

**2016 AP<sup>®</sup> CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS**

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \left( \frac{g(x) - 2}{3(x+1)^2} \right).$$
 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  $h(1)$ .

$$(a) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2x - \frac{1}{2} \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x - \frac{1}{2} \left( x^2 - \frac{1}{2}y \right) = 2x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{1}{4}y$$

2:  $\begin{cases} 1: & \text{implicit differentiation} \\ 1: & \text{answer} \end{cases}$

$$(b) \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(-2,8)} = (-2)^2 - \frac{1}{2}(8) = 0$$

$$\left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{(-2,8)} = 2(-2) - \frac{1}{2}(-2)^2 + \frac{1}{4}(8) = -4 > 0$$

$f$  has a relative maximum at  $(-2,8)$  because  $\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(-2,8)} = 0$

3:  $\begin{cases} 1: & \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(-2,8)} \\ 1: & \left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{(-2,8)} \\ 1: & \text{answer with justification} \end{cases}$

and is decreasing, going from positive to negative, which means that  $f$  goes from increasing to decreasing

$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \left( \frac{g(x) - 2}{3(x+1)^2} \right) = \frac{0}{0}$$

2:  $\begin{cases} 1: & \text{L'Hospital's Rule} \\ 1: & \text{answer} \end{cases}$

Using L'Hospital's Rule:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \left( \frac{g'(x)}{6(x+1)} \right) = \frac{0}{0}$$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \left( \frac{g''(x)}{6} \right) = \frac{g''(-1)}{6} = \frac{2(-1) - \frac{1}{2}(1) + \frac{1}{4}(2)}{6} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$(d) h(0) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = h(0) + h'(0) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2 + \left(0 - \frac{1}{2}(2)\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$h(1) = h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + h'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{3}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{5}{4}$$

2:  $\begin{cases} 1: & \text{Euler's Method} \\ 1: & \text{answer} \end{cases}$