4) Rates

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2014 SCORING GUIDELINES

Question 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.

(a) $\dfrac{A(30) - A(0)}{30 - 0} = -0.197$ (or -0.196) lbs/day

Avg rate of change

1 : answer with units

(b) $A'(15) = -0.164$ (or -0.163)

The amount of grass clippings in the bin is decreasing at a rate of 0.164 (or 0.163) lbs/day at time $t = 15$ days.

$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : A'(15) \\ 1 : \text{interpretation} \end{cases}$

(c) $A(t) = \dfrac{1}{30}\displaystyle\int_0^{30} A(t)\,dt \Rightarrow t = 12.415$ (or 12.414)

Avg amount

$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \dfrac{1}{30}\displaystyle\int_0^{30} A(t)\,dt \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

(d) $L(t) = A(30) + A'(30) \cdot (t - 30)$

$A'(30) = -0.055976$
$A(30) = 0.782928$

$L(t) = 0.5 \Rightarrow t = 35.054$

$4 : \begin{cases} 2 : \text{expression for } L(t) \\ 1 : L(t) = 0.5 \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

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Question 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.?

Solution	Scoring
(a) $\int_0^6 f(t)\,dt = 142.274$ or 142.275 cubic feet	$2: \begin{cases} 1: \text{integral} \\ 1: \text{answer} \end{cases}$
(b) Rate of change is $f(8) - g(8) = -59.582$ or -59.583 cubic feet per hour.	1 : answer
(c) $h(0) = 0$ For $0 < t \le 6$, $h(t) = h(0) + \int_0^t g(s)\,ds = 0 + \int_0^t 0\,ds = 0$. For $6 < t \le 7$, $h(t) = h(6) + \int_6^t g(s)\,ds = 0 + \int_6^t 125\,ds = 125(t-6)$. For $7 < t \le 9$, $h(t) = h(7) + \int_7^t g(s)\,ds = 125 + \int_7^t 108\,ds = 125 + 108(t-7)$. Thus, $h(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } 0 \le t \le 6 \\ 125(t-6) & \text{for } 6 < t \le 7 \\ 125 + 108(t-7) & \text{for } 7 < t \le 9 \end{cases}$	$3: \begin{cases} 1: h(t) \text{ for } 0 \le t \le 6 \\ 1: h(t) \text{ for } 6 < t \le 7 \\ 1: h(t) \text{ for } 7 < t \le 9 \end{cases}$
(d) Amount of snow is $\int_0^9 f(t)\,dt - h(9) = 26.334$ or 26.335 cubic feet.	$3: \begin{cases} 1: \text{integral} \\ 1: h(9) \\ 1: \text{answer} \end{cases}$

Question 2

A 12,000-liter tank of water is filled to capacity. At time $t = 0$, water begins to drain out of the tank at a rate modeled by $r(t)$, measured in liters per hour, where r is given by the piecewise-defined function

$$r(t) = \begin{cases} \dfrac{600t}{t+3} & \text{for } 0 \le t \le 5 \\ 1000e^{-0.2t} & \text{for } t > 5 \end{cases}$$

(a) Is r continuous at $t = 5$? Show the work that leads to your answer.

(b) Find the average rate at which water is draining from the tank between time $t = 0$ and time $t = 8$ hours.

(c) Find $r'(3)$. Using correct units, explain the meaning of that value in the context of this problem.

(d) Write, but do not solve, an equation involving an integral to find the time A when the amount of water in the tank is 9000 liters.

(a) $\lim_{t \to 5^-} r(t) = \lim_{t \to 5^-} \left(\dfrac{600t}{t+3} \right) = 375 = r(5)$

$\lim_{t \to 5^+} r(t) = \lim_{t \to 5^+} \left(1000e^{-0.2t} \right) = 367.879$

Because the left-hand and right-hand limits are not equal, r is not continuous at $t = 5$.

