Integration - Finding Total Amounts

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Question 1

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Integration, Applications of Differentiation, Differential Equations

Subtopics: Global or Absolute Minima and Maxima, Modelling Situations, Integration Technique - Harder Powers, Accumulation of Change, Total Amount, Fundamental Theorem of Calculus (Second)

Paper: Part B-Non-Calc / Series: 2000 / Difficulty: Medium / Question Number: 4

4. 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.

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Question 2

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Differentiation, Applications of Integration

Subtopics: Increasing/Decreasing , Global or Absolute Minima and Maxima, Interpreting Meaning in Applied Contexts, Total Amount, Tangents To Curves, Accumulation of Change

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2002-Form-B / Difficulty: Somewhat Challenging / Question Number: 2

2. The number of gallons, $P(t)$, of a pollutant in a lake changes at the rate $P'(t) = 1 - 3e^{-0.2\sqrt{t}}$ gallons per day, where t is measured in days. There are 50 gallons of the pollutant in the lake at time $t = 0$. The lake is considered to be safe when it contains 40 gallons or less of pollutant.

(a) Is the amount of pollutant increasing at time $t = 9$? Why or why not?

(b) For what value of t will the number of gallons of pollutant be at its minimum? Justify your answer.

(c) Is the lake safe when the number of gallons of pollutant is at its minimum? Justify your answer.

(d) An investigator uses the tangent line approximation to $P(t)$ at $t = 0$ as a model for the amount of pollutant in the lake. At what time t does this model predict that the lake becomes safe?

Question 3

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Integration, Applications of Differentiation

Subtopics: Total Amount, Increasing/Decreasing , Global or Absolute Minima and Maxima, Modelling Situations, Accumulation of Change

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2003-Form-B / Difficulty: Somewhat Challenging / Question Number: 2

2. A tank contains 125 gallons of heating oil at time $t = 0$. During the time interval $0 \leq t \leq 12$ hours, heating oil is pumped into the tank at the rate

$$H(t) = 2 + \frac{10}{(1 + \ln(t + 1))} \text{ gallons per hour.}$$

During the same time interval, heating oil is removed from the tank at the rate

$$R(t) = 12 \sin\left(\frac{t^2}{47}\right) \text{ gallons per hour.}$$

(a) How many gallons of heating oil are pumped into the tank during the time interval $0 \leq t \leq 12$ hours?

(b) Is the level of heating oil in the tank rising or falling at time $t = 6$ hours? Give a reason for your answer.

(c) How many gallons of heating oil are in the tank at time $t = 12$ hours?

(d) At what time t, for $0 \leq t \leq 12$, is the volume of heating oil in the tank the least? Show the analysis that leads to your conclusion.

Question 4

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Integration, Applications of Differentiation, Integration

Subtopics: Kinematics (Displacement, Velocity, and Acceleration), Total Amount, Increasing/Decreasing , Integration of Absolute Value Functions, Integration Technique – Exponentials, Differentiation Technique – Exponentials

Paper: Part B-Non-Calc / Series: 2003-Form-B / Difficulty: Hard / Question Number: 4

4. 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 $t = 3$? Give a reason for your answer.

   (c) Find all values of t at which the particle changes direction. Justify your answer.

   (d) Find the total distance traveled by the particle over the time interval $0 \leq t \leq 3$.

Question 5

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Integration, Applications of Differentiation

Subtopics: Total Amount, Increasing/Decreasing , Average Value of a Function, Rates of Change (Average), Accumulation of Change

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2004 / Difficulty: Easy / Question Number: 1

1. 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.

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Question 6

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Differentiation, Applications of Integration

Subtopics: Accumulation of Change, Total Amount, Increasing/Decreasing , Concavity, Global or Absolute Minima and Maxima

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2004-Form-B / Difficulty: Hard / Question Number: 2

2. 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.

Question 7

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Integration, Applications of Differentiation

Subtopics: Accumulation of Change, Total Amount, Modelling Situations, Global or Absolute Minima and Maxima

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2005 / Difficulty: Medium / Question Number: 2

2. 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.

