

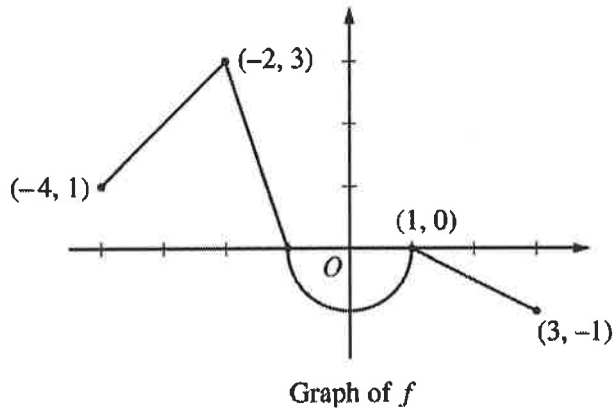
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CALCULUS AB  
SECTION II, Part B

Time—60 minutes

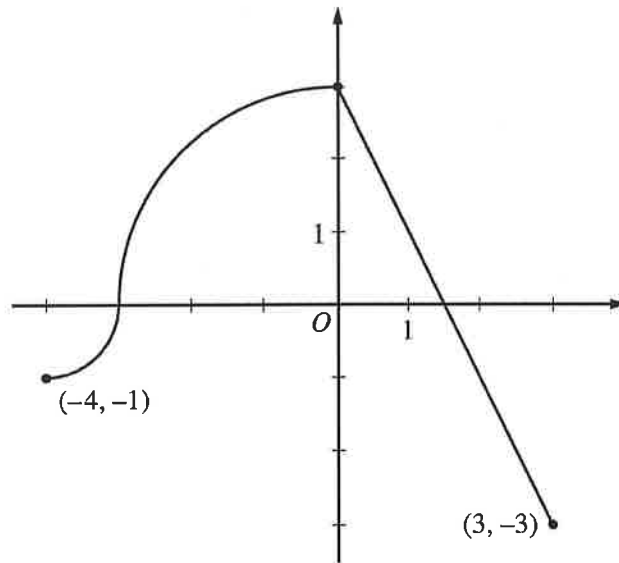
Number of problems—4

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3. Let  $f$  be the continuous function defined on  $[-4, 3]$  whose graph, consisting of three line segments and a semicircle centered at the origin, is given above. Let  $g$  be the function given by  $g(x) = \int_1^x f(t) dt$ .
- Find the values of  $g(2)$  and  $g(-2)$ .
  - For each of  $g'(-3)$  and  $g''(-3)$ , find the value or state that it does not exist.
  - Find the  $x$ -coordinate of each point at which the graph of  $g$  has a horizontal tangent line. For each of these points, determine whether  $g$  has a relative minimum, relative maximum, or neither a minimum nor a maximum at the point. Justify your answers.
  - For  $-4 < x < 3$ , find all values of  $x$  for which the graph of  $g$  has a point of inflection. Explain your reasoning.
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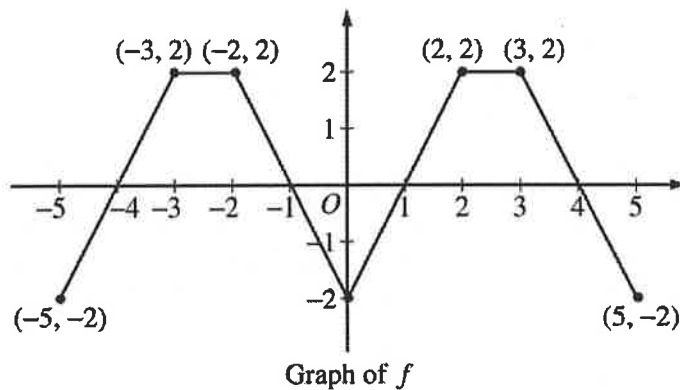
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Graph of  $f$

