

**AP<sup>®</sup> CALCULUS AB**  
**2016 SCORING GUIDELINES**

**Question 2**

For  $t \geq 0$ , a particle moves along the  $x$ -axis. The velocity of the particle at time  $t$  is given by

$$v(t) = 1 + 2\sin\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right). \text{ The particle is at position } x = 2 \text{ at time } t = 4.$$

- (a) At time  $t = 4$ , is the particle speeding up or slowing down?  
 (b) Find all times  $t$  in the interval  $0 < t < 3$  when the particle changes direction. Justify your answer.  
 (c) Find the position of the particle at time  $t = 0$ .  
 (d) Find the total distance the particle travels from time  $t = 0$  to time  $t = 3$ .

(a)  $v(4) = 2.978716 > 0$   
 $v'(4) = -1.164000 < 0$

The particle is slowing down since the velocity and acceleration have different signs.

(b)  $v(t) = 0 \Rightarrow t = 2.707468$

$v(t)$  changes from positive to negative at  $t = 2.707$ .  
 Therefore, the particle changes direction at this time.

(c)  $x(0) = x(4) + \int_4^0 v(t) dt$   
 $= 2 + (-5.815027) = -3.815$

(d) Distance =  $\int_0^3 |v(t)| dt = 5.301$

2 : conclusion with reason

2 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : t = 2.707 \\ 1 : \text{justification} \end{cases}$

3 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{integral} \\ 1 : \text{uses initial condition} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

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

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- (a) At time  $t = 4$ , is the particle speeding up or slowing down?

$$v(4) = 1 + 2\sin\left(\frac{4^2}{2}\right)$$

$$v(4) = 2.979$$

$$v'(t) = 2\cos\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right)(t)$$

$$v'(4) = 2\cos\left(\frac{4^2}{2}\right)(4)$$

$$v'(4) = -1.164$$

Slowing down because  $v(4)$  is positive and  $v'(4)$  is negative.

- (b) Find all times  $t$  in the interval  $0 < t < 3$  when the particle changes direction. Justify your answer.

$$1 + 2\sin\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$t = 2.707$$

The particle changes direction one time at  $t = 2.707$  because  $v(t) = 0$  and  $v(t)$  changes from positive to negative.

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(c) Find the position of the particle at time  $t = 0$ .

$$2 + \int_4^0 v(t) dt = \boxed{-3.815}$$

(d) Find the total distance the particle travels from time  $t = 0$  to time  $t = 3$ .

$$\int_0^3 |v(t)| dt = \boxed{5.301}$$

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- (a) At time  $t = 4$ , is the particle speeding up or slowing down?

$a(t)$  &  $v(t)$  same or diff sign?

$$v(4) = 1 + 2\sin\left(\frac{4^2}{2}\right) = 2.979 \quad (+)$$

$$a(t) = 2\cos\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right) \cdot t = -$$

$$a(4) = -1.164 \quad (-)$$

} particle is slowing down at  $t=4$  b/c  $a(t)$  &  $v(t)$  have different signs

- (b) Find all times  $t$  in the interval  $0 < t < 3$  when the particle changes direction. Justify your answer.

$$v(t) = 0$$

$$1 + 2\sin\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$t = 2.707468$$

particle changes direction at  $t = 2.707$  because the velocity changes sign at that time

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(c) Find the position of the particle at time  $t = 0$ .

$$\text{position} = \int v(t) dt$$

$$P = \int 1 + 2 \sin\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right) dt \quad u = \frac{1}{2}t^2 \quad du = t dt$$

$$\frac{1}{t} du = dt$$

$$\text{POS} = \frac{1}{t} \int 1 + 2 \sin(u) du$$

$$\frac{1}{t} (t - 2 \cos u) + C$$

$$\frac{1}{t} (t - 2 \cos\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right))$$

(d) Find the total distance the particle travels from time  $t = 0$  to time  $t = 3$ .

$$\text{total distance} = \int_0^3 |v(t)| dt$$

$$\int_0^3 \left| 1 + 2 \sin\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right) \right| dt = \boxed{5.301}$$

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(a) At time  $t = 4$ , is the particle speeding up or slowing down?

At time  $t=4$  the particle is slowing down

(b) Find all times  $t$  in the interval  $0 < t < 3$  when the particle changes direction. Justify your answer.

$$v(t) = 1 + 2\sin\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$v'(t) = t + 2t^2\cos\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right) = 0$$

particle changes  
direction at  
 $t = 2.607$  and  
 $t = 1.375$

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(c) Find the position of the particle at time  $t = 0$ .

$$\int_4^0 (1 + 2 \sin(\frac{t^2}{2})) dt$$

$$= -\int_0^4 (1 + 2 \sin(\frac{t^2}{2})) dt$$

$$= -5.815$$

(d) Find the total distance the particle travels from time  $t = 0$  to time  $t = 3$ .

$$\int_0^3 |1 + 2 \sin(\frac{t^2}{2})| dt$$

$$= 5.301$$

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**2016 SCORING COMMENTARY**

**Question 2**

**Overview**

In this problem students were given information about a particle moving along the  $x$ -axis for time  $t \geq 0$ . The velocity of the particle is given as a trigonometric function, and the particle is at position  $x = 2$  at time  $t = 4$ . In part (a) students needed to conclude that the particle is slowing down at  $t = 4$  because  $v(4)$  and  $v'(4)$  have different signs. In part (b) students needed to determine when the particle changes direction in the interval  $0 < t < 3$ , and justify their answer. This required use of the calculator to solve  $v(t) = 0$  on  $0 < t < 3$ . In part (c) students needed to apply the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus to find the position of the particle at time  $t = 0$ ; i.e.,  $x(0) = x(4) - \int_0^4 v(t) dt$ . The expression is evaluated using the calculator. In part (d) students needed to find the total distance the particle travels from  $t = 0$  to  $t = 3$ . Students were expected to set up and evaluate  $\int_0^3 |v(t)| dt$  (or an appropriate sum of definite integrals) using the calculator.

**Sample: 2A**

**Score: 9**

The response earned all 9 points.

**Sample: 2B**

**Score: 6**

The response earned 6 points: 2 points in part (a), 2 points in part (b), no points in part (c), and 2 points in part (d). In part (a) the student's work is correct. The student is not required to explicitly state that  $a(4) = v'(4)$ . In part (b) the student's work is correct. In part (c) the student is not working with a definite integral and did not earn the first point. The student was not eligible to earn the other 2 points. In part (d) the student's work is correct.

**Sample: 2C**

**Score: 3**

The response earned 3 points: no points in part (a), no points in part (b), 1 point in part (c), and 2 points in part (d). In part (a) the student has a conclusion without a reason, so no points were earned. In part (b) the student reports two incorrect values of  $t$ . The student did not earn the first point and was not eligible for the second point. In part (c) the student earned the first point for a correct definite integral. The student does not use the initial condition and was not eligible to earn the other 2 points. In part (d) the student's work is correct.