Question 8

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Differentiation, Applications of Integration

Subtopics: Increasing/Decreasing , Total Amount, Accumulation of Change, Global or Absolute Minima and Maxima

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2005-Form-B / Difficulty: Somewhat Challenging / Question Number: 2

2. A water tank at Camp Newton holds 1200 gallons of water at time $t = 0$. During the time interval $0 \le t \le 18$ hours, water is pumped into the tank at the rate

$$W(t) = 95\sqrt{t}\sin^2\left(\frac{t}{6}\right) \text{ gallons per hour.}$$

During the same time interval, water is removed from the tank at the rate

$$R(t) = 275\sin^2\left(\frac{t}{3}\right) \text{ gallons per hour.}$$

(a) Is the amount of water in the tank increasing at time $t = 15$? Why or why not?

(b) To the nearest whole number, how many gallons of water are in the tank at time $t = 18$?

(c) At what time t, for $0 \le t \le 18$, is the amount of water in the tank at an absolute minimum? Show the work that leads to your conclusion.

(d) For $t > 18$, no water is pumped into the tank, but water continues to be removed at the rate $R(t)$ until the tank becomes empty. Let k be the time at which the tank becomes empty. Write, but do not solve, an equation involving an integral expression that can be used to find the value of k.

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Question 9

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Integration

Subtopics: Kinematics (Displacement, Velocity, and Acceleration), Average Value of a Function, Total Amount

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2005-Form-B / Difficulty: Medium / Question Number: 3

3. A particle moves along the x-axis so that its velocity v at time t, for $0 \le t \le 5$, is given by $v(t) = \ln\left(t^2 - 3t + 3\right)$. The particle is at position $x = 8$ at time $t = 0$.

   (a) Find the acceleration of the particle at time $t = 4$.

   (b) Find all times t in the open interval $0 < t < 5$ at which the particle changes direction. During which time intervals, for $0 \le t \le 5$, does the particle travel to the left?

   (c) Find the position of the particle at time $t = 2$.

   (d) Find the average speed of the particle over the interval $0 \le t \le 2$.

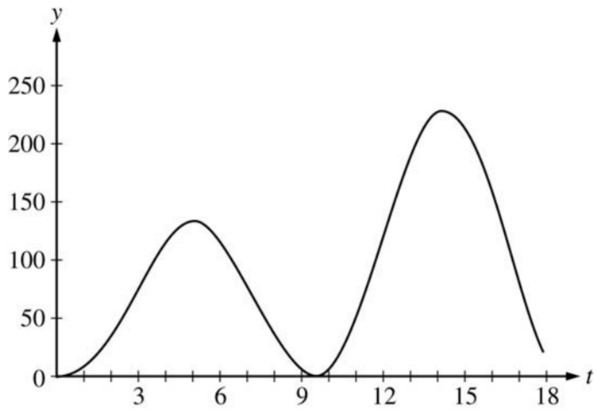
Question 10

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Integration

Subtopics: Total Amount, Average Value of a Function, Interpreting Meaning in Applied Contexts

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2006 / Difficulty: Somewhat Challenging / Question Number: 2



2. 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.

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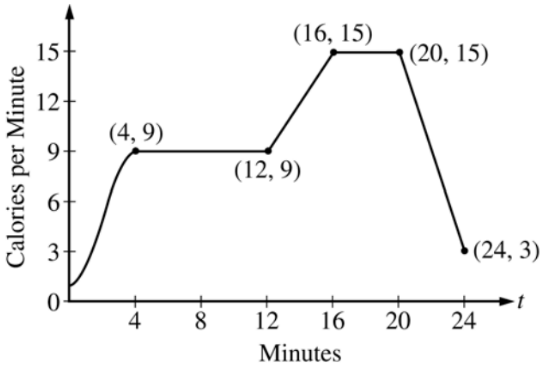
Question 11

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Integration, Applications of Differentiation

Subtopics: Increasing/Decreasing , Rates of Change (Instantaneous), Global or Absolute Minima and Maxima, Total Amount, Accumulation of Change, Average Value of a Function

Paper: Part B-Non-Calc / Series: 2006-Form-B / Difficulty: Hard / Question Number: 4



4. The rate, in calories per minute, at which a person using an exercise machine burns calories is modeled by the function f. In the figure above, $f(t) = -\frac{1}{4}t^3 + \frac{3}{2}t^2 + 1$ for $0 \le t \le 4$ and f is piecewise linear for $4 \le t \le 24$.

