AP Calculus AB Practice: Analyzing Graph of f'

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Question 4

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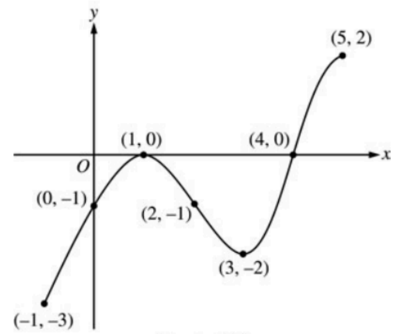

Graph of f'

(a) Find the x-coordinate of each of the points of inflection of the graph of f. Give a reason for your answer.

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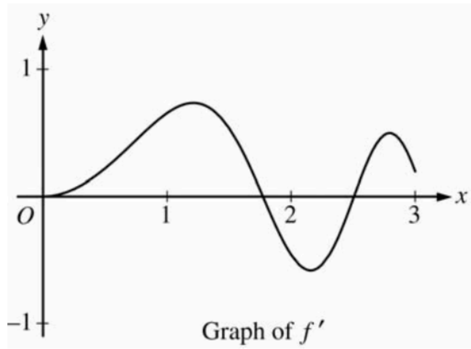

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Let f be the function defined for $x \geq 0$ with $f(0) = 5$ and f', the first derivative of f, given by $f'(x) = e^{(-x/4)} \sin\left(x^2\right)$. The graph of $y = f'(x)$ is shown above.

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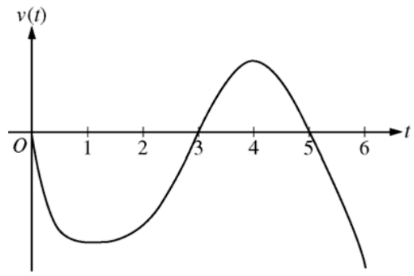

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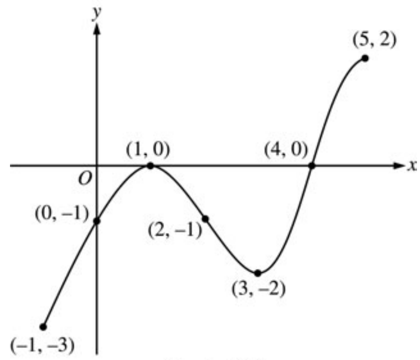

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(a) $x = 1$ and $x = 3$ because the graph of f' changes from increasing to decreasing at $x = 1$, and changes from decreasing to increasing at $x = 3$.

$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : x = 1, x = 3 \\ 1 : \text{reason} \end{cases}$

(b) The function f decreases from $x = -1$ to $x = 4$, then increases from $x = 4$ to $x = 5$.
Therefore, the absolute minimum value for f is at $x = 4$.
The absolute maximum value must occur at $x = -1$ or at $x = 5$.

$$f(5) - f(-1) = \int_{-1}^{5} f'(t)\,dt < 0$$

Since $f(5) < f(-1)$, the absolute maximum value occurs at $x = -1$.

$4 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{indicates } f \text{ decreases then increases} \\ 1 : \text{eliminates } x = 5 \text{ for maximum} \\ 1 : \text{absolute minimum at } x = 4 \\ 1 : \text{absolute maximum at } x = -1 \end{cases}$

(c) $g'(x) = f(x) + xf'(x)$
$g'(2) = f(2) + 2f'(2) = 6 + 2(-1) = 4$
$g(2) = 2f(2) = 12$

Tangent line is $y = 4(x - 2) + 12$

$3 : \begin{cases} 2 : g'(x) \\ 1 : \text{tangent line} \end{cases}$

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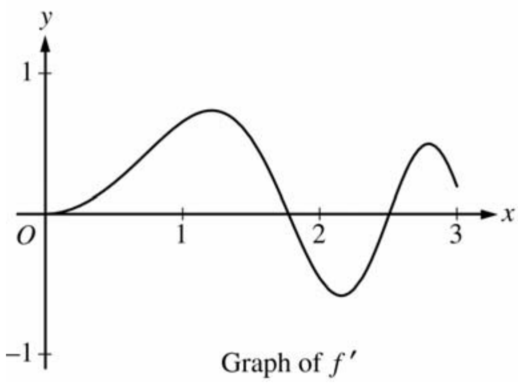

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(a) On the interval $1.7 < x < 1.9$, f' is decreasing and thus f is concave down on this interval.

