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- (a) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of  $f$  at  $x = 1$ . Use this line to approximate  $f(1.4)$ .
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- (c) Use Euler's method, starting at  $x = 1$  with two steps of equal size, to approximate  $f(1.4)$ . Show the computations that lead to your answer.
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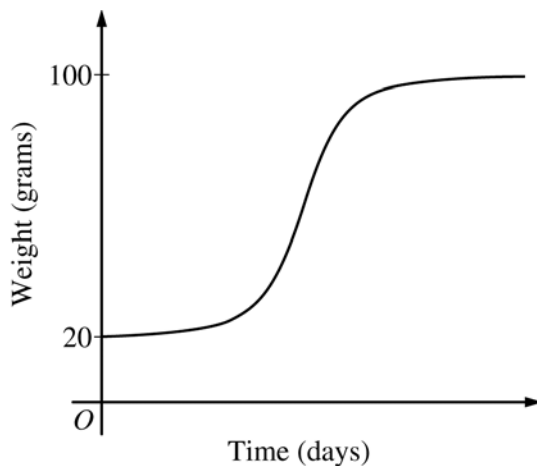
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5. The rate at which a baby bird gains weight is proportional to the difference between its adult weight and its current weight. At time  $t = 0$ , when the bird is first weighed, its weight is 20 grams. If  $B(t)$  is the weight of the bird, in grams, at time  $t$  days after it is first weighed, then

$$\frac{dB}{dt} = \frac{1}{5}(100 - B).$$

Let  $y = B(t)$  be the solution to the differential equation above with initial condition  $B(0) = 20$ .

- (a) Is the bird gaining weight faster when it weighs 40 grams or when it weighs 70 grams? Explain your reasoning.
- (b) Find  $\frac{d^2B}{dt^2}$  in terms of  $B$ . Use  $\frac{d^2B}{dt^2}$  to explain why the graph of  $B$  cannot resemble the following graph.



- (c) Use separation of variables to find  $y = B(t)$ , the particular solution to the differential equation with initial condition  $B(0) = 20$ .

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(a)  $f(1) = 15$ ,  $f'(1) = 8$

An equation for the tangent line is  
 $y = 15 + 8(x - 1)$ .

$$f(1.4) \approx 15 + 8(1.4 - 1) = 18.2$$

$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{tangent line} \\ 1 : \text{approximation} \end{cases}$$

(b)  $\int_1^{1.4} f'(x) dx \approx (0.2)(10) + (0.2)(13) = 4.6$

$$f(1.4) = f(1) + \int_1^{1.4} f'(x) dx$$

$$f(1.4) \approx 15 + 4.6 = 19.6$$

$$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{midpoint Riemann sum} \\ 1 : \text{Fundamental Theorem of Calculus} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$$

(c)  $f(1.2) \approx f(1) + (0.2)(8) = 16.6$

$$f(1.4) \approx 16.6 + (0.2)(12) = 19.0$$

$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{Euler's method with two steps} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$$

(d)  $T_2(x) = 15 + 8(x - 1) + \frac{20}{2!}(x - 1)^2$   
 $= 15 + 8(x - 1) + 10(x - 1)^2$

$$f(1.4) \approx 15 + 8(1.4 - 1) + 10(1.4 - 1)^2 = 19.8$$

$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{Taylor polynomial} \\ 1 : \text{approximation} \end{cases}$$