

2001 AP[®] CALCULUS AB
Question 5

A cubic polynomial function f is defined by

$$f(x) = 4x^3 + ax^2 + bx + k$$

where a , b , and k are constants. The function f has a local minimum at $x = -1$, and the graph of f has a point of inflection at $x = -2$.

(a) Find the values of a and b .

(b) If $\int_0^1 f(x) dx = 32$, what is the value of k ?

$$f'(-1) = 0$$

$$f''(-2) = 0$$

(a)

$$f'(x) = 12x^2 + 2ax + b$$

$$f''(x) = 24x + 2a$$

$$f''(-2) = 0$$

$$0 = 24(-2) + 2a$$

$$0 = -48 + 2a$$

$$48 = 2a$$

$$a = 24$$

$$f'(x) = 12x^2 + 2(24)x + b$$

$$f'(x) = 12x^2 + 48x + b$$

$$f'(-1) = 0$$

$$0 = 12(-1)^2 + 48(-1) + b$$

$$0 = 12(1) - 48 + b$$

$$0 = -36 + b$$

$$36 = b$$

$$a = 24$$

$$b = 36$$

(b)

$$\int_0^1 f(x) dx = 32$$

$$\int_0^1 (4x^3 + 24x^2 + 36x + k) dx = 32$$

$$(x^4 + 8x^3 + 18x^2 + kx) \Big|_0^1 = 32$$

$$[(1)^4 + 8(1)^3 + 18(1)^2 + k(1)] - [(0)^4 + 8(0)^3 + 18(0)^2 + k(0)] = 32$$

$$[1 + 8 + 18 + k] - [0] = 32$$

$$27 + k = 32$$

$$k = 5$$