(a) Find $f'(22)$. Indicate units of measure.

(b) For the time interval $0 \le t \le 24$, at what time t is f increasing at its greatest rate? Show the reasoning that supports your answer.

(c) Find the total number of calories burned over the time interval $6 \le t \le 18$ minutes.

(d) The setting on the machine is now changed so that the person burns $f(t) + c$ calories per minute. For this setting, find c so that an average of 15 calories per minute is burned during the time interval $6 \le t \le 18$.

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Question 12

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Differentiation, Applications of Integration

Subtopics: Rates of Change (Average), Riemann Sums – Trapezoidal Rule, Mean Value Theorem, Intermediate Value Theorem, Local or Relative Minima and Maxima, Total Amount

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2008 / Difficulty: Hard / Question Number: 2

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

2. 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 tickets at time t is modeled by a twice-differentiable function L for $0 \le t \le 9$. Values of $L(t)$ at various times t are shown in the table above.

(a) Use the data in the table to estimate the rate at which the number of people waiting in line was changing at 5:30 P.M. $(t = 5.5)$. Show the computations that lead to your answer. Indicate units of measure.

(b) Use a trapezoidal sum with three subintervals to estimate the average number of people waiting in line during the first 4 hours that tickets were on sale.

(c) For $0 \le t \le 9$, what is the fewest number of times at which $L'(t)$ must equal 0 ? Give a reason for your answer.

(d) The rate at which tickets were sold for $0 \le t \le 9$ is modeled by $r(t) = 550te^{-t/2}$ tickets per hour. Based on the model, how many tickets were sold by 3 P.M. $(t = 3)$, to the nearest whole number?

Question 13

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Integration, Differentiation

Subtopics: Kinematics (Displacement, Velocity, and Acceleration), Rates of Change (Instantaneous), Differentiation Technique – Chain Rule, Total Amount

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2008-Form-B / Difficulty: Medium / Question Number: 2

2. For time $t \geq 0$ hours, 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 $g(x) = 0.05x\left(1 - e^{-x/2}\right)$.

(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 $t = 2$ hours. 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?

Question 14

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Integration, Applications of Differentiation

Subtopics: Total Amount, Local or Relative Minima and Maxima, Fundamental Theorem of Calculus (First), Average Value of a Function

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2009 / Difficulty: Easy / Question Number: 2

2. The rate at which people enter an auditorium for a rock concert is modeled by the function R given by $R(t) = 1380t^2 - 675t^3$ for $0 \le t \le 2$ hours; $R(t)$ is measured in people per hour. No one is in the auditorium at time $t = 0$, when the doors open. The doors close and the concert begins at time $t = 2$.

(a) How many people are in the auditorium when the concert begins?

(b) Find the time when the rate at which people enter the auditorium is a maximum. Justify your answer.

(c) The total wait time for all the people in the auditorium is found by adding the time each person waits, starting at the time the person enters the auditorium and ending when the concert begins. The function w models the total wait time for all the people who enter the auditorium before time t. The derivative of w is given by $w'(t) = (2 - t)R(t)$. Find $w(2) - w(1)$, the total wait time for those who enter the auditorium after time $t = 1$.

(d) On average, how long does a person wait in the auditorium for the concert to begin? Consider all people who enter the auditorium after the doors open, and use the model for total wait time from part (c).

Question 15

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Differentiation, Applications of Integration

Subtopics: Modelling Situations, Total Amount, Implicit Differentiation, Interpreting Meaning in Applied Contexts, Fundamental Theorem of Calculus (First)

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2009-Form-B / Difficulty: Easy / Question Number: 1

1. At a certain height, a tree trunk has a circular cross section. The radius $R(t)$ of that cross section grows at a rate modeled by the function

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \frac{1}{16}\left(3 + \sin\left(t^2\right)\right) \text{ centimeters per year}$$

for $0 \le t \le 3$, where time t is measured in years. At time $t = 0$, the radius is 6 centimeters. The area of the cross section at time t is denoted by $A(t)$.

