

Riemann Sums - Right

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Question 1

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Differentiation, Integration

Subtopics: Tangents To Curves, Concavity, Rates of Change (Instantaneous), Riemann Sums – Right, Interpreting Meaning in Applied Contexts

Paper: Part B-Non-Calc / Series: 2007 / Difficulty: Hard / Question Number: 5

t (minutes)	0	2	5	7	11	12
$r'(t)$ (feet per minute)	5.7	4.0	2.0	1.2	0.6	0.5

5. The volume of a spherical hot air balloon expands as the air inside the balloon is heated. The radius of the balloon, in feet, is modeled by a twice-differentiable function r of time t , where t is measured in minutes. For $0 < t < 12$, the graph of r is concave down. The table above gives selected values of the rate of change, $r'(t)$, of the radius of the balloon over the time interval $0 \leq t \leq 12$. The radius of the balloon is 30 feet when $t = 5$.

(Note: The volume of a sphere of radius r is given by $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$.)

- (a) Estimate the radius of the balloon when $t = 5.4$ using the tangent line approximation at $t = 5$. Is your estimate greater than or less than the true value? Give a reason for your answer.
- (b) Find the rate of change of the volume of the balloon with respect to time when $t = 5$. Indicate units of measure.
- (c) Use a right Riemann sum with the five subintervals indicated by the data in the table to approximate $\int_0^{12} r'(t) dt$. Using correct units, explain the meaning of $\int_0^{12} r'(t) dt$ in terms of the radius of the balloon.
- (d) Is your approximation in part (c) greater than or less than $\int_0^{12} r'(t) dt$? Give a reason for your answer.

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Question 2

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Differentiation, Applications of Integration

Subtopics: Rates of Change (Average), Interpreting Meaning in Applied Contexts, Riemann Sums – Right, Kinematics (Displacement, Velocity, and Acceleration), Average Value of a Function

Paper: Part B-Non-Calc / Series: 2015 / Difficulty: Medium / Question Number: 3

t (minutes)	0	12	20	24	40
$v(t)$ (meters per minute)	0	200	240	-220	150

3. Johanna jogs along a straight path. For $0 \leq t \leq 40$, Johanna's velocity is given by a differentiable function v . Selected values of $v(t)$, where t is measured in minutes and $v(t)$ is measured in meters per minute, are given in the table above.

(a) Use the data in the table to estimate the value of $v'(16)$.

(b) Using correct units, explain the meaning of the definite integral $\int_0^{40} |v(t)| dt$ in the context of the problem.

Approximate the value of $\int_0^{40} |v(t)| dt$ using a right Riemann sum with the four subintervals indicated in the table.

(c) Bob is riding his bicycle along the same path. For $0 \leq t \leq 10$, Bob's velocity is modeled by

$$B(t) = t^3 - 6t^2 + 300, \text{ where } t \text{ is measured in minutes and } B(t) \text{ is measured in meters per minute.}$$

Find Bob's acceleration at time $t = 5$.

(d) Based on the model B from part (c), find Bob's average velocity during the interval $0 \leq t \leq 10$.

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Question 3

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Integration, Applications of Differentiation, Integration

Subtopics: Interpreting Meaning in Applied Contexts, Rates of Change (Average), Riemann Sums – Right, Increasing/Decreasing, Differentiation Technique – Chain Rule, Average Value of a Function

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2021 / Difficulty: Somewhat Challenging / Question Number: 1

r (centimeters)	0	1	2	2.5	4
$f(r)$ (milligrams per square centimeter)	1	2	6	10	18

