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Question 1

(a) $\int_0^{300} r(t)\,dt = 270$

According to the model, 270 people enter the line for the escalator during the time interval $0 \le t \le 300$.

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

(b) $20 + \int_0^{300} (r(t) - 0.7)\,dt = 20 + \int_0^{300} r(t)\,dt - 0.7 \cdot 300 = 80$

According to the model, 80 people are in line at time $t = 300$.

$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{considers rate out} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

(c) Based on part (b), the number of people in line at time $t = 300$ is 80.

The first time t that there are no people in line is

$300 + \frac{80}{0.7} = 414.286$ (or 414.285) seconds.

1 : answer

(d) The total number of people in line at time t, $0 \le t \le 300$, is modeled by $20 + \int_0^t r(x)\,dx - 0.7t$.

$r(t) - 0.7 = 0 \Rightarrow t_1 = 33.013298,\ t_2 = 166.574719$

t	People in line for escalator
0	20
t_1	3.803
t_2	158.070
300	80

The number of people in line is a minimum at time $t = 33.013$ seconds, when there are 4 people in line.

$4 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{considers } r(t) - 0.7 = 0 \\ 1 : \text{identifies } t = 33.013 \\ 1 : \text{answers} \\ 1 : \text{justification} \end{cases}$

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Question 2

(a) $p'(25) = -1.179$

At a depth of 25 meters, the density of plankton cells is changing at a rate of -1.179 million cells per cubic meter per meter.

$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{answer} \\ 1 : \text{meaning with units} \end{cases}$

(b) $\int_0^{30} 3p(h)\, dh = 1675.414936$

There are 1675 million plankton cells in the column of water between $h = 0$ and $h = 30$ meters.

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

(c) $\int_{30}^{K} 3f(h)\, dh$ represents the number of plankton cells, in millions, in the column of water from a depth of 30 meters to a depth of K meters.

The number of plankton cells, in millions, in the entire column of water is given by $\int_0^{30} 3p(h)\, dh + \int_{30}^{K} 3f(h)\, dh.$

Because $0 \le f(h) \le u(h)$ for all $h \ge 30$,

$$3\int_{30}^{K} f(h)\, dh \le 3\int_{30}^{K} u(h)\, dh \le 3\int_{30}^{\infty} u(h)\, dh = 3 \cdot 105 = 315.$$

The total number of plankton cells in the column of water is bounded by $1675.415 + 315 = 1990.415 \le 2000$ million.

$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{integral expression} \\ 1 : \text{compares improper integral} \\ 1 : \text{explanation} \end{cases}$

(d) $\int_0^1 \sqrt{(x'(t))^2 + (y'(t))^2}\, dt = 757.455862$

The total distance traveled by the boat over the time interval $0 \le t \le 1$ is 757.456 (or 757.455) meters.

$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{integrand} \\ 1 : \text{total distance} \end{cases}$

Question 3

(a) $f(-5) = f(1) + \int_1^{-5} g(x)\,dx = f(1) - \int_{-5}^{1} g(x)\,dx$ $= 3 - \left(-9 - \frac{3}{2} + 1\right) = 3 - \left(-\frac{19}{2}\right) = \frac{25}{2}$	$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{integral} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$
(b) $\int_1^6 g(x)\,dx = \int_1^3 g(x)\,dx + \int_3^6 g(x)\,dx$ $= \int_1^3 2\,dx + \int_3^6 2(x-4)^2\,dx$ $= 4 + \left[\frac{2}{3}(x-4)^3\right]_{x=3}^{x=6} = 4 + \frac{16}{3} - \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right) = 10$	$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{split at } x = 3 \\ 1 : \text{antiderivative of } 2(x-4)^2 \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$
(c) The graph of f is increasing and concave up on $0 < x < 1$ and $4 < x < 6$ because $f'(x) = g(x) > 0$ and $f'(x) = g(x)$ is increasing on those intervals.	$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{intervals} \\ 1 : \text{reason} \end{cases}$
(d) The graph of f has a point of inflection at $x = 4$ because $f'(x) = g(x)$ changes from decreasing to increasing at $x = 4$.	$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{answer} \\ 1 : \text{reason} \end{cases}$

Question 4

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(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 $\dfrac{3}{4}$ meter per year.

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

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

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Question 5

(a) Area $= \frac{1}{2}\int_{\pi/3}^{5\pi/3}\left(4^2 - (3 + 2\cos\theta)^2\right)d\theta$

$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{constant and limits} \\ 2 : \text{integrand} \end{cases}$

(b) $\frac{dr}{d\theta} = -2\sin\theta \Rightarrow \left.\frac{dr}{d\theta}\right|_{\theta=\pi/2} = -2$

$r\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 3 + 2\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 3$

$y = r\sin\theta \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{d\theta} = \frac{dr}{d\theta}\sin\theta + r\cos\theta$

$x = r\cos\theta \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{d\theta} = \frac{dr}{d\theta}\cos\theta - r\sin\theta$

$$\left.\frac{dy}{dx}\right|_{\theta=\pi/2} = \left.\frac{dy/d\theta}{dx/d\theta}\right|_{\theta=\pi/2} = \frac{-2\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + 3\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{-2\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) - 3\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)} = \frac{2}{3}$$

The slope of the line tangent to the graph of $r = 3 + 2\cos\theta$ at $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ is $\frac{2}{3}$.

