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t (years)	2	3	5	7	10
$H(t)$ (meters)	1.5	2	6	11	15

4. The height of a tree at time t is given by a twice-differentiable function H , where $H(t)$ is measured in meters and t is measured in years. Selected values of $H(t)$ are given in the table above.

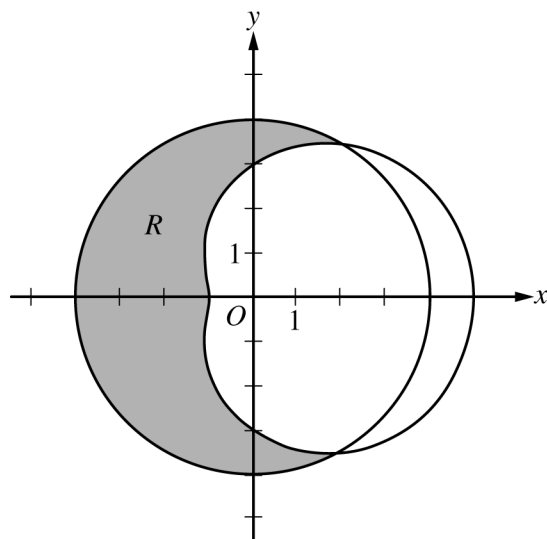
(a) Use the data in the table to estimate $H'(6)$. Using correct units, interpret the meaning of $H'(6)$ in the context of the problem.

(b) Explain why there must be at least one time t , for $2 < t < 10$, such that $H'(t) = 2$.

(c) Use a trapezoidal sum with the four subintervals indicated by the data in the table to approximate the average height of the tree over the time interval $2 \leq t \leq 10$.

(d) The height of the tree, in meters, can also be modeled by the function G , given by $G(x) = \frac{100x}{1+x}$, where x is the diameter of the base of the tree, in meters. When the tree is 50 meters tall, the diameter of the base of the tree is increasing at a rate of 0.03 meter per year. According to this model, what is the rate of change of the height of the tree with respect to time, in meters per year, at the time when the tree is 50 meters tall?

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5. The graphs of the polar curves $r = 4$ and $r = 3 + 2 \cos \theta$ are shown in the figure above. The curves intersect at $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$ and $\theta = \frac{5\pi}{3}$.
- (a) Let R be the shaded region that is inside the graph of $r = 4$ and also outside the graph of $r = 3 + 2 \cos \theta$, as shown in the figure above. Write an expression involving an integral for the area of R .
- (b) Find the slope of the line tangent to the graph of $r = 3 + 2 \cos \theta$ at $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$.
- (c) A particle moves along the portion of the curve $r = 3 + 2 \cos \theta$ for $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$. The particle moves in such a way that the distance between the particle and the origin increases at a constant rate of 3 units per second. Find the rate at which the angle θ changes with respect to time at the instant when the position of the particle corresponds to $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$. Indicate units of measure.

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Question 4

(a) $H'(6) \approx \frac{H(7) - H(5)}{7 - 5} = \frac{11 - 6}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$

$H'(6)$ is the rate at which the height of the tree is changing, in meters per year, at time $t = 6$ years.

(b) $\frac{H(5) - H(3)}{5 - 3} = \frac{6 - 2}{2} = 2$

Because H is differentiable on $3 \leq t \leq 5$, H is continuous on $3 \leq t \leq 5$.

By the Mean Value Theorem, there exists a value c , $3 < c < 5$, such that $H'(c) = 2$.

(c) The average height of the tree over the time interval $2 \leq t \leq 10$ is given by $\frac{1}{10 - 2} \int_2^{10} H(t) dt$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{8} \int_2^{10} H(t) dt &\approx \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{1.5 + 2}{2} \cdot 1 + \frac{2 + 6}{2} \cdot 2 + \frac{6 + 11}{2} \cdot 2 + \frac{11 + 15}{2} \cdot 3 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{8} (65.75) = \frac{263}{32} \end{aligned}$$

The average height of the tree over the time interval $2 \leq t \leq 10$ is $\frac{263}{32}$ meters.

(d) $G(x) = 50 \Rightarrow x = 1$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(G(x)) = \frac{d}{dx}(G(x)) \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{(1+x)100 - 100x \cdot 1}{(1+x)^2} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{100}{(1+x)^2} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt}(G(x)) \right|_{x=1} = \frac{100}{(1+1)^2} \cdot 0.03 = \frac{3}{4}$$

According to the model, the rate of change of the height of the tree with respect to time when the tree is 50 meters tall is $\frac{3}{4}$ meter per year.

2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{estimate} \\ 1 : \text{interpretation with units} \end{cases}$

2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \frac{H(5) - H(3)}{5 - 3} \\ 1 : \text{conclusion using Mean Value Theorem} \end{cases}$

2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{trapezoidal sum} \\ 1 : \text{approximation} \end{cases}$

3 : $\begin{cases} 2 : \frac{d}{dt}(G(x)) \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

Note: max 1/3 [1-0] if no chain rule