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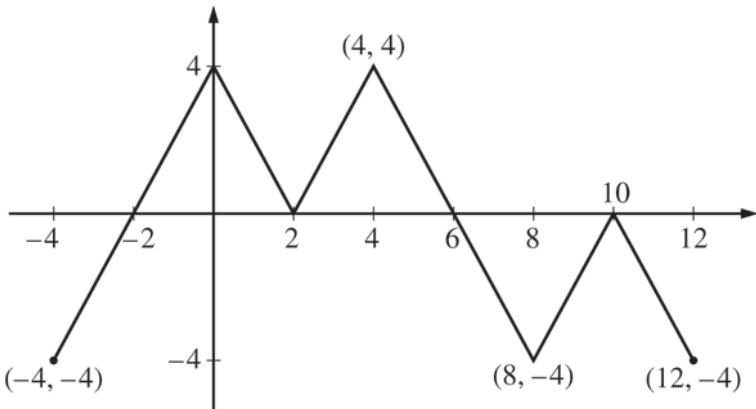
- (a) At time $t = 4$, is the particle speeding up or slowing down?
 - (b) Find all times t in the interval $0 < t < 3$ when the particle changes direction. Justify your answer.
 - (c) Find the position of the particle at time $t = 0$.
 - (d) Find the total distance the particle travels from time $t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

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CALCULUS AB
SECTION II, Part B
Time—60 minutes
Number of problems—4

No calculator is allowed for these problems.



Graph of f

3. The figure above shows the graph of the piecewise-linear function f . For $-4 \leq x \leq 12$, the function g is defined by $g(x) = \int_2^x f(t) dt$.
- Does g have a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither at $x = 10$? Justify your answer.
 - Does the graph of g have a point of inflection at $x = 4$? Justify your answer.
 - Find the absolute minimum value and the absolute maximum value of g on the interval $-4 \leq x \leq 12$. Justify your answers.
 - For $-4 \leq x \leq 12$, find all intervals for which $g(x) \leq 0$.

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Question 2

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