BC Differential FRQs, including Euler's and Logistic Functions from all released AP Exams

x	1	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4
$f'(x)$	8	10	12	13	14.5

4. The function f is twice differentiable for $x > 0$ with $f(1) = 15$ and $f''(1) = 20$. Values of f', the derivative of f, are given for selected values of x in the table above.

(a) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of f at $x = 1$. Use this line to approximate $f(1.4)$.

(b) Use a midpoint Riemann sum with two subintervals of equal length and values from the table to approximate $\int_1^{1.4} f'(x)\,dx$. Use the approximation for $\int_1^{1.4} f'(x)\,dx$ to estimate the value of $f(1.4)$. Show the computations that lead to your answer.

(c) Use Euler's method, starting at $x = 1$ with two steps of equal size, to approximate $f(1.4)$. Show the computations that lead to your answer.

(d) Write the second-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = 1$. Use the Taylor polynomial to approximate $f(1.4)$.

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5. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - y$. Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to this differential equation with the initial condition $f(1) = 0$. For this particular solution, $f(x) < 1$ for all values of x.

(a) Use Euler's method, starting at $x = 1$ with two steps of equal size, to approximate $f(0)$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(b) Find $\lim_{x \to 1} \frac{f(x)}{x^3 - 1}$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(c) Find the particular solution $y = f(x)$ to the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - y$ with the initial condition $f(1) = 0$.

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4. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 - \frac{1}{2}y$.

(a) Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ in terms of x and y.

(b) Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the given differential equation whose graph passes through the point $(-2, 8)$. Does the graph of f have a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither at the point $(-2, 8)$? Justify your answer.

(c) Let $y = g(x)$ be the particular solution to the given differential equation with $g(-1) = 2$. Find $\lim_{x \to -1}\left(\frac{g(x) - 2}{3(x+1)^2}\right)$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(d) Let $y = h(x)$ be the particular solution to the given differential equation with $h(0) = 2$. Use Euler's method, starting at $x = 0$ with two steps of equal size, to approximate $h(1)$.

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5. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2(2x + 2)$. Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the differential equation with initial condition $f(0) = -1$.

(a) Find $\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{f(x) + 1}{\sin x}$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(b) Use Euler's method, starting at $x = 0$ with two steps of equal size, to approximate $f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$.

(c) Find $y = f(x)$, the particular solution to the differential equation with initial condition $f(0) = -1$.

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5. Let f be the function satisfying $f'(x) = -3xf(x)$, for all real numbers x, with $f(1) = 4$ and $\lim_{x \to \infty} f(x) = 0$.

(a) Evaluate $\int_1^{\infty} -3xf(x)\,dx$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(b) Use Euler's method, starting at $x = 1$ with a step size of 0.5, to approximate $f(2)$.

(c) Write an expression for $y = f(x)$ by solving the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = -3xy$ with the initial condition $f(1) = 4$.

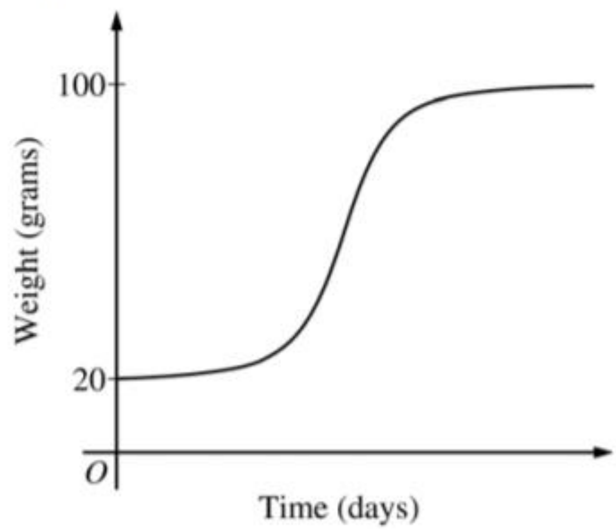
5. The rate at which a baby bird gains weight is proportional to the difference between its adult weight and its current weight. At time $t = 0$, when the bird is first weighed, its weight is 20 grams. If $B(t)$ is the weight of the bird, in grams, at time t days after it is first weighed, then

$$\frac{dB}{dt} = \frac{1}{5}(100 - B).$$

Let $y = B(t)$ be the solution to the differential equation above with initial condition $B(0) = 20$.