— OR —

$y = r\sin\theta = (3 + 2\cos\theta)\sin\theta \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{d\theta} = 3\cos\theta + 2\cos^2\theta - 2\sin^2\theta$

$x = r\cos\theta = (3 + 2\cos\theta)\cos\theta \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{d\theta} = -3\sin\theta - 4\sin\theta\cos\theta$

$$\left.\frac{dy}{dx}\right|_{\theta=\pi/2} = \left.\frac{dy/d\theta}{dx/d\theta}\right|_{\theta=\pi/2} = \frac{3\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + 2\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) - 2\sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{-3\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) - 4\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)} = \frac{2}{3}$$

The slope of the line tangent to the graph of $r = 3 + 2\cos\theta$ at $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ is $\frac{2}{3}$.

$$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : \frac{dy}{d\theta} = \frac{dr}{d\theta}\sin\theta + r\cos\theta \\ \quad \text{or } \frac{dx}{d\theta} = \frac{dr}{d\theta}\cos\theta - r\sin\theta \\ 1 : \frac{dy}{dx} = \dfrac{\frac{dr}{d\theta}\sin\theta + r\cos\theta}{\frac{dr}{d\theta}\cos\theta - r\sin\theta} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$$

(c) $\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{dr}{d\theta}\cdot\frac{d\theta}{dt} = -2\sin\theta\cdot\frac{d\theta}{dt} \Rightarrow \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{dr}{dt}\cdot\frac{1}{-2\sin\theta}$

$\left.\frac{d\theta}{dt}\right|_{\theta=\pi/3} = 3\cdot\frac{1}{-2\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)} = \frac{3}{-\sqrt{3}} = -\sqrt{3}$ radians per second

$$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{dr}{d\theta}\cdot\frac{d\theta}{dt} \\ 1 : \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{dr}{dt}\cdot\frac{1}{-2\sin\theta} \\ 1 : \text{answer with units} \end{cases}$$

Question 6

(a) The first four nonzero terms are $\frac{x^2}{3} - \frac{x^3}{2 \cdot 3^2} + \frac{x^4}{3 \cdot 3^3} - \frac{x^5}{4 \cdot 3^4}$.

The general term is $(-1)^{n+1} \frac{x^{n+1}}{n \cdot 3^n}$.

$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{first four terms} \\ 1 : \text{general term} \end{cases}$

(b) $$\lim_{n\to\infty} \left| \frac{\frac{(-1)^{n+2} x^{n+2}}{(n+1)\left(3^{n+1}\right)}}{\frac{(-1)^{n+1} x^{n+1}}{n \cdot 3^n}} \right| = \lim_{n\to\infty} \left| \frac{-x}{3} \cdot \frac{n}{(n+1)} \right| = \left| \frac{x}{3} \right|$$

$\left| \frac{x}{3} \right| < 1$ for $|x| < 3$

Therefore, the radius of convergence of the Maclaurin series for f is 3.

— OR —

The radius of convergence of the Maclaurin series for $\ln(1 + x)$ is 1, so the series for $f(x) = x \ln\left(1 + \frac{x}{3}\right)$ converges absolutely for $\left| \frac{x}{3} \right| < 1$.

$\left| \frac{x}{3} \right| < 1 \Rightarrow |x| < 3$

Therefore, the radius of convergence of the Maclaurin series for f is 3.

When $x = -3$, the series is $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{(-3)^{n+1}}{n \cdot 3^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{n}$, which diverges by comparison to the harmonic series.

When $x = 3$, the series is $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{3^{n+1}}{n \cdot 3^n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{3}{n}$, which converges by the alternating series test.

The interval of convergence of the Maclaurin series for f is $-3 < x \le 3$.

$5 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{sets up ratio} \\ 1 : \text{computes limit of ratio} \\ 1 : \text{radius of convergence} \\ 1 : \text{considers both endpoints} \\ 1 : \text{analysis and interval of convergence} \end{cases}$

— OR —

$5 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{radius for } \ln(1 + x) \text{ series} \\ 1 : \text{substitutes } \frac{x}{3} \\ 1 : \text{radius of convergence} \\ 1 : \text{considers both endpoints} \\ 1 : \text{analysis and interval of convergence} \end{cases}$

(c) By the alternating series error bound, an upper bound for $|P_4(2) - f(2)|$ is the magnitude of the next term of the alternating series.

$|P_4(2) - f(2)| < \left| -\frac{2^5}{4 \cdot 3^4} \right| = \frac{8}{81}$

$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{uses fifth-degree term as error bound} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$