

## AP PROBLEMS WITH $\ln x$ AND $e^x$

### 2000 AB6 [*non-calculator*]

Consider the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2}{e^{2y}}$

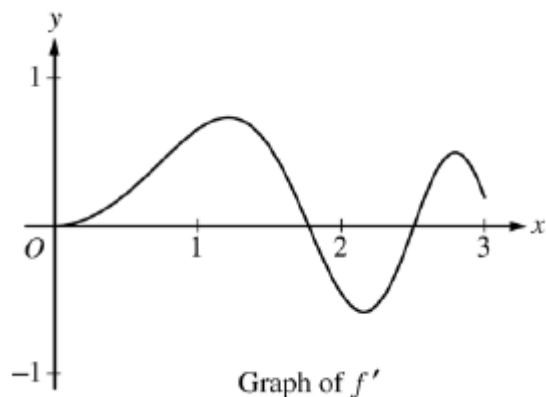
- (a) Find a solution  $y = f(x)$  to the differential equation satisfying  $f(0) = \frac{1}{2}$
- (b) Find the domain and range of the function found in part (a)

### 2003 AB4B [*non-calculator- so leave your answers in terms of e*]

A particle moves along the  $x$ -axis with velocity at time  $t \geq 0$  given by  $v(t) = -1 + e^{1-t}$

- (a) Find the acceleration of the particle at time  $t = 3$
- (b) Is the speed of the particle increasing at time  $t = 3$ ? Justify your answer [using Calculus!]
- (c) Find all values of  $t$  at which the particle changes direction. Justify your answer [using Calculus!]
- (d) Find the total distance traveled by the particle over the time interval  $0 \leq t \leq 3$ .

2006 AB2B [calculator-friendly]



Let  $f$  be the function defined for  $x \geq 0$  with  $f(0) = 5$  and  $f'$ , the first derivative of  $f$ , given by  $f'(x) = e^{\frac{-x}{4}} \sin(x^2)$ . The graph of  $y = f'(x)$  is shown above.

- (a) Use the graph of  $f'$  to determine whether the graph of  $f$  is concave up, concave down, or neither on the open interval  $1.7 < t < 1.9$ . Justify.
- (b) On the closed interval  $0 \leq x \leq 3$ , find the value of  $x$  at which  $f$  has an *absolute maximum*. Justify.
- (c) Write an equation for line tangent to the graph of  $f$  at  $x = 2$

A practice multiple-choice [non-calculator]

$$\int_1^e \left( \frac{x^2 - 1}{x} \right) dx =$$

- (A)  $e - \frac{1}{e}$       (B)  $e^2 - e$       (C)  $\frac{e^2}{2} - e + \frac{1}{2}$       (D)  $e^2 - 2$       (E)  $\frac{e^2}{2} - \frac{3}{2}$

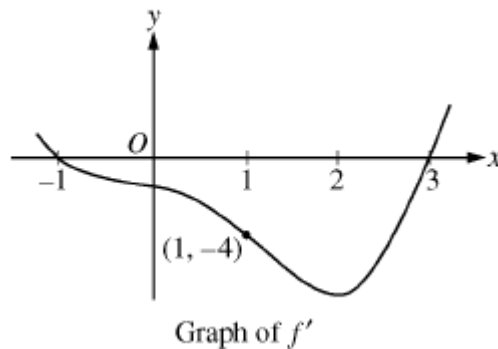
**2008AB2 [calculator-friendly]**

$t$ (hours)	0	1	3	4	7	8	9
$L(t)$ (people)	120	156	176	126	150	80	0

[We already did parts a, b, and c]

Concert tickets went on sale at noon ( $t = 0$ ) and were sold out within 9 hours. The number of people waiting in line to purchase ticket at time  $t$  is modeled by a twice-differentiable function  $L$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 9$ . Values of  $L(t)$  at various times  $t$  are shown in the table above.

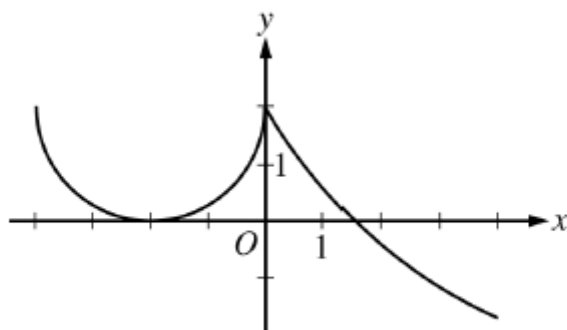
(d) The rate at which tickets were sold for  $0 \leq t \leq 9$  is modeled by  $r(t) = 500e^{-\frac{t}{2}}$  tickets per hour. Based on the model, how many tickets were sold by 3 p.m. ( $t = 3$ ), to the nearest number?

**2009 AB5B [non-calculator]**

Let  $f$  be a twice-differentiable function defined on the interval  $-1.2 < x < 3.2$  with  $f(1) = 2$ . The graph of  $f'$ , the derivative of  $f$ , is shown above. The graph of  $f'$  crosses the  $x$ -axis at  $x = -1$  and  $x = 3$  and has a horizontal tangent at  $x = 2$ . Let  $g$  be the function given by  $g(x) = e^{f(x)}$ .

- Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of  $g$  at  $x = 1$ .
- For  $-1.2 < x < 3.2$ , find all values of  $x$  at which  $g$  has a local maximum. Justify your answer.
- The second derivative of  $g$  is  $g''(x) = e^{f(x)}[(f'(x))^2 + f''(x)]$ . Is  $g''(-1)$  positive, negative, or zero? Justify your answer.
- Find the average rate of change of  $g'$ , the derivative of  $g$ , over the interval  $[1, 3]$ .

2009 AB6 [non-calculator]



Graph of  $f'$

The derivative of a function  $f$  is defined by

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} g(x) & -4 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 5e^{-x/3} - 3 & 0 < x \leq 4 \end{cases}$$

The graph of the continuous function  $f'$  is shown above, has x-intercepts at  $x = -2$  and  $x = 3\ln\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)$ . The graph of  $g$  on  $-4 \leq x \leq 0$  is a semi-circle, and  $f(0) = 5$

- For  $-4 < x < 4$  find all value(s) of  $x$  at which the graph of  $f$  has a point of inflection
- Find  $f(-4)$  and  $f(4)$
- For the closed interval  $-4 \leq x \leq 4$ , find the value of  $x$  at which  $f$  has an absolute maximum.

Another practice multiple-choice [non-calculator]

If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \ln x & \text{for } 0 < x \leq 2 \\ x^2 \ln 2 & \text{for } 2 < x \leq 4, \end{cases}$  then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$  is

- (A)  $\ln 2$       (B)  $\ln 8$       (C)  $\ln 16$       (D)  $4$       (E) nonexistent

## 2008 AB2B [calculator-friendly]

For time  $t \geq 0$ , let  $r(t) = 120\left(1 - e^{-10t^2}\right)$  represent the speed, in kilometers per hour, at which a car travels along a straight road. The number of liters of gasoline used by the car to travel  $x$  kilometers is modeled by

$$g(x) = 0.05x \left(1 - e^{\frac{-x}{2}}\right)$$

- (a) How many kilometers does the car travel during the first 2 hours?
- (b) Find the rate of change *with respect to time* of the number of liters of gasoline used by the car when  $t = 2$ . Indicate units of measure.
- (c) How many liters of gasoline have been used by the car when it reaches a speed of 80 kilometers per hour?

## 1998 AB2 [calculator-friendly]

### 1998 AP Calculus AB Free-Response Questions

- Let  $f$  be the function given by  $f(x) = 2xe^{2x}$ .
- (a) Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$ .
- (b) Find the absolute minimum value of  $f$ . Justify that your answer is an absolute minimum.
- (c) What is the range of  $f$ ?
- (d) Consider the family of functions defined by  $y = bxe^{bx}$ , where  $b$  is a nonzero constant. Show that the absolute minimum value of  $bxe^{bx}$  is the same for all nonzero values of  $b$ .

## 2001 AB2 [calculator-friendly]

$t$ (days)	$W(t)$ (°C)
0	20
3	31
6	28
9	24
12	22
15	21

2. The temperature, in degrees Celsius (°C), of the water in a pond is a differentiable function  $W$  of time  $t$ . The table above shows the water temperature as recorded every 3 days over a 15-day period.
- (a) Use data from the table to find an approximation for  $W'(12)$ . Show the computations that lead to your answer. Indicate units of measure.
- (b) Approximate the average temperature, in degrees Celsius, of the water over the time interval  $0 \leq t \leq 15$  days by using a trapezoidal approximation with subintervals of length  $\Delta t = 3$  days.
- (c) A student proposes the function  $P$ , given by  $P(t) = 20 + 10te^{(-t/3)}$ , as a model for the temperature of the water in the pond at time  $t$ , where  $t$  is measured in days and  $P(t)$  is measured in degrees Celsius. Find  $P'(12)$ . Using appropriate units, explain the meaning of your answer in terms of water temperature.
- (d) Use the function  $P$  defined in part (c) to find the average value, in degrees Celsius, of  $P(t)$  over the time interval  $0 \leq t \leq 15$  days.

## Some more practice multiple-choice [Calculator-friendly]

Let  $f$  be the function given by  $f(x) = 3e^{2x}$  and let  $g$  be the function given by  $g(x) = 6x^3$ . At what value of  $x$  do the graphs of  $f$  and  $g$  have parallel tangent lines?

- (A)  $-0.701$   
(B)  $-0.567$   
(C)  $-0.391$   
(D)  $-0.302$   
(E)  $-0.258$

$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(e+h)-1}{h}$  is

- (A)  $f'(e)$ , where  $f(x) = \ln x$   
(B)  $f'(e)$ , where  $f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x}$   
(C)  $f'(1)$ , where  $f(x) = \ln x$   
(D)  $f'(1)$ , where  $f(x) = \ln(x+e)$   
(E)  $f'(0)$ , where  $f(x) = \ln x$