Riemann Sums - Trapezoidal

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Question 1

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Differentiation, Differentiation, Applications of Integration, Integration

Subtopics: Mean Value Theorem, Interpreting Meaning in Applied Contexts, Rates of Change (Average), Riemann Sums – Trapezoidal Rule, Average Value of a Function, Differentiation Technique – Exponentials, Differentiation Technique – Product Rule

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2001 / Difficulty: Hard / Question Number: 2

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 $0 \le t \le 15$ 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 $0 \le t \le 15$ days.

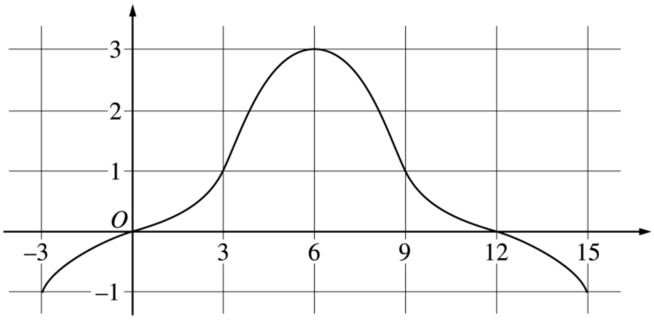
Question 2

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Integration, Applications of Integration, Applications of Differentiation, Differentiation

Subtopics: Fundamental Theorem of Calculus (Second), Derivative Graphs, Concavity, Increasing/Decreasing , Riemann Sums – Trapezoidal Rule

Paper: Part B-Non-Calc / Series: 2002-Form-B / Difficulty: Medium / Question Number: 4



Graph of f

4. The graph of a differentiable function f on the closed interval $[-3, 15]$ is shown in the figure above. The graph of f has a horizontal tangent line at $x = 6$. Let $g(x) = 5 + \int_6^x f(t)\,dt$ for $-3 \le x \le 15$.

(a) Find $g(6)$, $g'(6)$, and $g''(6)$.

(b) On what intervals is g decreasing? Justify your answer.

(c) On what intervals is the graph of g concave down? Justify your answer.

(d) Find a trapezoidal approximation of $\int_{-3}^{15} f(t)\,dt$ using six subintervals of length $\Delta t = 3$.

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Question 3

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Differentiation, Integration, Applications of Integration, Applications of Differentiation

Subtopics: Rates of Change (Average), Riemann Sums – Trapezoidal Rule, Average Value of a Function, Fundamental Theorem of Calculus (First), Interpreting Meaning in Applied Contexts, Mean Value Theorem

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2005 / Difficulty: Very Hard / Question Number: 3

Distance x (cm)	0	1	5	6	8
Temperature $T(x)$ (°C)	100	93	70	62	55

3. A metal wire of length 8 centimeters (cm) is heated at one end. The table above gives selected values of the temperature $T(x)$, in degrees Celsius (°C), of the wire x cm from the heated end. The function T is decreasing and twice differentiable.

(a) Estimate $T'(7)$. Show the work that leads to your answer. Indicate units of measure.

(b) Write an integral expression in terms of $T(x)$ for the average temperature of the wire. Estimate the average temperature of the wire using a trapezoidal sum with the four subintervals indicated by the data in the table. Indicate units of measure.

(c) Find $\int_0^8 T'(x)\,dx$, and indicate units of measure. Explain the meaning of $\int_0^8 T'(x)\,dx$ in terms of the temperature of the wire.

(d) Are the data in the table consistent with the assertion that $T''(x) > 0$ for every x in the interval $0 < x < 8$? Explain your answer.

Question 4

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Limits and Continuity, Applications of Integration

Subtopics: Interpreting Meaning in Applied Contexts, Derivative Tables, Kinematics (Displacement, Velocity, and Acceleration), Riemann Sums – Trapezoidal Rule, Intermediate Value Theorem, Mean Value Theorem

Paper: Part B-Non-Calc / Series: 2006-Form-B / Difficulty: Hard / Question Number: 6

t (sec)	0	15	25	30	35	50	60
$v(t)$ (ft / sec)	–20	–30	–20	–14	–10	0	10
$a(t)$ $\left(\text{ft}/\text{sec}^2\right)$	1	5	2	1	2	4	2

6. A car travels on a straight track. During the time interval $0 \le t \le 60$ seconds, the car's velocity v, measured in feet per second, and acceleration a, measured in feet per second per second, are continuous functions. The table above shows selected values of these functions.

