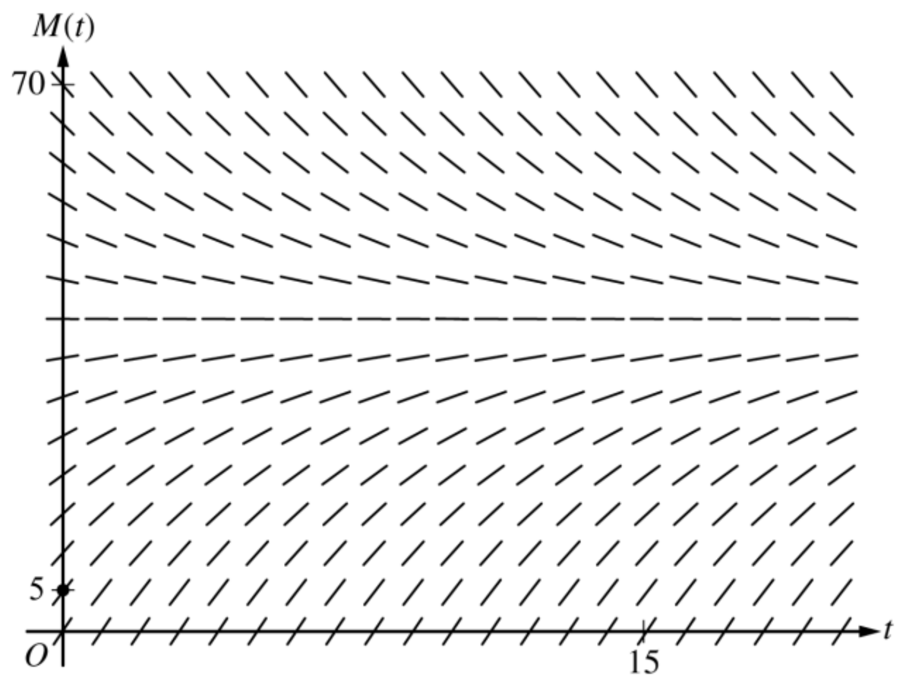


Differential Functions
(Separation of Variables)
FRQs

2023 Question #3 (NO Calculator)

3. A bottle of milk is taken out of a refrigerator and placed in a pan of hot water to be warmed. The increasing function M models the temperature of the milk at time t, where $M(t)$ is measured in degrees Celsius (°C) and t is the number of minutes since the bottle was placed in the pan. M satisfies the differential equation $\frac{dM}{dt} = \frac{1}{4}(40 - M)$. At time $t = 0$, the temperature of the milk is 5°C. It can be shown that $M(t) < 40$ for all values of t.

(a) A slope field for the differential equation $\frac{dM}{dt} = \frac{1}{4}(40 - M)$ is shown. Sketch the solution curve through the point $(0, 5)$.



(b) Use the line tangent to the graph of M at $t = 0$ to approximate $M(2)$, the temperature of the milk at time $t = 2$ minutes.

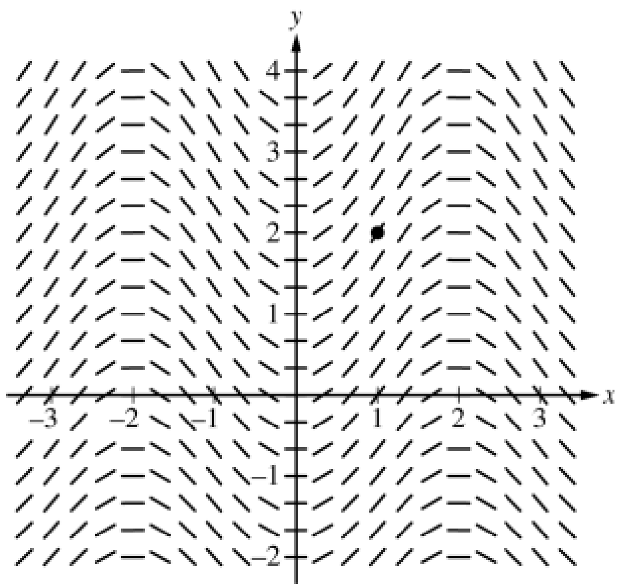
(c) Write an expression for $\frac{d^2M}{dt^2}$ in terms of M. Use $\frac{d^2M}{dt^2}$ to determine whether the approximation from part (b) is an underestimate or an overestimate for the actual value of $M(2)$. Give a reason for your answer.