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

(b) $f'(x) = 0$ when $x = 0, \sqrt{\pi}, \sqrt{2\pi}, \sqrt{3\pi}, \ldots$
On $[0, 3]$ f' changes from positive to negative only at $\sqrt{\pi}$. The absolute maximum must occur at $x = \sqrt{\pi}$ or at an endpoint.

$f(0) = 5$

$f\left(\sqrt{\pi}\right) = f(0) + \int_0^{\sqrt{\pi}} f'(x)\, dx = 5.67911$

$f(3) = f(0) + \int_0^3 f'(x)\, dx = 5.57893$

This shows that f has an absolute maximum at $x = \sqrt{\pi}$.

$3: \begin{cases} 1 : \text{identifies } \sqrt{\pi} \text{ and 3 as candidates} \\ \qquad \text{- or -} \\ \quad \text{indicates that the graph of } f \\ \quad \text{increases, decreases, then increases} \\ 1 : \text{justifies } f\left(\sqrt{\pi}\right) > f(3) \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

(c) $f(2) = f(0) + \int_0^2 f'(x)\, dx = 5.62342$

$f'(2) = e^{-0.5} \sin(4) = -0.45902$

$y - 5.623 = (-0.459)(x - 2)$

$4: \begin{cases} 2 : f(2) \text{ expression} \\ \qquad 1 : \text{integral} \\ \qquad 1 : \text{including } f(0) \text{ term} \\ 1 : f'(2) \\ 1 : \text{equation} \end{cases}$

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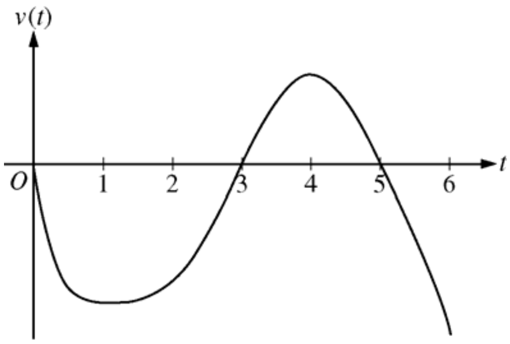

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(a) Since $v(t) < 0$ for $0 < t < 3$ and $5 < t < 6$, and $v(t) > 0$ for $3 < t < 5$, we consider $t = 3$ and $t = 6$.

$$x(3) = -2 + \int_0^3 v(t)\,dt = -2 - 8 = -10$$

$$x(6) = -2 + \int_0^6 v(t)\,dt = -2 - 8 + 3 - 2 = -9$$

Therefore, the particle is farthest left at time $t = 3$ when its position is $x(3) = -10$.

$$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{identifies } t = 3 \text{ as a candidate} \\ 1 : \text{considers } \int_0^6 v(t)\,dt \\ 1 : \text{conclusion} \end{cases}$$

(b) The particle moves continuously and monotonically from $x(0) = -2$ to $x(3) = -10$. Similarly, the particle moves continuously and monotonically from $x(3) = -10$ to $x(5) = -7$ and also from $x(5) = -7$ to $x(6) = -9$.

By the Intermediate Value Theorem, there are three values of t for which the particle is at $x(t) = -8$.

$$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{positions at } t = 3,\ t = 5, \\ \quad\ \text{and } t = 6 \\ 1 : \text{description of motion} \\ 1 : \text{conclusion} \end{cases}$$

(c) The speed is decreasing on the interval $2 < t < 3$ since on this interval $v < 0$ and v is increasing.

1 : answer with reason

(d) The acceleration is negative on the intervals $0 < t < 1$ and $4 < t < 6$ since velocity is decreasing on these intervals.

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