(a) Write an expression, involving an integral, for the radius $R(t)$ for $0 \le t \le 3$. Use your expression to find $R(3)$.

(b) Find the rate at which the cross-sectional area $A(t)$ is increasing at time $t = 3$ years. Indicate units of measure.

(c) Evaluate $\int_0^3 A'(t)\,dt$. Using appropriate units, interpret the meaning of that integral in terms of cross-sectional area.

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Question 16

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Integration, Applications of Differentiation

Subtopics: Total Amount, Interpreting Meaning in Applied Contexts, Global or Absolute Minima and Maxima, Modelling Situations

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2009-Form-B / Difficulty: Somewhat Challenging / Question Number: 2

2. A storm washed away sand from a beach, causing the edge of the water to get closer to a nearby road. The rate at which the distance between the road and the edge of the water was changing during the storm is modeled by $f(t) = \sqrt{t} + \cos t - 3$ meters per hour, t hours after the storm began. The edge of the water was 35 meters from the road when the storm began, and the storm lasted 5 hours. The derivative of $f(t)$ is $f'(t) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}} - \sin t$.

(a) What was the distance between the road and the edge of the water at the end of the storm?

(b) Using correct units, interpret the value $f'(4) = 1.007$ in terms of the distance between the road and the edge of the water.

(c) At what time during the 5 hours of the storm was the distance between the road and the edge of the water decreasing most rapidly? Justify your answer.

(d) After the storm, a machine pumped sand back onto the beach so that the distance between the road and the edge of the water was growing at a rate of $g(p)$ meters per day, where p is the number of days since pumping began. Write an equation involving an integral expression whose solution would give the number of days that sand must be pumped to restore the original distance between the road and the edge of the water.

Question 17

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Integration

Subtopics: Total Amount, Modelling Situations, Accumulation of Change

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2010 / Difficulty: Somewhat Challenging / Question Number: 1

1. There is no snow on Janet's driveway when snow begins to fall at midnight. From midnight to 9 A.M., snow accumulates on the driveway at a rate modeled by $f(t) = 7te^{\cos t}$ cubic feet per hour, where t is measured in hours since midnight. Janet starts removing snow at 6 A.M. $(t = 6)$. The rate $g(t)$, in cubic feet per hour, at which Janet removes snow from the driveway at time t hours after midnight is modeled by

$$g(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } 0 \le t < 6 \\ 125 & \text{for } 6 \le t < 7 \\ 108 & \text{for } 7 \le t \le 9. \end{cases}$$

(a) How many cubic feet of snow have accumulated on the driveway by 6 A.M.?

(b) Find the rate of change of the volume of snow on the driveway at 8 A.M.

(c) Let $h(t)$ represent the total amount of snow, in cubic feet, that Janet has removed from the driveway at time t hours after midnight. Express h as a piecewise-defined function with domain $0 \le t \le 9$.

(d) How many cubic feet of snow are on the driveway at 9 A.M.?

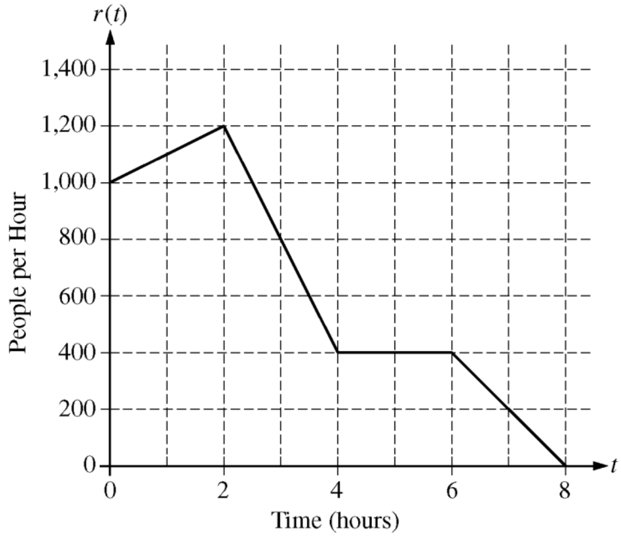
Question 18

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Integration, Applications of Differentiation