(d) Use separation of variables to find an expression for $M(t)$, the particular solution to the differential equation $\frac{dM}{dt} = \frac{1}{4}(40 - M)$ with initial condition $M(0) = 5$.

2022 Question #5 (NO Calculator)

5. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}x\right)\sqrt{y+7}$. Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the differential equation with the initial condition $f(1) = 2$. The function f is defined for all real numbers.

(a) A portion of the slope field for the differential equation is given below. Sketch the solution curve through the point $(1, 2)$.



(b) Write an equation for the line tangent to the solution curve in part (a) at the point $(1, 2)$. Use the equation to approximate $f(0.8)$.

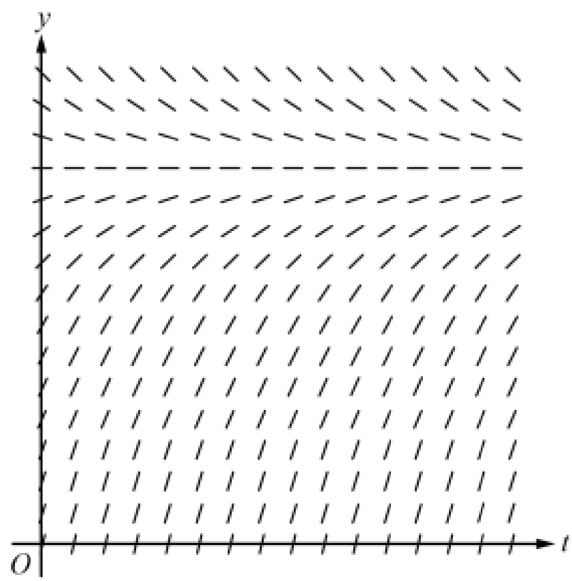
(c) It is known that $f''(x) > 0$ for $-1 \le x \le 1$. Is the approximation found in part (b) an overestimate or an underestimate for $f(0.8)$? Give a reason for your answer.

(d) Use separation of variables to find $y = f(x)$, the particular solution to the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}x\right)\sqrt{y+7}$ with the initial condition $f(1) = 2$.

2021 Question #6 (No Calculator)

6. A medication is administered to a patient. The amount, in milligrams, of the medication in the patient at time t hours is modeled by a function $y = A(t)$ that satisfies the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{12 - y}{3}$. At time $t = 0$ hours, there are 0 milligrams of the medication in the patient.

(a) A portion of the slope field for the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{12 - y}{3}$ is given below. Sketch the solution curve through the point $(0, 0)$.

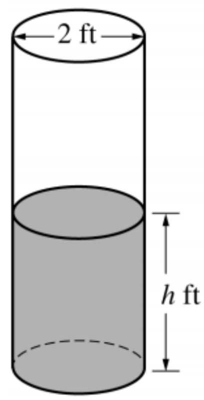


(b) Using correct units, interpret the statement $\lim_{t \to \infty} A(t) = 12$ in the context of this problem.

(c) Use separation of variables to find $y = A(t)$, the particular solution to the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{12 - y}{3}$ with initial condition $A(0) = 0$.

(d) A different procedure is used to administer the medication to a second patient. The amount, in milligrams, of the medication in the second patient at time t hours is modeled by a function $y = B(t)$ that satisfies the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dt} = 3 - \frac{y}{t+2}$. At time $t = 1$ hour, there are 2.5 milligrams of the medication in the second patient. Is the rate of change of the amount of medication in the second patient increasing or decreasing at time $t = 1$? Give a reason for your answer.

2019 Question #4 (No Calculator)



4. A cylindrical barrel with a diameter of 2 feet contains collected rainwater, as shown in the figure above. The water drains out through a valve (not shown) at the bottom of the barrel. The rate of change of the height h of the water in the barrel with respect to time t is modeled by $\frac{dh}{dt} = -\frac{1}{10}\sqrt{h}$, where h is measured in feet and t is measured in seconds. (The volume V of a cylinder with radius r and height h is $V = \pi r^2 h$.)

(a) Find the rate of change of the volume of water in the barrel with respect to time when the height of the water is 4 feet. Indicate units of measure.

