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4. The function  $f$  is defined by  $f(x) = \sqrt{25 - x^2}$  for  $-5 \leq x \leq 5$ .

(a) Find  $f'(x)$ .

(b) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of  $f$  at  $x = -3$ .

(c) Let  $g$  be the function defined by  $g(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{for } -5 \leq x \leq -3 \\ x + 7 & \text{for } -3 < x \leq 5. \end{cases}$

Is  $g$  continuous at  $x = -3$ ? Use the definition of continuity to explain your answer.

(d) Find the value of  $\int_0^5 x\sqrt{25 - x^2} \, dx$ .

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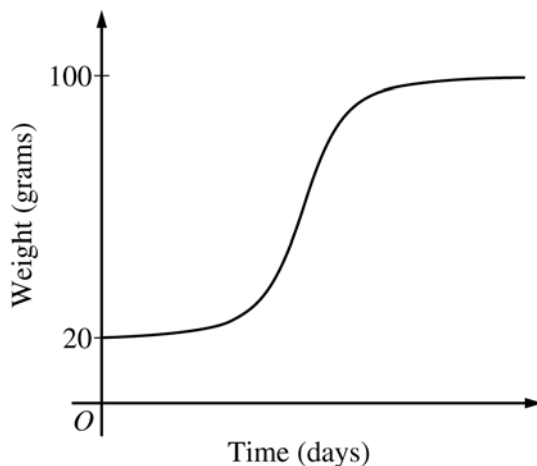
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5. The rate at which a baby bird gains weight is proportional to the difference between its adult weight and its current weight. At time  $t = 0$ , when the bird is first weighed, its weight is 20 grams. If  $B(t)$  is the weight of the bird, in grams, 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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**Question 4**

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- (a) Find  $f'(x)$ .
- (b) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of  $f$  at  $x = -3$ .
- (c) Let  $g$  be the function defined by  $g(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{for } -5 \leq x \leq -3 \\ x + 7 & \text{for } -3 < x \leq 5. \end{cases}$   
 Is  $g$  continuous at  $x = -3$ ? Use the definition of continuity to explain your answer.
- (d) Find the value of  $\int_0^5 x\sqrt{25 - x^2} \, dx$ .

(a)  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}(25 - x^2)^{-1/2}(-2x) = \frac{-x}{\sqrt{25 - x^2}}, \quad -5 < x < 5$

2 :  $f'(x)$

(b)  $f'(-3) = \frac{3}{\sqrt{25 - 9}} = \frac{3}{4}$

$f(-3) = \sqrt{25 - 9} = 4$

An equation for the tangent line is  $y = 4 + \frac{3}{4}(x + 3)$ .

2 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : f'(-3) \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} \sqrt{25 - x^2} = 4$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} (x + 7) = 4$

Therefore,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} g(x) = 4$ .

$g(-3) = f(-3) = 4$

So,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} g(x) = g(-3)$ .

Therefore,  $g$  is continuous at  $x = -3$ .

2 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{considers one-sided limits} \\ 1 : \text{answer with explanation} \end{cases}$

(d) Let  $u = 25 - x^2 \Rightarrow du = -2x \, dx$

$\int_0^5 x\sqrt{25 - x^2} \, dx = -\frac{1}{2} \int_{25}^0 \sqrt{u} \, du$

$= \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3} u^{3/2} \right]_{u=25}^{u=0}$

$= -\frac{1}{3}(0 - 125) = \frac{125}{3}$

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