Subtopics: Total Amount, Increasing/Decreasing , Global or Absolute Minima and Maxima, Modelling Situations, Integration Technique – Geometric Areas, Derivative Graphs

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2010 / Difficulty: Easy / Question Number: 3



3. There are 700 people in line for a popular amusement-park ride when the ride begins operation in the morning. Once it begins operation, the ride accepts passengers until the park closes 8 hours later. While there is a line, people move onto the ride at a rate of 800 people per hour. The graph above shows the rate, $r(t)$, at which people arrive at the ride throughout the day. Time t is measured in hours from the time the ride begins operation.

(a) How many people arrive at the ride between $t = 0$ and $t = 3$? Show the computations that lead to your answer.

(b) Is the number of people waiting in line to get on the ride increasing or decreasing between $t = 2$ and $t = 3$? Justify your answer.

(c) At what time t is the line for the ride the longest? How many people are in line at that time? Justify your answers.

(d) Write, but do not solve, an equation involving an integral expression of r whose solution gives the earliest time t at which there is no longer a line for the ride.

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Question 19

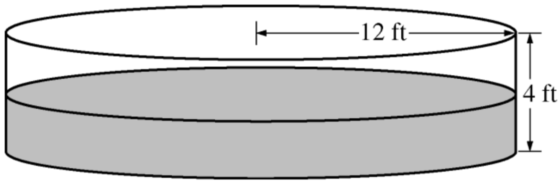
Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Integration, Integration

Subtopics: Riemann Sums – Midpoint, Total Amount, Modelling Situations, Rates of Change (Instantaneous), Related Rates, Accumulation of Change

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2010-Form-B / Difficulty: Easy / Question Number: 3

t	0	2	4	6	8	10	12
$P(t)$	0	46	53	57	60	62	63



3. The figure above shows an aboveground swimming pool in the shape of a cylinder with a radius of 12 feet and a height of 4 feet. The pool contains 1000 cubic feet of water at time $t = 0$. During the time interval $0 \le t \le 12$ hours, water is pumped into the pool at the rate $P(t)$ cubic feet per hour. The table above gives values of $P(t)$ for selected values of t. During the same time interval, water is leaking from the pool at the rate $R(t)$ cubic feet per hour, where $R(t) = 25e^{-0.05t}$. (Note: The volume V of a cylinder with radius r and height h is given by $V = \pi r^2 h$.)

(a) Use a midpoint Riemann sum with three subintervals of equal length to approximate the total amount of water that was pumped into the pool during the time interval $0 \le t \le 12$ hours. Show the computations that lead to your answer.

(b) Calculate the total amount of water that leaked out of the pool during the time interval $0 \le t \le 12$ hours.

(c) Use the results from parts (a) and (b) to approximate the volume of water in the pool at time $t = 12$ hours. Round your answer to the nearest cubic foot.

(d) Find the rate at which the volume of water in the pool is increasing at time $t = 8$ hours. How fast is the water level in the pool rising at $t = 8$ hours? Indicate units of measure in both answers.

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Question 20

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Differentiation, Applications of Integration

Subtopics: Interpreting Meaning in Applied Contexts, Total Amount, Increasing/Decreasing , Global or Absolute Minima and Maxima, Accumulation of Change

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2013 / Difficulty: Easy / Question Number: 1

1. On a certain workday, the rate, in tons per hour, at which unprocessed gravel arrives at a gravel processing plant is modeled by $G(t) = 90 + 45\cos\left(\frac{t^2}{18}\right)$, where t is measured in hours and $0 \le t \le 8$. At the beginning of the workday $(t = 0)$, the plant has 500 tons of unprocessed gravel. During the hours of operation, $0 \le t \le 8$, the plant processes gravel at a constant rate of 100 tons per hour.

   (a) Find $G'(5)$. Using correct units, interpret your answer in the context of the problem.

