

Practice FRQ 5.6

1. NO CALCULATOR IS ALLOWED FOR THIS QUESTION.

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Unless otherwise specified, the domain of a function f is assumed to be the set of all real numbers x for which $f(x)$ is a real number.

t (hours)	0	1	5	8	10
$G(t)$ (thousands of gallons)	22	18.5	19.5	22	24

A gasoline storage tank is filled by a pipeline from a refinery. At the same time, gasoline flows from the tank into trucks that will make deliveries to gasoline stations. The amount of gasoline in the storage tank at time t is given by the twice-differentiable function G , where t is measured in hours and $0 \leq t \leq 10$. Values of $G(t)$, in thousands of gallons, at selected times t are given in the table above. It is known that $G''(t) > 0$ for $5 \leq t < 10$.

(a) Use the data in the table to estimate the rate of change of the amount of gasoline in the storage tank at time $t = 3$ hours. Show the computations that lead to your answer. Indicate units of measure.



Please respond on separate paper, following directions from your teacher.

(b) For $0 < t < 10$, is there a time t at which $G(t)$ is increasing at a rate of 0.2 thousand gallons per hour? Justify your answer.



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(c) It is known that $G'(5) = 0.5$. Use the locally linear approximation for G at time $t = 5$ to approximate the amount of gasoline in the storage tank at time $t = 7$. Is this approximation an overestimate or an underestimate for the actual amount of gasoline in the storage tank at time $t = 7$? Give a reason for your answer.



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(d) The rate at which gasoline flows out of the storage tank into trucks at time t can be modeled by the function R defined by $R(t) = \frac{100t}{t^2+4}$, where t is measured in hours, and $R(t)$ is measured in thousands of gallons. Based on the model, at what time t , for $0 \leq t \leq 10$, is the rate at which gasoline flows out of the storage tank an absolute maximum? Justify your answer.



Please respond on separate paper, following directions from your teacher.

Part A

Substitution of function values is required. The answer does not need to be simplified.

Select a point value to view scoring criteria, solutions, and/or examples and to score the response.



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The student response accurately includes a correct approximation with units.

Solution:

$G'(3) \approx \frac{G(5)-G(1)}{5-1} = \frac{19.5-18.5}{5-1} = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25$ thousand gallons per hour (which is equivalent to 250 gallons per hour)

Part B

The first point requires identification of the difference quotient. The substitution of function values and conclusion impacts the second point.

Select a point value to view scoring criteria, solutions, and/or examples and to score the response.



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The student response accurately includes both of the criteria below.

- ☐ $\frac{G(10)-G(0)}{10-0}$
- ☐ justification using Mean Value Theorem

Solution:

G is twice differentiable. $\Rightarrow G$ is differentiable. $\Rightarrow G$ is continuous.

$$\frac{G(10)-G(0)}{10-0} = \frac{24-22}{10-0} = \frac{2}{10} = 0.2 \text{ thousand gallons per hour (which is equivalent to 200 gallons per hour)}$$

Therefore, by the Mean Value Theorem, there is a time t , for $0 < t < 10$, at which $G'(t) = 0.2$.

Part C

Select a point value to view scoring criteria, solutions, and/or examples and to score the response.

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The student response accurately includes both of the criteria below.

- ☐ approximation of $G(7)$
- ☐ underestimate with reason

Solution:

$$G(7) \approx G(5) + G'(5)(7-5) = 19.5 + (0.5)(2) = 20.5 \text{ thousand gallons}$$

$G''(t) > 0$ for $5 \leq t \leq 7$, and so the graph of G is concave up for $5 \leq t \leq 7$. Therefore, the approximation for $G(7)$ using the locally linear approximation for G at time $t = 5$ is an underestimate for the actual amount.

Part D

Note: Sign charts are a useful tool to investigate and summarize the behavior of a function. By itself a sign chart for $f'(x)$ or $f''(x)$ is not a sufficient response for a justification.

The response is eligible for additional points based on consistent answers using an incorrect $R'(t)$ with a



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maximum of one computational error.

Select a point value to view scoring criteria, solutions, and/or examples to score the response.

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The student response accurately includes all four of the criteria below.

