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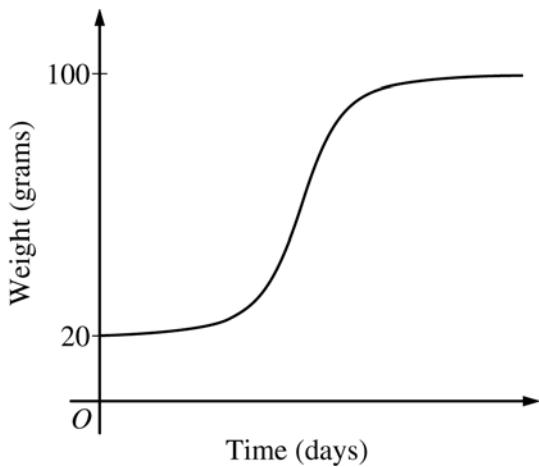
5. The rate at which a baby bird gains weight is proportional to the difference between its adult weight and its current weight. At time $t = 0$, when the bird is first weighed, its weight is 20 grams. If $B(t)$ is the weight of the bird, in grams, at time t days after it is first weighed, then

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

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

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

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