   (b) Find the total amount of unprocessed gravel that arrives at the plant during the hours of operation on this workday.

   (c) Is the amount of unprocessed gravel at the plant increasing or decreasing at time $t = 5$ hours? Show the work that leads to your answer.

   (d) What is the maximum amount of unprocessed gravel at the plant during the hours of operation on this workday? Justify your answer.

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Question 21

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Integration, Differentiation

Subtopics: Rates of Change (Average), Interpreting Meaning in Applied Contexts, Total Amount, Average Value of a Function, Modelling Situations

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2014 / Difficulty: Medium / Question Number: 1

1. Grass clippings are placed in a bin, where they decompose. For $0 \le t \le 30$, the amount of grass clippings remaining in the bin is modeled by $A(t) = 6.687(0.931)^t$, where $A(t)$ is measured in pounds and t is measured in days.

(a) Find the average rate of change of $A(t)$ over the interval $0 \le t \le 30$. Indicate units of measure.

(b) Find the value of $A'(15)$. Using correct units, interpret the meaning of the value in the context of the problem.

(c) Find the time t for which the amount of grass clippings in the bin is equal to the average amount of grass clippings in the bin over the interval $0 \le t \le 30$.

(d) For $t > 30$, $L(t)$, the linear approximation to A at $t = 30$, is a better model for the amount of grass clippings remaining in the bin. Use $L(t)$ to predict the time at which there will be 0.5 pound of grass clippings remaining in the bin. Show the work that leads to your answer.

Question 22

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Differentiation

Subtopics: Total Amount, Increasing/Decreasing , Global or Absolute Minima and Maxima, Modelling Situations, Accumulation of Change

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2015 / Difficulty: Easy / Question Number: 1

1. The rate at which rainwater flows into a drainpipe is modeled by the function R, where $R(t) = 20\sin\left(\frac{t^2}{35}\right)$ cubic feet per hour, t is measured in hours, and $0 \le t \le 8$. The pipe is partially blocked, allowing water to drain out the other end of the pipe at a rate modeled by $D(t) = -0.04t^3 + 0.4t^2 + 0.96t$ cubic feet per hour, for $0 \le t \le 8$. There are 30 cubic feet of water in the pipe at time $t = 0$.

   (a) How many cubic feet of rainwater flow into the pipe during the 8-hour time interval $0 \le t \le 8$?

   (b) Is the amount of water in the pipe increasing or decreasing at time $t = 3$ hours? Give a reason for your answer.

   (c) At what time t, $0 \le t \le 8$, is the amount of water in the pipe at a minimum? Justify your answer.

   (d) The pipe can hold 50 cubic feet of water before overflowing. For $t > 8$, water continues to flow into and out of the pipe at the given rates until the pipe begins to overflow. Write, but do not solve, an equation involving one or more integrals that gives the time w when the pipe will begin to overflow.

Question 23

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Differentiation, Integration

Subtopics: Rates of Change (Average), Riemann Sums – Left , Increasing/Decreasing , Total Amount, Intermediate Value Theorem, Modelling Situations

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2016 / Difficulty: Somewhat Challenging / Question Number: 1

t (hours)	0	1	3	6	8
$R(t)$ (liters / hour)	1340	1190	950	740	700

1. Water is pumped into a tank at a rate modeled by $W(t) = 2000e^{-t^2/20}$ liters per hour for $0 \le t \le 8$, where t is measured in hours. Water is removed from the tank at a rate modeled by $R(t)$ liters per hour, where R is differentiable and decreasing on $0 \le t \le 8$. Selected values of $R(t)$ are shown in the table above. At time $t = 0$, there are 50,000 liters of water in the tank.

(a) Estimate $R'(2)$. Show the work that leads to your answer. Indicate units of measure.

(b) Use a left Riemann sum with the four subintervals indicated by the table to estimate the total amount of water removed from the tank during the 8 hours. Is this an overestimate or an underestimate of the total amount of water removed? Give a reason for your answer.

(c) Use your answer from part (b) to find an estimate of the total amount of water in the tank, to the nearest liter, at the end of 8 hours.

