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3. An object moving along a curve in the xy -plane is at position $(x(t), y(t))$ at time t , where

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \sin^{-1}(1 - 2e^{-t}) \text{ and } \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{4t}{1 + t^3}$$

for $t \geq 0$. At time $t = 2$, the object is at the point $(6, -3)$. (Note: $\sin^{-1}x = \arcsin x$)

- (a) Find the acceleration vector and the speed of the object at time $t = 2$.
 - (b) The curve has a vertical tangent line at one point. At what time t is the object at this point?
 - (c) Let $m(t)$ denote the slope of the line tangent to the curve at the point $(x(t), y(t))$. Write an expression for $m(t)$ in terms of t and use it to evaluate $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} m(t)$.
 - (d) The graph of the curve has a horizontal asymptote $y = c$. Write, but do not evaluate, an expression involving an improper integral that represents this value c .
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END OF PART A OF SECTION II

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SECTION II, Part B****Time—45 minutes****Number of problems—3****No calculator is allowed for these problems.**

t (seconds)	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80
$v(t)$ (feet per second)	5	14	22	29	35	40	44	47	49

4. Rocket A has positive velocity $v(t)$ after being launched upward from an initial height of 0 feet at time $t = 0$ seconds. The velocity of the rocket is recorded for selected values of t over the interval $0 \leq t \leq 80$ seconds, as shown in the table above.
- (a) Find the average acceleration of rocket A over the time interval $0 \leq t \leq 80$ seconds. Indicate units of measure.
- (b) Using correct units, explain the meaning of $\int_{10}^{70} v(t) \, dt$ in terms of the rocket's flight. Use a midpoint Riemann sum with 3 subintervals of equal length to approximate $\int_{10}^{70} v(t) \, dt$.
- (c) Rocket B is launched upward with an acceleration of $a(t) = \frac{3}{\sqrt{t+1}}$ feet per second per second. At time $t = 0$ seconds, the initial height of the rocket is 0 feet, and the initial velocity is 2 feet per second. Which of the two rockets is traveling faster at time $t = 80$ seconds? Explain your answer.
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