- ☐ $R'(t)$
- ☐ sets $R'(t) = 0$
- ☐ identifies $t = 2$ as a candidate
- ☐ answer with justification

Solution:

$$R'(t) = \frac{100(t^2+4) - 100t(2t)}{(t^2+4)^2} = \frac{400 - 100t^2}{(t^2+4)^2} = \frac{100(4-t^2)}{(t^2+4)^2} = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow 4 - t^2 = 0 \Rightarrow t = 2$$

Because $R'(t)$ changes from positive to negative at $t = 2$, R has a relative maximum at $t = 2$. R is increasing on $0 \leq t \leq 2$ and R is decreasing on $2 \leq t \leq 10$. Since $t = 2$ is the only critical point of R on the interval $0 \leq t \leq 10$ that is the location of a relative maximum, it is also the location of the absolute maximum of R on the interval $0 \leq t \leq 10$.

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t (hours)	0	5	15	30	35
$A(t)$ (gallons)	10	18	25	16	8

The number of gallons of olive oil in a tank at time t is given by the twice-differentiable function A , where t is measured in hours and $0 \leq t \leq 35$. Values of $A(t)$ at selected times t are given in the table above.

- (a) Use the data in the table to estimate the rate at which the number of gallons of olive oil in the tank is changing at time $t = 10$ hours. Show the computations that lead to your answer. Indicate units of measure.



Please respond on separate paper, following directions from your teacher.

- (b) For $0 \leq t \leq 30$, is there a time t at which $A'(t) = \frac{1}{5}$? Justify your answer.



Please respond on separate paper, following directions from your teacher.

- (c) The number of gallons of olive oil in the tank at time t is also modeled by the function G defined by $G(t) = 5t - \frac{2}{3}(t+9)^{\frac{3}{2}} + 28$, where t is measured in hours and $0 \leq t \leq 35$. Based on the model, at what time t , for $0 \leq t \leq 35$, is the number of gallons of olive oil in the tank an absolute maximum? Justify your answer.



Please respond on separate paper, following directions from your teacher.

- (d) For the function G defined in part (c), the locally linear approximation near $t = 7$ is used to approximate $G(8)$. Is this approximation an overestimate or an underestimate for the value of $G(8)$? Give a reason for your answer.



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Part A



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Substitution of function values is required. The answer does not need to be simplified.

Select a point value to view scoring criteria, solutions, and/or examples and to score the response.

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The student response accurately includes the criteria below.

- ☐ approximation with units

Solution:

$$A'(10) \approx \frac{A(15) - A(5)}{15 - 5} = \frac{25 - 18}{15 - 5} = \frac{7}{5} \text{ gallons per hour}$$

Part B

The first point requires identification of the difference quotient. The substitution of function values and conclusion impacts the second point.

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The student response accurately includes both of the criteria below.

- ☐ $\frac{A(30) - A(0)}{30 - 0}$
- ☐ justification using Mean Value Theorem

Solution:

A is twice differentiable. $\Rightarrow A$ is differentiable. $\Rightarrow A$ is continuous.

$$\frac{A(30) - A(0)}{30 - 0} = \frac{16 - 10}{30 - 0} = \frac{6}{30} = \frac{1}{5}$$



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Therefore, by the Mean Value Theorem, there is a time t , for $0 \leq t \leq 30$, at which $A'(t) = \frac{1}{5}$.

Part C

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The student response accurately includes all four of the criteria below.

- ☐ $G'(t)$
- ☐ sets $G'(t) = 0$
- ☐ identifies $t = 16$ as a candidate
- ☐ answer with justification

Solution:

$$G'(t) = 5 - (t + 9)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0 \Rightarrow (t + 9)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow t + 9 = 25 \Rightarrow t = 16$$

Because $G'(t)$ changes from positive to negative at $t = 16$, G has a relative maximum at $t = 16$.

Since $t = 16$ is the only critical point of G on the interval $0 \leq t \leq 35$ that is the location of a relative maximum, it is also the location of the absolute maximum of G on the interval $0 \leq t \leq 35$.

Part D

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The student response accurately includes both of the criteria below.

- ☐ $G''(t)$
- ☐ overestimate with reason

Solution:

$$G''(t) = -\frac{1}{2}(t+9)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$G''(t) < 0$ for $7 \leq t \leq 8$, and so the graph of G is concave down for $7 \leq t \leq 8$. Therefore, the approximation of $G(8)$ using the locally linear approximation of G near $t = 7$ is an overestimate.