(a) Using appropriate units, explain the meaning of $\int_{30}^{60} |v(t)|\, dt$ in terms of the car's motion. Approximate $\int_{30}^{60} |v(t)|\, dt$ using a trapezoidal approximation with the three subintervals determined by the table.

(b) Using appropriate units, explain the meaning of $\int_{0}^{30} a(t)\, dt$ in terms of the car's motion. Find the exact value of $\int_{0}^{30} a(t)\, dt$.

(c) For $0 < t < 60$, must there be a time t when $v(t) = -5$? Justify your answer.

(d) For $0 < t < 60$, must there be a time t when $a(t) = 0$? Justify your answer.

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Question 5

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?

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Question 6

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Integration, Integration

Subtopics: Riemann Sums – Trapezoidal Rule, Average Value of a Function, Integration - Area Under A Curve, Interpreting Meaning in Applied Contexts, Modelling Situations

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2008-Form-B / Difficulty: Medium / Question Number: 3

Distance from the river's edge (feet)	0	8	14	22	24
Depth of the water (feet)	0	7	8	2	0

3. A scientist measures the depth of the Doe River at Picnic Point. The river is 24 feet wide at this location. The measurements are taken in a straight line perpendicular to the edge of the river. The data are shown in the table above. The velocity of the water at Picnic Point, in feet per minute, is modeled by $v(t) = 16 + 2\sin\left(\sqrt{t+10}\right)$ for $0 \le t \le 120$ minutes.

(a) Use a trapezoidal sum with the four subintervals indicated by the data in the table to approximate the area of the cross section of the river at Picnic Point, in square feet. Show the computations that lead to your answer.

(b) The volumetric flow at a location along the river is the product of the cross-sectional area and the velocity of the water at that location. Use your approximation from part (a) to estimate the average value of the volumetric flow at Picnic Point, in cubic feet per minute, from $t = 0$ to $t = 120$ minutes.

(c) The scientist proposes the function f, given by $f(x) = 8\sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{24}\right)$, as a model for the depth of the water, in feet, at Picnic Point x feet from the river's edge. Find the area of the cross section of the river at Picnic Point based on this model.

(d) Recall that the volumetric flow is the product of the cross-sectional area and the velocity of the water at a location. To prevent flooding, water must be diverted if the average value of the volumetric flow at Picnic Point exceeds 2100 cubic feet per minute for a 20-minute period. Using your answer from part (c), find the average value of the volumetric flow during the time interval $40 \le t \le 60$ minutes. Does this value indicate that the water must be diverted?

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Question 7

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Integration

Subtopics: Kinematics (Displacement, Velocity, and Acceleration), Interpreting Meaning in Applied Contexts, Riemann Sums – Trapezoidal Rule, Derivative Tables, Rates of Change (Average)

Paper: Part B-Non-Calc / Series: 2009-Form-B / Difficulty: Somewhat Challenging / Question Number: 6

t (seconds)	0	8	20	25	32	40
$v(t)$ (meters per second)	3	5	−10	−8	−4	7

6. The velocity of a particle moving along the x-axis is modeled by a differentiable function v, where the position x is measured in meters, and time t is measured in seconds. Selected values of $v(t)$ are given in the table above. The particle is at position $x = 7$ meters when $t = 0$ seconds.

(a) Estimate the acceleration of the particle at $t = 36$ seconds. Show the computations that lead to your answer. Indicate units of measure.

(b) Using correct units, explain the meaning of $\int_{20}^{40} v(t)\,dt$ in the context of this problem. Use a trapezoidal sum with the three subintervals indicated by the data in the table to approximate $\int_{20}^{40} v(t)\,dt$.