4. The continuous function  $f$  is defined on the interval  $-4 \leq x \leq 3$ . The graph of  $f$  consists of two quarter circles and one line segment, as shown in the figure above. Let  $g(x) = 2x + \int_0^x f(t) dt$ .
- Find  $g(-3)$ . Find  $g'(x)$  and evaluate  $g'(-3)$ .
  - Determine the  $x$ -coordinate of the point at which  $g$  has an absolute maximum on the interval  $-4 \leq x \leq 3$ . Justify your answer.
  - Find all values of  $x$  on the interval  $-4 < x < 3$  for which the graph of  $g$  has a point of inflection. Give a reason for your answer.
  - Find the average rate of change of  $f$  on the interval  $-4 \leq x \leq 3$ . There is no point  $c$ ,  $-4 < c < 3$ , for which  $f'(c)$  is equal to that average rate of change. Explain why this statement does not contradict the Mean Value Theorem.
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3. The graph of the function  $f$  shown above consists of six line segments. Let  $g$  be the function given by  $g(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$ .
- Find  $g(4)$ ,  $g'(4)$ , and  $g''(4)$ .
  - Does  $g$  have a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither at  $x = 1$ ? Justify your answer.
  - Suppose that  $f$  is defined for all real numbers  $x$  and is periodic with a period of length 5. The graph above shows two periods of  $f$ . Given that  $g(5) = 2$ , find  $g(10)$  and write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of  $g$  at  $x = 108$ .
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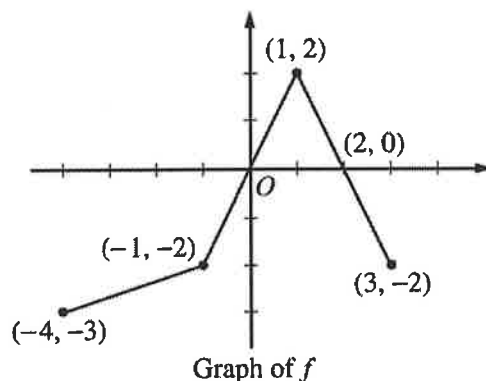
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**CALCULUS AB  
SECTION II, Part B**

**Time—45 minutes**

**Number of problems—3**

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4. The graph of the function  $f$  above consists of three line segments.

- (a) Let  $g$  be the function given by  $g(x) = \int_{-4}^x f(t) dt$ . For each of  $g(-1)$ ,  $g'(-1)$ , and  $g''(-1)$ , find the value or state that it does not exist.
- (b) For the function  $g$  defined in part (a), find the  $x$ -coordinate of each point of inflection of the graph of  $g$  on the open interval  $-4 < x < 3$ . Explain your reasoning.
- (c) Let  $h$  be the function given by  $h(x) = \int_x^3 f(t) dt$ . Find all values of  $x$  in the closed interval  $-4 \leq x \leq 3$  for which  $h(x) = 0$ .
- (d) For the function  $h$  defined in part (c), find all intervals on which  $h$  is decreasing. Explain your reasoning.

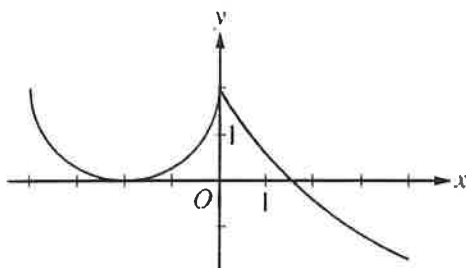
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6. Let  $f$  be the function defined by  $f(x) = k\sqrt{x} - \ln x$  for  $x > 0$ , where  $k$  is a positive constant.
- (a) Find  $f'(x)$  and  $f''(x)$ .
  - (b) For what value of the constant  $k$  does  $f$  have a critical point at  $x = 1$ ? For this value of  $k$ , determine whether  $f$  has a relative minimum, relative maximum, or neither at  $x = 1$ . Justify your answer.
  - (c) For a certain value of the constant  $k$ , the graph of  $f$  has a point of inflection on the  $x$ -axis. Find this value of  $k$ .
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Graph of  $f''$

6. The derivative of a function  $f$  is defined by  $f'(x) = \begin{cases} g(x) & \text{for } -4 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 5e^{-x/3} - 3 & \text{for } 0 < x \leq 4 \end{cases}$

The graph of the continuous function  $f'$ , shown in the figure above, has  $x$ -intercepts at  $x = -2$  and  $x = 3 \ln\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)$ . The graph of  $g$  on  $-4 \leq x \leq 0$  is a semicircle, and  $f(0) = 5$ .