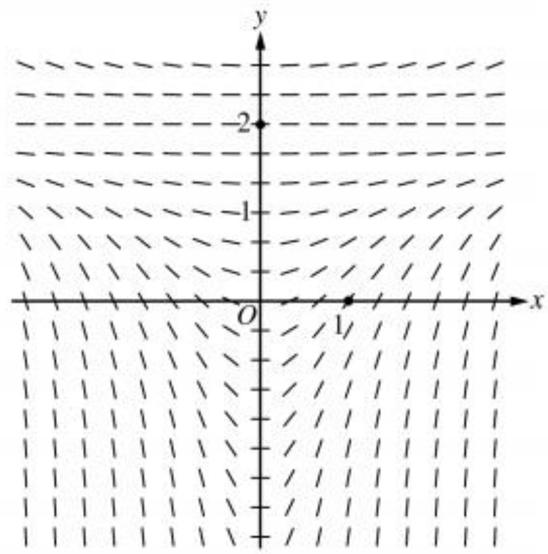
(b) When the height of the water is 3 feet, is the rate of change of the height of the water with respect to time increasing or decreasing? Explain your reasoning.

(c) At time $t = 0$ seconds, the height of the water is 5 feet. Use separation of variables to find an expression for h in terms of t.

2018 Question #6 (No Calculator)

6. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{3}x(y-2)^2$.

(a) A slope field for the given differential equation is shown below. Sketch the solution curve that passes through the point $(0, 2)$, and sketch the solution curve that passes through the point $(1, 0)$.



(b) Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the given differential equation with initial condition $f(1) = 0$. Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of $y = f(x)$ at $x = 1$. Use your equation to approximate $f(0.7)$.

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

2017 Question #4 (No-Calculator)

4. At time $t = 0$, a boiled potato is taken from a pot on a stove and left to cool in a kitchen. The internal temperature of the potato is 91 degrees Celsius (°C) at time $t = 0$, and the internal temperature of the potato is greater than 27°C for all times $t > 0$. The internal temperature of the potato at time t minutes can be modeled by the function H that satisfies the differential equation $\frac{dH}{dt} = -\frac{1}{4}(H - 27)$, where $H(t)$ is measured in degrees Celsius and $H(0) = 91$.

(a) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of H at $t = 0$. Use this equation to approximate the internal temperature of the potato at time $t = 3$.

(b) Use $\frac{d^2H}{dt^2}$ to determine whether your answer in part (a) is an underestimate or an overestimate of the internal temperature of the potato at time $t = 3$.

(c) For $t < 10$, an alternate model for the internal temperature of the potato at time t minutes is the function G that satisfies the differential equation $\frac{dG}{dt} = -(G - 27)^{2/3}$, where $G(t)$ is measured in degrees Celsius and $G(0) = 91$. Find an expression for $G(t)$. Based on this model, what is the internal temperature of the potato at time $t = 3$?

2016 Question #4 (No-Calculator)

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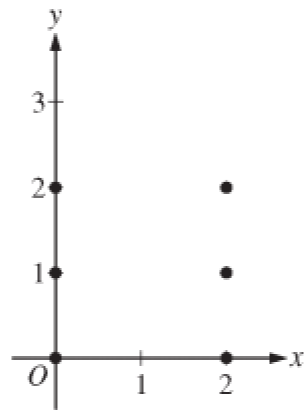
4. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2}{x-1}$.

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



   (b) Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the given differential equation with the initial condition $f(2) = 3$. Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of $y = f(x)$ at $x = 2$.

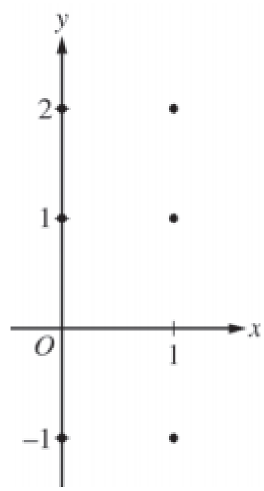
(c) Find the particular solution $y = f(x)$ to the given differential equation with the initial condition $f(2) = 3$.

2015 Question #4 (no Calculator)

2015 AP® CALCULUS AB FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

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

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



(b) Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ in terms of x and y. Determine the concavity of all solution curves for the given differential equation in Quadrant II. Give a reason for your answer.

(c) Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the differential equation with the initial condition $f(2) = 3$. Does f have a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither at $x = 2$? 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.

2015 Question #6 (No Calculator)…this is the 2nd of 2 Differential Function Questions in 2015

2015 AP® CALCULUS AB FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

6. Consider the curve given by the equation $y^3 - xy = 2$. It can be shown that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{3y^2 - x}$.

   (a) Write an equation for the line tangent to the curve at the point $(-1, 1)$.

