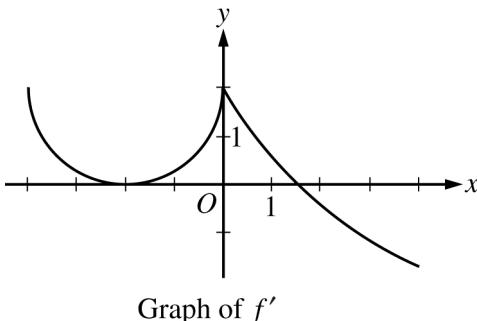


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Graph of  $f'$

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The graph of the continuous function  $f'$ , shown in the figure above, has  $x$ -intercepts at  $x = -2$  and  $x = 3 \ln\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)$ . The graph of  $g$  on  $-4 \leq x \leq 0$  is a semicircle, and  $f(0) = 5$ .

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(c) For  $-4 \leq x \leq 4$ , find the value of  $x$  at which  $f$  has an absolute maximum. Justify your answer.
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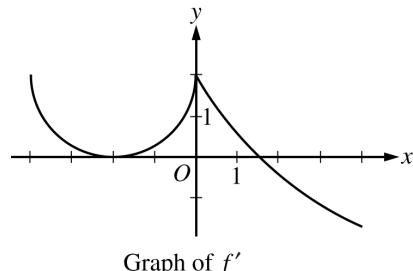
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**Question 6**

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(a)  $f'$  changes from decreasing to increasing at  $x = -2$  and from increasing to decreasing at  $x = 0$ . Therefore, the graph of  $f$  has points of inflection at  $x = -2$  and  $x = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad f(-4) &= 5 + \int_0^{-4} g(x) \, dx \\ &= 5 - (8 - 2\pi) = 2\pi - 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(4) &= 5 + \int_0^4 (5e^{-x/3} - 3) \, dx \\ &= 5 + \left( -15e^{-x/3} - 3x \right) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=4} \\ &= 8 - 15e^{-4/3} \end{aligned}$$

(c) Since  $f'(x) > 0$  on the intervals  $-4 < x < -2$  and  $-2 < x < 3\ln\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)$ ,  $f$  is increasing on the interval  $-4 \leq x \leq 3\ln\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)$ .

Since  $f'(x) < 0$  on the interval  $3\ln\left(\frac{5}{3}\right) < x < 4$ ,  $f$  is decreasing on the interval  $3\ln\left(\frac{5}{3}\right) \leq x \leq 4$ .

Therefore,  $f$  has an absolute maximum at  $x = 3\ln\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)$ .

2 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{identifies } x = -2 \text{ or } x = 0 \\ 1 : \text{answer with justification} \end{cases}$

5 :  $\begin{cases} 2 : f(-4) \\ 1 : \text{integral} \\ 1 : \text{value} \\ 3 : f(4) \\ 1 : \text{integral} \\ 1 : \text{antiderivative} \\ 1 : \text{value} \end{cases}$

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