- (a) For  $-4 < x < 4$ , find all values of  $x$  at which the graph of  $f$  has a point of inflection. Justify your answer.
- (b) Find  $f(-4)$  and  $f(4)$ .
- (c) For  $-4 \leq x \leq 4$ , find the value of  $x$  at which  $f$  has an absolute maximum. Justify your answer.
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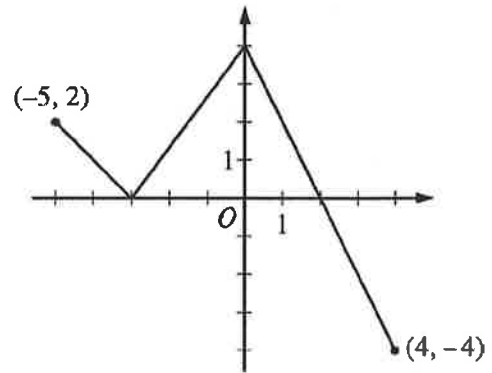
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**Question 3**

The function  $f$  is defined on the closed interval  $[-5, 4]$ . The graph of  $f$  consists of three line segments and is shown in the figure above.

Let  $g$  be the function defined by  $g(x) = \int_{-3}^x f(t) dt$ .

- (a) Find  $g(3)$ .
- (b) On what open intervals contained in  $-5 < x < 4$  is the graph of  $g$  both increasing and concave down? Give a reason for your answer.
- (c) The function  $h$  is defined by  $h(x) = \frac{g(x)}{5x}$ . Find  $h'(3)$ .
- (d) The function  $p$  is defined by  $p(x) = f(x^2 - x)$ . Find the slope of the line tangent to the graph of  $p$  at the point where  $x = -1$ .



Graph of  $f$

(a)  $g(3) = \int_{-3}^3 f(t) dt = 6 + 4 - 1 = 9$

1 : answer

(b)  $g'(x) = f(x)$

The graph of  $g$  is increasing and concave down on the intervals  $-5 < x < -3$  and  $0 < x < 2$  because  $g' = f$  is positive and decreasing on these intervals.

2 : { 1 : answer  
1 : reason

(c)  $h'(x) = \frac{5xg'(x) - g(x)5}{(5x)^2} = \frac{5xg'(x) - 5g(x)}{25x^2}$

3 : { 2 :  $h'(x)$   
1 : answer

$$h'(3) = \frac{(5)(3)g'(3) - 5g(3)}{25 \cdot 3^2}$$

$$= \frac{15(-2) - 5(9)}{225} = \frac{-75}{225} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

(d)  $p'(x) = f'(x^2 - x)(2x - 1)$

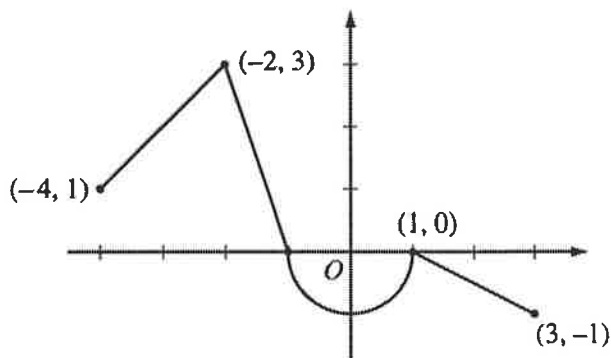
3 : { 2 :  $p'(x)$   
1 : answer

$$p'(-1) = f'(2)(-3) = (-2)(-3) = 6$$

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**Question 3**

Let  $f$  be the continuous function defined on  $[-4, 3]$  whose graph, consisting of three line segments and a semicircle centered at the origin, is given above. Let  $g$  be the function given by  $g(x) = \int_1^x f(t) dt$ .