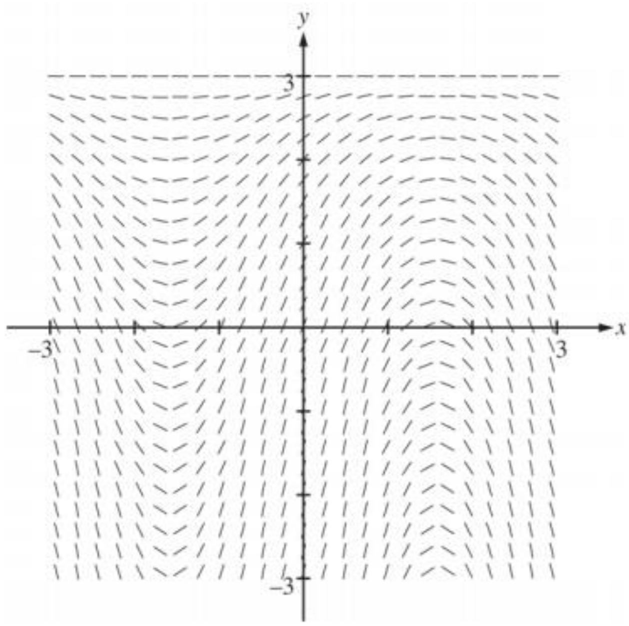
   (b) Find the coordinates of all points on the curve at which the line tangent to the curve at that point is vertical.

(c) Evaluate $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ at the point on the curve where $x = -1$ and $y = 1$.

2014 Question #6 (No Calculator)

6. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = (3 - y)\cos x$. Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the differential equation with the initial condition $f(0) = 1$. The function f is defined for all real numbers.

(a) A portion of the slope field of the differential equation is given below. Sketch the solution curve through the point $(0, 1)$.



(b) Write an equation for the line tangent to the solution curve in part (a) at the point $(0, 1)$. Use the equation to approximate $f(0.2)$.

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

2013 Question #6 (No Calculator)

2013 AP® CALCULUS AB FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

6. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^y\left(3x^2 - 6x\right)$. Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the differential equation that passes through $(1, 0)$.

   (a) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of f at the point $(1, 0)$. Use the tangent line to approximate $f(1.2)$.

(b) Find $y = f(x)$, the particular solution to the differential equation that passes through $(1, 0)$.

2012 AP® CALCULUS AB FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

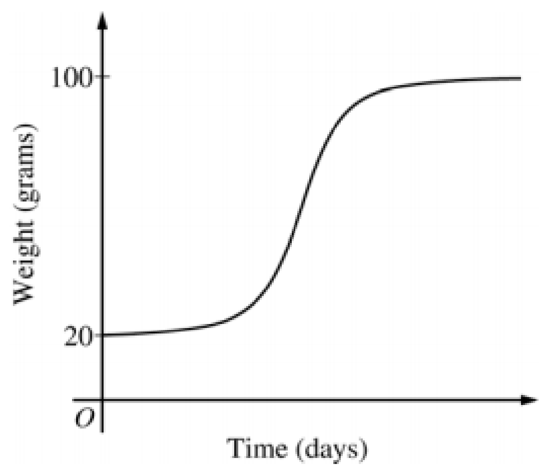
5. The rate at which a baby bird gains weight is proportional to the difference between its adult weight and its current weight. At time $t = 0$, when the bird is first weighed, its weight is 20 grams. If $B(t)$ is the weight of the bird, in grams, at time t days after it is first weighed, then

$$\frac{dB}{dt} = \frac{1}{5}(100 - B).$$

Let $y = B(t)$ be the solution to the differential equation above with initial condition $B(0) = 20$.

(a) Is the bird gaining weight faster when it weighs 40 grams or when it weighs 70 grams? Explain your reasoning.

(b) Find $\frac{d^2B}{dt^2}$ in terms of B. Use $\frac{d^2B}{dt^2}$ to explain why the graph of B cannot resemble the following graph.



(c) Use separation of variables to find $y = B(t)$, the particular solution to the differential equation with initial condition $B(0) = 20$.

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 $W(0) = 1400$.

2010 Question #6 (No Calculator)

6. Solutions to the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = xy^3$ also satisfy $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = y^3\left(1 + 3x^2y^2\right)$. Let $y = f(x)$ be a particular solution to the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = xy^3$ with $f(1) = 2$.

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

(b) Use the tangent line equation from part (a) to approximate $f(1.1)$. Given that $f(x) > 0$ for $1 < x < 1.1$, is the approximation for $f(1.1)$ greater than or less than $f(1.1)$? Explain your reasoning.

(c) Find the particular solution $y = f(x)$ with initial condition $f(1) = 2$.