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AP Calculus

FRQ #34

Differential Equation

At the beginning of 2010, a landfill contained 1400 tons of solid waste. The increasing function W models the total amount of solid waste stored at the landfill. Planners estimate that W will satisfy the differential equation $\frac{dW}{dt} = \frac{1}{25}(W - 300)$ for the next 20 years. W is measured in tons, and t is measured in years from the start of 2010.

(a) Use the line tangent to the graph of W at $t = 0$ to approximate the amount of solid waste that the landfill contains at the end of the first 3 months of 2010 (time $t = \frac{1}{4}$).

$$y - 1400 = mx$$

$$\frac{1}{25}(1400 - 300) = 44$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} W &= 44t + 1400 \\ W &= 44\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + 1400 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\boxed{1411 \text{ tons}}$$

(b) Find $\frac{d^2W}{dt^2}$ in terms of W . Use $\frac{d^2W}{dt^2}$ to determine whether your answer in part (a) is an underestimate or an overestimate of the amount of solid waste that the landfill contains at time $t = \frac{1}{4}$.

$$\frac{d^2W}{dt^2} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{25}(W - 300) \right)$$

$$> 0 \therefore \text{CU}$$

$$= \frac{1}{25} \left(\frac{dW}{dt} \right)$$

underestimate.

$$= \frac{1}{25} \left(\frac{1}{25}(W - 300) \right) = \frac{1}{625}(W - 300)$$

(c) Find the particular solution $W = W(t)$ to the differential equation $\frac{dW}{dt} = \frac{1}{25}(W - 300)$ with initial condition $W(0) = 1400$.

$$\frac{1}{W-300} dW = \frac{1}{25} dt$$

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$$\ln|W-300| = e^{\frac{1}{25}t+C} = e^{\frac{1}{25}t} e^C = ke^{\frac{1}{25}t}$$

$$1400 - 300 = ke^0$$

$$k = 1100$$

$$\boxed{W = 300 + 1100e^{\frac{1}{25}t}} \quad t \in (0, 20)$$

Differential Equation

Given: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3-x}{y}$.

- a) Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to the given differential equation for $1 < x < 5$ such that the line $y = -2$ is tangent to the graph of f . Find the x -coordinate of the point of tangency, and determine whether f has a local max, local min, or neither at this point. Show justification of your work.

$$0 = \frac{3-x}{y} \quad \boxed{x=3}$$

or ~~$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3-x}{y}$~~ ~~$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3-x}{y}$~~

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{3-x}{y} \right) = \frac{-y - (3-x)\frac{dy}{dx}}{y^2} \quad \boxed{\text{Min.}}$$

$$= \frac{-y}{y^2} = -\frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{2} < 0.$$

Let $y = g(x)$ be the particular solution to the given differential equation for $-2 < x < 8$, with the initial condition $g(6) = -4$. Find $y = g(x)$.

$$y \, dy = (3-x) \, dx$$

$$\int y \, dy = \int (3-x) \, dx$$

$$\frac{y^2}{2} = 3x - \frac{x^2}{2} + C$$

$$\frac{16}{2} = 18 - \frac{36}{2} + C \quad C = 8$$

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$$y = \pm \sqrt{6x - x^2 + 16}$$