Graph of  $f$

- (a) Find the values of  $g(2)$  and  $g(-2)$ .
- (b) For each of  $g'(-3)$  and  $g''(-3)$ , find the value or state that it does not exist.
- (c) Find the  $x$ -coordinate of each point at which the graph of  $g$  has a horizontal tangent line. For each of these points, determine whether  $g$  has a relative minimum, relative maximum, or neither a minimum nor a maximum at the point. Justify your answers.
- (d) For  $-4 < x < 3$ , find all values of  $x$  for which the graph of  $g$  has a point of inflection. Explain your reasoning.

(a)  $g(2) = \int_1^2 f(t) dt = -\frac{1}{2}(1)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{1}{4}$   
 $g(-2) = \int_1^{-2} f(t) dt = -\int_{-2}^1 f(t) dt$   
 $= -\left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{3}{2}$

2 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : g(2) \\ 1 : g(-2) \end{cases}$

(b)  $g'(x) = f(x) \Rightarrow g'(-3) = f(-3) = 2$   
 $g''(x) = f'(x) \Rightarrow g''(-3) = f'(-3) = 1$

2 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : g'(-3) \\ 1 : g''(-3) \end{cases}$

(c) The graph of  $g$  has a horizontal tangent line where  $g'(x) = f(x) = 0$ . This occurs at  $x = -1$  and  $x = 1$ .

3 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{considers } g'(x) = 0 \\ 1 : x = -1 \text{ and } x = 1 \\ 1 : \text{answers with justifications} \end{cases}$

$g'(x)$  changes sign from positive to negative at  $x = -1$ .  
 Therefore,  $g$  has a relative maximum at  $x = -1$ .

$g'(x)$  does not change sign at  $x = 1$ . Therefore,  $g$  has neither a relative maximum nor a relative minimum at  $x = 1$ .

(d) The graph of  $g$  has a point of inflection at each of  $x = -2$ ,  $x = 0$ , and  $x = 1$  because  $g''(x) = f'(x)$  changes sign at each of these values.

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



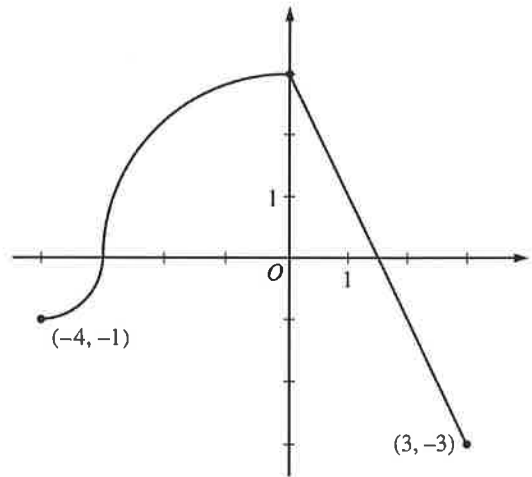
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**Question 4**

The continuous function  $f$  is defined on the interval  $-4 \leq x \leq 3$ . The graph of  $f$  consists of two quarter circles and one line segment, as shown in the figure above.

Let  $g(x) = 2x + \int_0^x f(t) dt$ .

- (a) Find  $g(-3)$ . Find  $g'(x)$  and evaluate  $g'(-3)$ .
- (b) Determine the  $x$ -coordinate of the point at which  $g$  has an absolute maximum on the interval  $-4 \leq x \leq 3$ . Justify your answer.
- (c) Find all values of  $x$  on the interval  $-4 < x < 3$  for which the graph of  $g$  has a point of inflection. Give a reason for your answer.
- (d) Find the average rate of change of  $f$  on the interval  $-4 \leq x \leq 3$ . There is no point  $c$ ,  $-4 < c < 3$ , for which  $f'(c)$  is equal to that average rate of change. Explain why this statement does not contradict the Mean Value Theorem.