(c) For $0 \le t \le 40$, must the particle change direction in any of the subintervals indicated by the data in the table? If so, identify the subintervals and explain your reasoning. If not, explain why not.

(d) Suppose that the acceleration of the particle is positive for $0 < t < 8$ seconds. Explain why the position of the particle at $t = 8$ seconds must be greater than $x = 30$ meters.

Question 8

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Integration, Applications of Differentiation

Subtopics: Rates of Change (Average), Riemann Sums – Trapezoidal Rule, Interpreting Meaning in Applied Contexts, Modelling Situations, Global or Absolute Minima and Maxima

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2010 / Difficulty: Medium / Question Number: 2

t (hours)	0	2	5	7	8
$E(t)$ (hundreds of entries)	0	4	13	21	23

2. A zoo sponsored a one-day contest to name a new baby elephant. Zoo visitors deposited entries in a special box between noon $(t = 0)$ and 8 P.M. $(t = 8)$. The number of entries in the box t hours after noon is modeled by a differentiable function E for $0 \le t \le 8$. Values of $E(t)$, in hundreds of entries, at various times t are shown in the table above.

(a) Use the data in the table to approximate the rate, in hundreds of entries per hour, at which entries were being deposited at time $t = 6$. Show the computations that lead to your answer.

(b) Use a trapezoidal sum with the four subintervals given by the table to approximate the value of $\frac{1}{8}\int_0^8 E(t)\,dt$. Using correct units, explain the meaning of $\frac{1}{8}\int_0^8 E(t)\,dt$ in terms of the number of entries.

(c) At 8 P.M., volunteers began to process the entries. They processed the entries at a rate modeled by the function P, where $P(t) = t^3 - 30t^2 + 298t - 976$ hundreds of entries per hour for $8 \le t \le 12$. According to the model, how many entries had not yet been processed by midnight $(t = 12)$?

(d) According to the model from part (c), at what time were the entries being processed most quickly? Justify your answer.

Question 9

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Integration, Integration

Subtopics: Rates of Change (Average), Riemann Sums – Trapezoidal Rule, Interpreting Meaning in Applied Contexts, Fundamental Theorem of Calculus (First)

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2011 / Difficulty: Easy / Question Number: 2

t (minutes)	0	2	5	9	10
$H(t)$ (degrees Celsius)	66	60	52	44	43

2. As a pot of tea cools, the temperature of the tea is modeled by a differentiable function H for $0 \le t \le 10$, where time t is measured in minutes and temperature $H(t)$ is measured in degrees Celsius. Values of $H(t)$ at selected values of time t are shown in the table above.

(a) Use the data in the table to approximate the rate at which the temperature of the tea is changing at time $t = 3.5$. Show the computations that lead to your answer.

(b) Using correct units, explain the meaning of $\frac{1}{10}\int_0^{10} H(t)\,dt$ in the context of this problem. Use a trapezoidal sum with the four subintervals indicated by the table to estimate $\frac{1}{10}\int_0^{10} H(t)\,dt$.

(c) Evaluate $\int_0^{10} H'(t)\,dt$. Using correct units, explain the meaning of the expression in the context of this problem.

(d) At time $t = 0$, biscuits with temperature 100°C were removed from an oven. The temperature of the biscuits at time t is modeled by a differentiable function B for which it is known that $B'(t) = -13.84e^{-0.173t}$. Using the given models, at time $t = 10$, how much cooler are the biscuits than the tea?

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Question 10

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Differentiation, Integration

Subtopics: Rates of Change (Average), Intermediate Value Theorem, Riemann Sums – Trapezoidal Rule, Rates of Change (Instantaneous), Modelling Situations, Implicit Differentiation

Paper: Part B-Non-Calc / Series: 2014 / Difficulty: Somewhat Challenging / Question Number: 4

t (minutes)	0	2	5	8	12
$v_A(t)$ (meters/minute)	0	100	40	–120	–150

4. Train A runs back and forth on an east-west section of railroad track. Train A's velocity, measured in meters per minute, is given by a differentiable function $v_A(t)$, where time t is measured in minutes. Selected values for $v_A(t)$ are given in the table above.