2 : conclusion with analysis

(b) $\dfrac{1}{8}\int_0^8 r(t)\,dt = \dfrac{1}{8}\left(\int_0^5 \dfrac{600t}{t+3}\,dt + \int_5^8 1000e^{-0.2t}\,dt \right)$

$= 258.052$ or 258.053

Avg rate of water draining

3 : { 1 : integrand; 1 : limits and constant; 1 : answer }

(c) $r'(3) = 50$

The rate at which water is draining out of the tank at time $t = 3$ hours is increasing at 50 liters/hour^2.

2 : { 1 : $r'(3)$; 1 : meaning of $r'(3)$ }

(d) $12{,}000 - \int_0^A r(t)\,dt = 9000$

2 : { 1 : integral; 1 : equation }

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Question 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.

(a) $\int_0^8 R(t)\,dt = 76.570$

$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{integrand} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

(b) $R(3) - D(3) = -0.313632 < 0$

Since $R(3) < D(3)$, the amount of water in the pipe is decreasing at time $t = 3$ hours.

$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{considers } R(3) \text{ and } D(3) \\ 1 : \text{answer and reason} \end{cases}$

(c) The amount of water in the pipe at time t, $0 \le t \le 8$, is $30 + \int_0^t [R(x) - D(x)]\,dx.$

$R(t) - D(t) = 0 \Rightarrow t = 0,\ 3.271658$

t	Amount of water in the pipe
0	30
3.271658	27.964561
8	48.543686

The amount of water in the pipe is a minimum at time $t = 3.272$ (or 3.271) hours.

$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{considers } R(t) - D(t) = 0 \\ 1 : \text{answer} \\ 1 : \text{justification} \end{cases}$

(d) $30 + \int_0^w [R(t) - D(t)]\,dt = 50$

$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{integral} \\ 1 : \text{equation} \end{cases}$

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Question 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.

(a) $G'(5) = -24.588$ (or -24.587)

The rate at which gravel is arriving is decreasing by 24.588 (or 24.587) tons per hour per hour at time $t = 5$ hours.

$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : G'(5) \\ 1 : \text{interpretation with units} \end{cases}$

(b) $\int_0^8 G(t)\,dt = 825.551$ tons

$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{integral} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

(c) $G(5) = 98.140764 < 100$

At time $t = 5$, the rate at which unprocessed gravel is arriving is less than the rate at which it is being processed. Therefore, the amount of unprocessed gravel at the plant is decreasing at time $t = 5$.

$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{compares } G(5) \text{ to } 100 \\ 1 : \text{conclusion} \end{cases}$

(d) The amount of unprocessed gravel at time t is given by $A(t) = 500 + \int_0^t (G(s) - 100)\,ds$.

$A'(t) = G(t) - 100 = 0 \Rightarrow t = 4.923480$

t	$A(t)$
0	500
4.92348	635.376123
8	525.551089

The maximum amount of unprocessed gravel at the plant during this workday is 635.376 tons.

$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{considers } A'(t) = 0 \\ 1 : \text{answer} \\ 1 : \text{justification} \end{cases}$

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Question 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).

(a) $\int_0^2 R(t)\,dt = 980$ people	$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{integral} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$
(b) $R'(t) = 0$ when $t = 0$ and $t = 1.36296$ The maximum rate may occur at 0, $a = 1.36296$, or 2. $R(0) = 0$ $R(a) = 854.527$ $R(2) = 120$ The maximum rate occurs when $t = 1.362$ or 1.363.	$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{considers } R'(t) = 0 \\ 1 : \text{interior critical point} \\ 1 : \text{answer and justification} \end{cases}$
(c) $w(2) - w(1) = \int_1^2 w'(t)\,dt = \int_1^2 (2-t)R(t)\,dt = 387.5$ The total wait time for those who enter the auditorium after time $t = 1$ is 387.5 hours.	$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{integral} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$
(d) $\frac{1}{980} w(2) = \frac{1}{980} \int_0^2 (2-t)R(t)\,dt = 0.77551$ On average, a person waits 0.775 or 0.776 hour.	$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{integral} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$