Graph of  $f$

(a)  $g(-3) = 2(-3) + \int_0^{-3} f(t) dt = -6 - \frac{9\pi}{4}$   
 $g'(x) = 2 + f(x)$   
 $g'(-3) = 2 + f(-3) = 2$

3 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : g(-3) \\ 1 : g'(x) \\ 1 : g'(-3) \end{cases}$

(b)  $g'(x) = 0$  when  $f(x) = -2$ . This occurs at  $x = \frac{5}{2}$ .  
 $g'(x) > 0$  for  $-4 < x < \frac{5}{2}$  and  $g'(x) < 0$  for  $\frac{5}{2} < x < 3$ .  
 Therefore  $g$  has an absolute maximum at  $x = \frac{5}{2}$ .

3 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{considers } g'(x) = 0 \\ 1 : \text{identifies interior candidate} \\ 1 : \text{answer with justification} \end{cases}$

(c)  $g''(x) = f'(x)$  changes sign only at  $x = 0$ . Thus the graph of  $g$  has a point of inflection at  $x = 0$ .

1 : answer with reason

(d) The average rate of change of  $f$  on the interval  $-4 \leq x \leq 3$  is  $\frac{f(3) - f(-4)}{3 - (-4)} = -\frac{2}{7}$ .

2 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{average rate of change} \\ 1 : \text{explanation} \end{cases}$

To apply the Mean Value Theorem,  $f$  must be differentiable at each point in the interval  $-4 < x < 3$ . However,  $f$  is not differentiable at  $x = -3$  and  $x = 0$ .

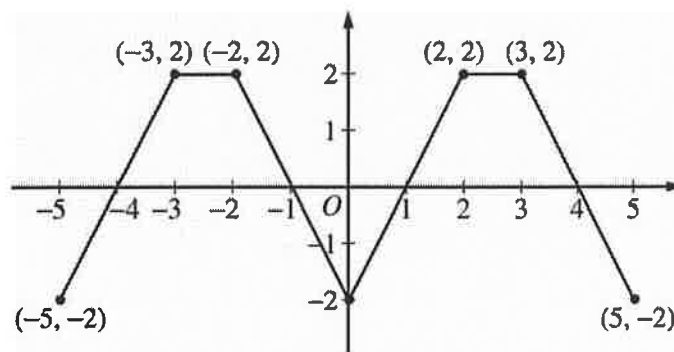
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**Question 3**

The graph of the function  $f$  shown above consists of six line segments. Let  $g$  be the function given by

$$g(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt.$$

- (a) Find  $g(4)$ ,  $g'(4)$ , and  $g''(4)$ .
- (b) Does  $g$  have a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither at  $x = 1$ ? Justify your answer.



Graph of  $f$

- (c) Suppose that  $f$  is defined for all real numbers  $x$  and is periodic with a period of length 5. The graph above shows two periods of  $f$ . Given that  $g(5) = 2$ , find  $g(10)$  and write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of  $g$  at  $x = 108$ .

(a)  $g(4) = \int_0^4 f(t) dt = 3$

$$g'(4) = f(4) = 0$$

$$g''(4) = f'(4) = -2$$

$$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : g(4) \\ 1 : g'(4) \\ 1 : g''(4) \end{cases}$$

- (b)  $g$  has a relative minimum at  $x = 1$  because  $g' = f$  changes from negative to positive at  $x = 1$ .