(a) Find the average acceleration of train A over the interval $2 \le t \le 8$.

(b) Do the data in the table support the conclusion that train A's velocity is -100 meters per minute at some time t with $5 < t < 8$? Give a reason for your answer.

(c) At time $t = 2$, train A's position is 300 meters east of the Origin Station, and the train is moving to the east. Write an expression involving an integral that gives the position of train A, in meters from the Origin Station, at time $t = 12$. Use a trapezoidal sum with three subintervals indicated by the table to approximate the position of the train at time $t = 12$.

(d) A second train, train B, travels north from the Origin Station. At time t the velocity of train B is given by $v_B(t) = -5t^2 + 60t + 25$, and at time $t = 2$ the train is 400 meters north of the station. Find the rate, in meters per minute, at which the distance between train A and train B is changing at time $t = 2$.

Question 11

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Differentiation, Applications of Integration

Subtopics: Rates of Change (Average), Mean Value Theorem, Average Value of a Function, Riemann Sums – Trapezoidal Rule, Modelling Situations, Rates of Change (Instantaneous), Related Rates

Paper: Part B-Non-Calc / Series: 2018 / Difficulty: Medium / Question Number: 4

t (years)	2	3	5	7	10
$H(t)$ (meters)	1.5	2	6	11	15

4. The height of a tree at time t is given by a twice-differentiable function H, where $H(t)$ is measured in meters and t is measured in years. Selected values of $H(t)$ are given in the table above.

(a) Use the data in the table to estimate $H'(6)$. Using correct units, interpret the meaning of $H'(6)$ in the context of the problem.

(b) Explain why there must be at least one time t, for $2 < t < 10$, such that $H'(t) = 2$.

(c) Use a trapezoidal sum with the four subintervals indicated by the data in the table to approximate the average height of the tree over the time interval $2 \le t \le 10$.

(d) The height of the tree, in meters, can also be modeled by the function G, given by $G(x) = \dfrac{100x}{1+x}$, where x is the diameter of the base of the tree, in meters. When the tree is 50 meters tall, the diameter of the base of the tree is increasing at a rate of 0.03 meter per year. According to this model, what is the rate of change of the height of the tree with respect to time, in meters per year, at the time when the tree is 50 meters tall?

Question 12

Qualification: AP Calculus AB

Areas: Applications of Integration, Applications of Differentiation

Subtopics: Kinematics (Displacement, Velocity, and Acceleration), Mean Value Theorem, Riemann Sums – Trapezoidal Rule, Modelling Situations

Paper: Part A-Calc / Series: 2019 / Difficulty: Somewhat Challenging / Question Number: 2

t (hours)	0	0.3	1.7	2.8	4
$v_P(t)$ (meters per hour)	0	55	–29	55	48

2. The velocity of a particle, P, moving along the x-axis is given by the differentiable function v_P, where $v_P(t)$ is measured in meters per hour and t is measured in hours. Selected values of $v_P(t)$ are shown in the table above. Particle P is at the origin at time $t = 0$.

(a) Justify why there must be at least one time t, for $0.3 \le t \le 2.8$, at which $v_P'(t)$, the acceleration of particle P, equals 0 meters per hour per hour.

(b) Use a trapezoidal sum with the three subintervals [0, 0.3], [0.3, 1.7], and [1.7, 2.8] to approximate the value of $\int_0^{2.8} v_P(t)\, dt$.

(c) A second particle, Q, also moves along the x-axis so that its velocity for $0 \le t \le 4$ is given by $v_Q(t) = 45\sqrt{t}\cos\left(0.063t^2\right)$ meters per hour. Find the time interval during which the velocity of particle Q is at least 60 meters per hour. Find the distance traveled by particle Q during the interval when the velocity of particle Q is at least 60 meters per hour.

(d) At time $t = 0$, particle Q is at position $x = -90$. Using the result from part (b) and the function v_Q from part (c), approximate the distance between particles P and Q at time $t = 2.8$.

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