1. The density of a bacteria population in a circular petri dish at a distance r centimeters from the center of the dish is given by an increasing, differentiable function f , where $f(r)$ is measured in milligrams per square centimeter. Values of $f(r)$ for selected values of r are given in the table above.
- (a) Use the data in the table to estimate $f'(2.25)$. Using correct units, interpret the meaning of your answer in the context of this problem.
- (b) The total mass, in milligrams, of bacteria in the petri dish is given by the integral expression $2\pi \int_0^4 r f(r) dr$. Approximate the value of $2\pi \int_0^4 r f(r) dr$ using a right Riemann sum with the four subintervals indicated by the data in the table.
- (c) Is the approximation found in part (b) an overestimate or underestimate of the total mass of bacteria in the petri dish? Explain your reasoning.
- (d) The density of bacteria in the petri dish, for $1 \leq r \leq 4$, is modeled by the function g defined by $g(r) = 2 - 16(\cos(1.57\sqrt{r}))^3$. For what value of k , $1 < k < 4$, is $g(k)$ equal to the average value of $g(r)$ on the interval $1 \leq r \leq 4$?

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Question 4

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Differentiation, Differentiation, Integration

Subtopics: Rates of Change (Average), Intermediate Value Theorem, Riemann Sums – Right, Implicit Differentiation, Rates of Change (Instantaneous), Differentiation Technique – Chain Rule, Related Rates

Paper: Part B-Non-Calc / Series: 2022 / Difficulty: Medium / Question Number: 4

t (days)	0	3	7	10	12
$r'(t)$ (centimeters per day)	-6.1	-5.0	-4.4	-3.8	-3.5

4. An ice sculpture melts in such a way that it can be modeled as a cone that maintains a conical shape as it decreases in size. The radius of the base of the cone is given by a twice-differentiable function r , where $r(t)$ is measured in centimeters and t is measured in days. The table above gives selected values of $r'(t)$, the rate of change of the radius, over the time interval $0 \leq t \leq 12$.
- (a) Approximate $r''(8.5)$ using the average rate of change of r' over the interval $7 \leq t \leq 10$. Show the computations that lead to your answer, and indicate units of measure.
- (b) Is there a time t , $0 \leq t \leq 3$, for which $r'(t) = -6$? Justify your answer.
- (c) Use a right Riemann sum with the four subintervals indicated in the table to approximate the value of $\int_0^{12} r'(t) dt$.
- (d) The height of the cone decreases at a rate of 2 centimeters per day. At time $t = 3$ days, the radius is 100 centimeters and the height is 50 centimeters. Find the rate of change of the volume of the cone with respect to time, in cubic centimeters per day, at time $t = 3$ days. (The volume V of a cone with radius r and height h is $V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$.)

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Question 5

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Integration, Integration

Subtopics: Interpreting Meaning in Applied Contexts, Riemann Sums – Right, Mean Value Theorem, Average Value of a Function

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2023 / Difficulty: Easy / Question Number: 1

t (seconds)	0	60	90	120	135	150
$f(t)$ (gallons per second)	0	0.1	0.15	0.1	0.05	0

1. A customer at a gas station is pumping gasoline into a gas tank. The rate of flow of gasoline is modeled by a differentiable function f , where $f(t)$ is measured in gallons per second and t is measured in seconds since pumping began. Selected values of $f(t)$ are given in the table.

- (a) Using correct units, interpret the meaning of $\int_{60}^{135} f(t) dt$ in the context of the problem. Use a right

Riemann sum with the three subintervals $[60, 90]$, $[90, 120]$, and $[120, 135]$ to approximate the value of

$$\int_{60}^{135} f(t) dt.$$

- (b) Must there exist a value of c , for $60 < c < 120$, such that $f'(c) = 0$? Justify your answer.

- (c) The rate of flow of gasoline, in gallons per second, can also be modeled by $g(t) = \left(\frac{t}{500}\right) \cos\left(\left(\frac{t}{120}\right)^2\right)$ for

$0 \leq t \leq 150$. Using this model, find the average rate of flow of gasoline over the time interval $0 \leq t \leq 150$.

Show the setup for your calculations.

- (d) Using the model g defined in part (c), find the value of $g'(140)$. Interpret the meaning of your answer in the context of the problem.

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