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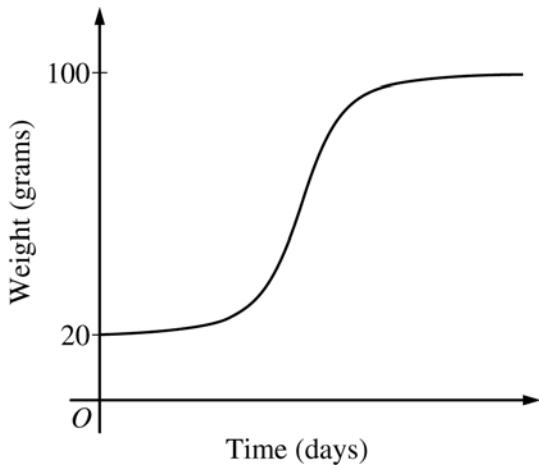
5. The rate at which a baby bird gains weight is proportional to the difference between its adult weight and its current weight. At time $t = 0$, when the bird is first weighed, its weight is 20 grams. If $B(t)$ is the weight of the bird, in grams, at time t days after it is first weighed, then

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

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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6. For $0 \leq t \leq 12$, a particle moves along the x -axis. The velocity of the particle at time t is given by $v(t) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}t\right)$. The particle is at position $x = -2$ at time $t = 0$.
- (a) For $0 \leq t \leq 12$, when is the particle moving to the left?
- (b) Write, but do not evaluate, an integral expression that gives the total distance traveled by the particle from time $t = 0$ to time $t = 6$.
- (c) Find the acceleration of the particle at time t . Is the speed of the particle increasing, decreasing, or neither at time $t = 4$? Explain your reasoning.
- (d) Find the position of the particle at time $t = 4$.
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END OF EXAM

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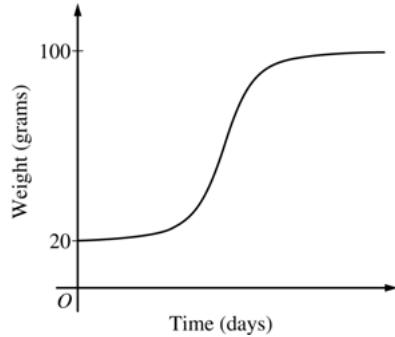
Question 5

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

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(a) $\left. \frac{dB}{dt} \right|_{B=40} = \frac{1}{5}(60) = 12$

2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{uses } \frac{dB}{dt} \\ 1 : \text{answer with reason} \end{cases}$

$$\left. \frac{dB}{dt} \right|_{B=70} = \frac{1}{5}(30) = 6$$

Because $\left. \frac{dB}{dt} \right|_{B=40} > \left. \frac{dB}{dt} \right|_{B=70}$, the bird is gaining weight faster when it weighs 40 grams.

(b) $\frac{d^2B}{dt^2} = -\frac{1}{5} \frac{dB}{dt} = -\frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{5}(100 - B) = -\frac{1}{25}(100 - B)$

2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \frac{d^2B}{dt^2} \text{ in terms of } B \\ 1 : \text{explanation} \end{cases}$

Therefore, the graph of B is concave down for $20 \leq B < 100$. A portion of the given graph is concave up.

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

5 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{separation of variables} \\ 1 : \text{antiderivatives} \\ 1 : \text{constant of integration} \\ 1 : \text{uses initial condition} \\ 1 : \text{solves for } B \end{cases}$

$$\int \frac{1}{100 - B} dB = \int \frac{1}{5} dt$$

$$-\ln|100 - B| = \frac{1}{5}t + C$$

Because $20 \leq B < 100$, $|100 - B| = 100 - B$.

$$-\ln(100 - 20) = \frac{1}{5}(0) + C \Rightarrow -\ln(80) = C$$

$$100 - B = 80e^{-t/5}$$

$$B(t) = 100 - 80e^{-t/5}, \quad t \geq 0$$

Note: max 2/5 [1-1-0-0-0] if no constant of integration

Note: 0/5 if no separation of variables