Ms. McCleary's Favorite Chapter 4 Free Response Problems

Sandy Point Beach Problem [2005 AB 2 – calculator]

The tide removes sand from Sandy Point Beach at a rate modeled by the function R, given by

$$R(t) = 2 + 5\sin\left(\frac{4\pi t}{25}\right).$$

A pumping station adds sand to the beach at a rate modeled by the function S, given by

$$S(t) = \frac{15t}{1+3t}.$$

Both $R(t)$ and $S(t)$ have units of cubic yards per hour and t is measured in hours for $0 \le t \le 6$. At time $t = 0$, the beach contains 2500 cubic yards of sand.

(a) How much sand will the tide remove from the beach during this 6-hour period? Indicate units of measure.

(b) Write an expression for $Y(t)$, the total number of cubic yards of sand on the beach at time t.

(c) Find the rate at which the total amount of sand on the beach is changing at time $t = 4$.

(d) For $0 \le t \le 6$, at what time t is the amount of sand on the beach a minimum? What is the minimum value? Justify your answers.

Traffic Flow Problem [2004 AB1 - calculator]

Traffic flow is defined as the rate at which cars pass through an intersection, measured in cars per minute. The traffic flow at a particular intersection is modeled by the function F defined by

$$F(t) = 82 + 4\sin\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) \text{ for } 0 \le t \le 30,$$

where $F(t)$ is measured in cars per minute and t is measured in minutes.

(a) To the nearest whole number, how many cars pass through the intersection over the 30-minute period?

(b) Is the traffic flow increasing or decreasing at $t = 7$? Give a reason for your answer.

(c) What is the average value of the traffic flow over the time interval $10 \le t \le 15$? Indicate units of measure.

(d) What is the average rate of change of the traffic flow over the time interval $10 \le t \le 15$? Indicate units of measure.

Water Tank Problem [2000 AB4 non-calculator]

Water is pumped into an underground tank at a constant rate of 8 gallons per minute. Water leaks out of the tank at the rate of $\sqrt{t+1}$ gallons per minute, for $0 \le t \le 120$ minutes. At time $t = 0$, the tank contains 30 gallons of water.

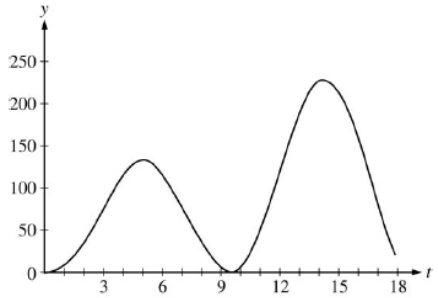
(a) How many gallons of water leak out of the tank from time $t = 0$ to $t = 3$ minutes?

(b) How many gallons of water are in the tank at time $t = 3$ minutes?

(c) Write an expression for $A(t)$, the total number of gallons of water in the tank at time t.

(d) At what time t, for $0 \le t \le 120$, is the amount of water in the tank a maximum? Justify your answer.

Thomasville, Oregon Problem (more cars) [2006 AB2 – calculator]



At an intersection in Thomasville, Oregon, cars turn left at the rate $L(t) = 60\sqrt{t}\sin^2\left(\frac{t}{3}\right)$ cars per hour over the time interval $0 \le t \le 18$ hours. The graph of $y = L(t)$ is shown above.

(a) To the nearest whole number, find the total number of cars turning left at the intersection over the time interval $0 \le t \le 18$ hours.

(b) Traffic engineers will consider turn restrictions when $L(t) \ge 150$ cars per hour. Find all values of t for which $L(t) \ge 150$ and compute the average value of L over this time interval. Indicate units of measure.

(c) Traffic engineers will install a signal if there is any two-hour time interval during which the product of the total number of cars turning left and the total number of oncoming cars traveling straight through the intersection is greater than 200,000. In every two-hour time interval, 500 oncoming cars travel straight through the intersection. Does this intersection require a traffic signal? Explain the reasoning that leads to your conclusion.

The 'Skeeter Problem [2004 AB2 – calculator]

For $0 \le t \le 31$, the rate of change of the number of mosquitoes on Tropical Island at time t days is modeled by $R(t) = 5\sqrt{t}\cos\left(\frac{t}{5}\right)$ mosquitoes per day. There are 1000 mosquitoes on Tropical Island at time $t = 0$.

(a) Show that the number of mosquitoes is increasing at time $t = 6$.

(b) At time $t = 6$, is the number of mosquitoes increasing at an increasing rate, or is the number of mosquitoes increasing at a decreasing rate? Give a reason for your answer.

(c) According to the model, how many mosquitoes will be on the island at time $t = 31$? Round your answer to the nearest whole number.

(d) To the nearest whole number, what is the maximum number of mosquitoes for $0 \le t \le 31$? Show the analysis that leads to your conclusion.

The Sewage Problem- EWWW! [calculator]

Question 1

The rate at which raw sewage enters a treatment tank is given by $E(t) = 850 + 715\cos\left(\frac{\pi t^2}{9}\right)$ gallons per hour for $0 \le t \le 4$ hours. Treated sewage is removed from the tank at the constant rate of 645 gallons per hour. The treatment tank is empty at time $t = 0$.

(a) How many gallons of sewage enter the treatment tank during the time interval $0 \le t \le 4$? Round your answer to the nearest gallon.

(b) For $0 \le t \le 4$, at what time t is the amount of sewage in the treatment tank greatest? To the nearest gallon, what is the maximum amount of sewage in the tank? Justify your answers.

(c) For $0 \le t \le 4$, the cost of treating the raw sewage that enters the tank at time t is $(0.15 - 0.02t)$ dollars per gallon. To the nearest dollar, what is the total cost of treating all the sewage that enters the tank during the time interval $0 \le t \le 4$?