(d) For $0 \le t \le 8$, is there a time t when the rate at which water is pumped into the tank is the same as the rate at which water is removed from the tank? Explain why or why not.

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Question 24

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Integration, Applications of Differentiation

Subtopics: Kinematics (Displacement, Velocity, and Acceleration), Increasing/Decreasing , Total Amount

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2016 / Difficulty: Easy / Question Number: 2

2. For $t \geq 0$, a particle moves along the x-axis. The velocity of the particle at time t is given by $v(t) = 1 + 2\sin\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right)$. The particle is at position $x = 2$ at time $t = 4$.

(a) At time $t = 4$, is the particle speeding up or slowing down?

(b) Find all times t in the interval $0 < t < 3$ when the particle changes direction. Justify your answer.

(c) Find the position of the particle at time $t = 0$.

(d) Find the total distance the particle travels from time $t = 0$ to time $t = 3$.

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Question 25

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Integration, Applications of Differentiation

Subtopics: Total Amount, Interpreting Meaning in Applied Contexts, Increasing/Decreasing , Modelling Situations, Accumulation of Change

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2017 / Difficulty: Somewhat Challenging / Question Number: 2

2. When a certain grocery store opens, it has 50 pounds of bananas on a display table. Customers remove bananas from the display table at a rate modeled by

$$f(t) = 10 + (0.8t)\sin\left(\frac{t^3}{100}\right) \text{ for } 0 < t \le 12,$$

where $f(t)$ is measured in pounds per hour and t is the number of hours after the store opened. After the store has been open for three hours, store employees add bananas to the display table at a rate modeled by

$$g(t) = 3 + 2.4\ln\left(t^2 + 2t\right) \text{ for } 3 < t \le 12,$$

where $g(t)$ is measured in pounds per hour and t is the number of hours after the store opened.

(a) How many pounds of bananas are removed from the display table during the first 2 hours the store is open?

(b) Find $f'(7)$. Using correct units, explain the meaning of $f'(7)$ in the context of the problem.

(c) Is the number of pounds of bananas on the display table increasing or decreasing at time $t = 5$? Give a reason for your answer.

(d) How many pounds of bananas are on the display table at time $t = 8$?

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Question 26

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Integration, Applications of Differentiation

Subtopics: Total Amount, Global or Absolute Minima and Maxima, Modelling Situations, Accumulation of Change

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2018 / Difficulty: Medium / Question Number: 1

1. People enter a line for an escalator at a rate modeled by the function r given by

$$r(t) = \begin{cases} 44\left(\frac{t}{100}\right)^3\left(1-\frac{t}{300}\right)^7 & \text{for } 0 \le t \le 300 \\ 0 & \text{for } t > 300, \end{cases}$$

where $r(t)$ is measured in people per second and t is measured in seconds. As people get on the escalator, they exit the line at a constant rate of 0.7 person per second. There are 20 people in line at time $t = 0$.

(a) How many people enter the line for the escalator during the time interval $0 \le t \le 300$?

(b) During the time interval $0 \le t \le 300$, there are always people in line for the escalator. How many people are in line at time $t = 300$?

(c) For $t > 300$, what is the first time t that there are no people in line for the escalator?

(d) For $0 \le t \le 300$, at what time t is the number of people in line a minimum? To the nearest whole number, find the number of people in line at this time. Justify your answer.

Question 27

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Differentiation, Applications of Integration

Subtopics: Total Amount, Average Value of a Function, Global or Absolute Minima and Maxima, Modelling Situations, Increasing/Decreasing , Accumulation of Change

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2019 / Difficulty: Somewhat Challenging / Question Number: 1

1. Fish enter a lake at a rate modeled by the function E given by $E(t) = 20 + 15\sin\left(\frac{\pi t}{6}\right)$. Fish leave the lake at a rate modeled by the function L given by $L(t) = 4 + 2^{0.1t^2}$. Both $E(t)$ and $L(t)$ are measured in fish per hour, and t is measured in hours since midnight $(t = 0)$.

(a) How many fish enter the lake over the 5-hour period from midnight $(t = 0)$ to 5 A.M. $(t = 5)$? Give your answer to the nearest whole number.

