Solutions

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There are 25 points possible on this quiz. No aids (book, calculator, etc.) are permitted. Show all work for full credit.

1. [**\$points**] A small bug is crawling along a branch of a tree. The bug's distance, in millimeters, from the trunk after t seconds is given by the function

$$s(t) = 8t - 3t^2 + \frac{1}{3}t^3.$$

a. What is the velocity of the bug at time t?

b. When is the bug at rest?

Want t when
$$v=0$$
. So $0=8-6t+t^2=(t-2)(t-4)$

answer: at t=2 sec and t=4 sec

c. What is the acceleration of the bug when it's at rest?

$$a(t) = v'(t) = s''(t) = -6+2t$$

$$a(2)=-6+4=-2 \text{ mm/s}^2$$
, $a(4)=-6+8=2 \text{ mm/s}^2$

d. At time t = 3, is the bug moving toward the trunk or away from the trunk? Justify your answer.

$$V(3) = 8 - 18 + 9 = -1 < 0$$

2. [2 points] Let P denote the population of an invasive species of fish that is growing over time, t. Suppose the population P grows at a rate proportional its size. What can you say about the function P(t)?

3. [**6points**] The edge of a cube was found to be 5 meters with a possible error in measurement of 0.1 meter. Use differentials to estimate the maximum possible error in computing the surface area of the cube. Include units with your answer.

$$\bullet A = 6 s^2$$

$$dA = 12 \cdot 5 \cdot \frac{1}{10} = 6 m^2$$

4. [9points] The altitude (height, h) of a triangle is increasing at at rate of 2 cm/sec while the area of the triangle is decreasing at a rate of 1 cm²/sec. At what rate is the base, b, of the triangle changing with the altitude is 10 cm and the area is 100 cm²? Give units.

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1. Given
$$\frac{dh}{dt} = 2$$
 and $\frac{dA}{dt} = -1$

5.
$$-1 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{db}{dt} \cdot 10 + 20 \cdot 2 \right)$$

 $-2 = 10 \frac{db}{dt} + 40$

$$\frac{db}{dt} = \frac{-42}{10} = -4.2 \text{ cm/sec}$$