(a) Is the bird gaining weight faster when it weighs 40 grams or when it weighs 70 grams? Explain your reasoning.

(b) Find $\frac{d^2B}{dt^2}$ in terms of B. Use $\frac{d^2B}{dt^2}$ to explain why the graph of B cannot resemble the following graph.



(c) Use separation of variables to find $y = B(t)$, the particular solution to the differential equation with initial condition $B(0) = 20$.

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6. Let f be the function whose graph goes through the point (3, 6) and whose derivative is given by $f'(x) = \frac{1 + e^x}{x^2}$.

(a) Write an equation of the line tangent to the graph of f at $x = 3$ and use it to approximate $f(3.1)$.

(b) Use Euler's method, starting at $x = 3$ with a step size of 0.05, to approximate $f(3.1)$. Use f'' to explain why this approximation is less than $f(3.1)$.

(c) Use $\int_3^{3.1} f'(x)dx$ to evaluate $f(3.1)$.

4. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6x^2 - x^2y$. Let $y = f(x)$ be a particular solution to this differential equation with the initial condition $f(-1) = 2$.

(a) Use Euler's method with two steps of equal size, starting at $x = -1$, to approximate $f(0)$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(b) At the point $(-1, 2)$, the value of $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ is -12. Find the second-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $x = -1$.

(c) Find the particular solution $y = f(x)$ to the given differential equation with the initial condition $f(-1) = 2$.

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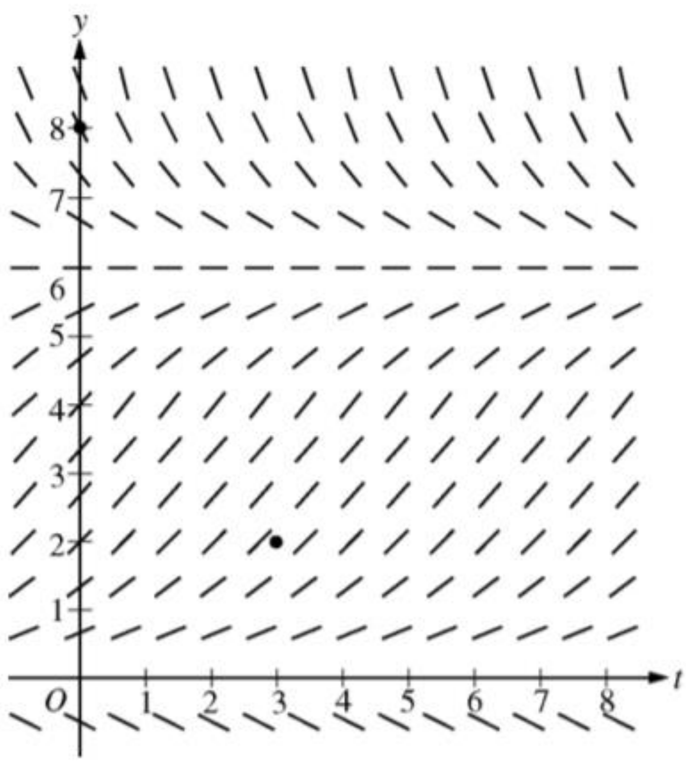
6. Consider the logistic differential equation $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{y}{8}(6 - y)$. Let $y = f(t)$ be the particular solution to the differential equation with $f(0) = 8$.

(a) A slope field for this differential equation is given below. Sketch possible solution curves through the points $(3, 2)$ and $(0, 8)$.

(Note: Use the axes provided in the exam booklet.)



(b) Use Euler's method, starting at $t = 0$ with two steps of equal size, to approximate $f(1)$.

(c) Write the second-degree Taylor polynomial for f about $t = 0$, and use it to approximate $f(1)$.

(d) What is the range of f for $t \geq 0$?

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5. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x + 2y + 1$.

(a) Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ in terms of x and y.

(b) Find the values of the constants m, b, and r for which $y = mx + b + e^{rx}$ is a solution to the differential equation.