(b) What is the average number of fish that leave the lake per hour over the 5-hour period from midnight $(t = 0)$ to 5 A.M. $(t = 5)$?

(c) At what time t, for $0 \le t \le 8$, is the greatest number of fish in the lake? Justify your answer.

(d) Is the rate of change in the number of fish in the lake increasing or decreasing at 5 A.M. $(t = 5)$? Explain your reasoning.

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Question 28

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Differentiation, Applications of Integration

Subtopics: Total Amount, Average Value of a Function, Increasing/Decreasing , Global or Absolute Minima and Maxima, Fundamental Theorem of Calculus (Second), Accumulation of Change

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2022 / Difficulty: Easy / Question Number: 1

1. From 5 A.M. to 10 A.M., the rate at which vehicles arrive at a certain toll plaza is given by $A(t) = 450\sqrt{\sin(0.62t)}$, where t is the number of hours after 5 A.M. and $A(t)$ is measured in vehicles per hour. Traffic is flowing smoothly at 5 A.M. with no vehicles waiting in line.

   (a) Write, but do not evaluate, an integral expression that gives the total number of vehicles that arrive at the toll plaza from 6 A.M. ($t = 1$) to 10 A.M. ($t = 5$).

   (b) Find the average value of the rate, in vehicles per hour, at which vehicles arrive at the toll plaza from 6 A.M. ($t = 1$) to 10 A.M. ($t = 5$).

   (c) Is the rate at which vehicles arrive at the toll plaza at 6 A.M. ($t = 1$) increasing or decreasing? Give a reason for your answer.

   (d) A line forms whenever $A(t) \geq 400$. The number of vehicles in line at time t, for $a \leq t \leq 4$, is given by $N(t) = \int_a^t (A(x) - 400)\, dx$, where a is the time when a line first begins to form. To the nearest whole number, find the greatest number of vehicles in line at the toll plaza in the time interval $a \leq t \leq 4$. Justify your answer.

Question 29

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Differentiation, Applications of Integration

Subtopics: Kinematics (Displacement, Velocity, and Acceleration), Increasing/Decreasing , Total Amount

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2023 / Difficulty: Medium / Question Number: 2

2. Stephen swims back and forth along a straight path in a 50-meter-long pool for 90 seconds. Stephen's velocity is modeled by $v(t) = 2.38e^{-0.02t}\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{56}t\right)$, where t is measured in seconds and $v(t)$ is measured in meters per second.

(a) Find all times t in the interval $0 < t < 90$ at which Stephen changes direction. Give a reason for your answer.

(b) Find Stephen's acceleration at time $t = 60$ seconds. Show the setup for your calculations, and indicate units of measure. Is Stephen speeding up or slowing down at time $t = 60$ seconds? Give a reason for your answer.

(c) Find the distance between Stephen's position at time $t = 20$ seconds and his position at time $t = 80$ seconds. Show the setup for your calculations.

(d) Find the total distance Stephen swims over the time interval $0 \le t \le 90$ seconds. Show the setup for your calculations.

Question 30

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Differentiation, Applications of Integration

Subtopics: Kinematics (Displacement, Velocity, and Acceleration), Increasing/Decreasing , Total Amount

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2024 / Difficulty: Easy / Question Number: 2

2. A particle moves along the x-axis so that its velocity at time $t \geq 0$ is given by $v(t) = \ln\left(t^2 - 4t + 5\right) - 0.2t$.

(a) There is one time, $t = t_R$, in the interval $0 < t < 2$ when the particle is at rest (not moving). Find t_R. For $0 < t < t_R$, is the particle moving to the right or to the left? Give a reason for your answer.

(b) Find the acceleration of the particle at time $t = 1.5$. Show the setup for your calculations. Is the speed of the particle increasing or decreasing at time $t = 1.5$? Explain your reasoning.

(c) The position of the particle at time t is $x(t)$, and its position at time $t = 1$ is $x(1) = -3$. Find the position of the particle at time $t = 4$. Show the setup for your calculations.

(d) Find the total distance traveled by the particle over the interval $1 \leq t \leq 4$. Show the setup for your calculations.