(c) Let $y = f(x)$ be a particular solution to the differential equation with the initial condition $f(0) = -2$. Use Euler's method, starting at $x = 0$ with a step size of $\frac{1}{2}$, to approximate $f(1)$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(d) Let $y = g(x)$ be another solution to the differential equation with the initial condition $g(0) = k$, where k is a constant. Euler's method, starting at $x = 0$ with a step size of 1, gives the approximation $g(1) \approx 0$. Find the value of k.

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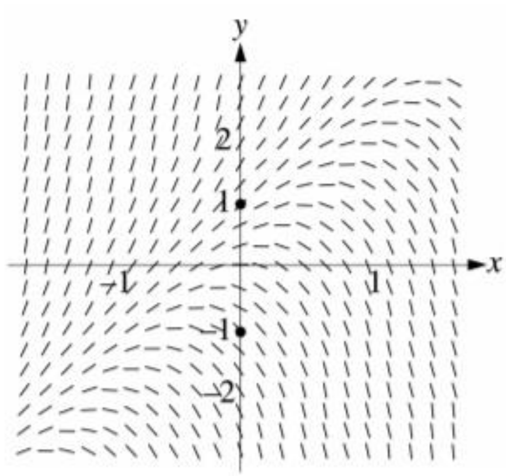
5. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2y - 4x$.

(a) The slope field for the given differential equation is provided. Sketch the solution curve that passes through the point $(0, 1)$ and sketch the solution curve that passes through the point $(0, -1)$.
(Note: Use the slope field provided in the pink test booklet.)



(b) Let f be the function that satisfies the given differential equation with the initial condition $f(0) = 1$. Use Euler's method, starting at $x = 0$ with a step size of 0.1, to approximate $f(0.2)$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

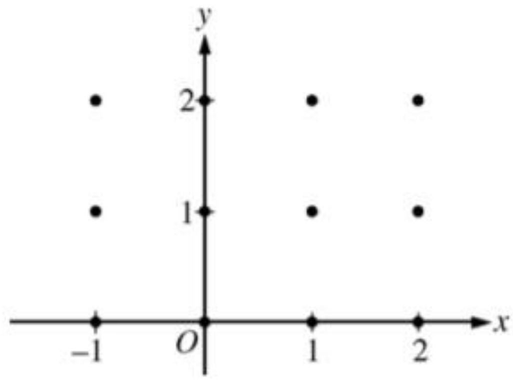
(c) Find the value of b for which $y = 2x + b$ is a solution to the given differential equation. Justify your answer.

(d) Let g be the function that satisfies the given differential equation with the initial condition $g(0) = 0$. Does the graph of g have a local extremum at the point $(0, 0)$? If so, is the point a local maximum or a local minimum? Justify your answer.

4. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x - y$.

(a) On the axes provided, sketch a slope field for the given differential equation at the twelve points indicated, and sketch the solution curve that passes through the point $(0, 1)$.

(**Note: Use the axes provided in the pink test booklet.**)



(b) The solution curve that passes through the point $(0, 1)$ has a local minimum at $x = \ln\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$. What is the y-coordinate of this local minimum?

(c) Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the given differential equation with the initial condition $f(0) = 1$. Use Euler's method, starting at $x = 0$ with two steps of equal size, to approximate $f(-0.4)$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(d) Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ in terms of x and y. Determine whether the approximation found in part (c) is less than or greater than $f(-0.4)$. Explain your reasoning.

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5. A population is modeled by a function P that satisfies the logistic differential equation

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{P}{5}\left(1 - \frac{P}{12}\right).$$

(a) If $P(0) = 3$, what is $\lim_{t \to \infty} P(t)$?
If $P(0) = 20$, what is $\lim_{t \to \infty} P(t)$?

(b) If $P(0) = 3$, for what value of P is the population growing the fastest?

(c) A different population is modeled by a function Y that satisfies the separable differential equation

$$\frac{dY}{dt} = \frac{Y}{5}\left(1 - \frac{t}{12}\right).$$

Find $Y(t)$ if $Y(0) = 3$.

(d) For the function Y found in part (c), what is $\lim_{t \to \infty} Y(t)$?