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

- (c)  $g(0) = 0$  and the function values of  $g$  increase by 2 for every increase of 5 in  $x$ .

$$g(10) = 2g(5) = 4$$

$$\begin{aligned} g(108) &= \int_0^{105} f(t) dt + \int_{105}^{108} f(t) dt \\ &= 21g(5) + g(3) = 44 \end{aligned}$$

$$g'(108) = f(108) = f(3) = 2$$

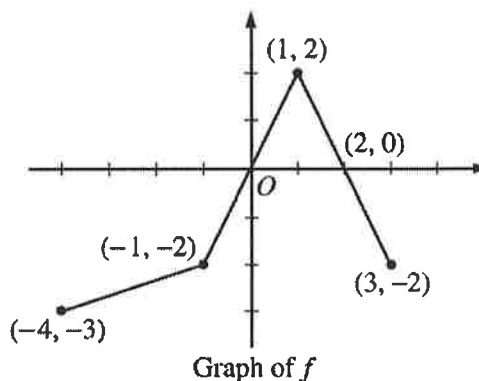
An equation for the line tangent to the graph of  $g$  at  $x = 108$  is  $y - 44 = 2(x - 108)$ .

$$4 : \begin{cases} 1 : g(10) \\ 3 : \begin{cases} 1 : g(108) \\ 1 : g'(108) \\ 1 : \text{equation of tangent line} \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

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**Question 4**

The graph of the function  $f$  above consists of three line segments.



(a) Let  $g$  be the function given by  $g(x) = \int_{-4}^x f(t) dt$ .

For each of  $g(-1)$ ,  $g'(-1)$ , and  $g''(-1)$ , find the value or state that it does not exist.

(b) For the function  $g$  defined in part (a), find the  $x$ -coordinate of each point of inflection of the graph of  $g$  on the open interval  $-4 < x < 3$ . Explain your reasoning.

(c) Let  $h$  be the function given by  $h(x) = \int_x^3 f(t) dt$ . Find all values of  $x$  in the closed interval

$-4 \leq x \leq 3$  for which  $h(x) = 0$ .

(d) For the function  $h$  defined in part (c), find all intervals on which  $h$  is decreasing. Explain your reasoning.

(a)  $g(-1) = \int_{-4}^{-1} f(t) dt = -\frac{1}{2}(3)(5) = -\frac{15}{2}$   
 $g'(-1) = f(-1) = -2$   
 $g''(-1)$  does not exist because  $f$  is not differentiable at  $x = -1$ .

3 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : g(-1) \\ 1 : g'(-1) \\ 1 : g''(-1) \end{cases}$

(b)  $x = 1$   
 $g' = f$  changes from increasing to decreasing at  $x = 1$ .

2 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : x = 1 \text{ (only)} \\ 1 : \text{reason} \end{cases}$

(c)  $x = -1, 1, 3$

2 : correct values  
 $\langle -1 \rangle$  each missing or extra value

(d)  $h$  is decreasing on  $[0, 2]$   
 $h' = -f < 0$  when  $f > 0$

2 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{interval} \\ 1 : \text{reason} \end{cases}$

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**Question 6**

Let  $f$  be the function defined by  $f(x) = k\sqrt{x} - \ln x$  for  $x > 0$ , where  $k$  is a positive constant.

- (a) Find  $f'(x)$  and  $f''(x)$ .
- (b) For what value of the constant  $k$  does  $f$  have a critical point at  $x = 1$ ? For this value of  $k$ , determine whether  $f$  has a relative minimum, relative maximum, or neither at  $x = 1$ . Justify your answer.
- (c) For a certain value of the constant  $k$ , the graph of  $f$  has a point of inflection on the  $x$ -axis. Find this value of  $k$ .

(a)  $f'(x) = \frac{k}{2\sqrt{x}} - \frac{1}{x}$

$$f''(x) = -\frac{1}{4}kx^{-3/2} + x^{-2}$$

(b)  $f'(1) = \frac{1}{2}k - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow k = 2$

When  $k = 2$ ,  $f'(1) = 0$  and  $f''(1) = -\frac{1}{2} + 1 > 0$ .

$f$  has a relative minimum value at  $x = 1$  by the Second Derivative Test.

(c) At this inflection point,  $f''(x) = 0$  and  $f(x) = 0$ .

$$f''(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{-k}{4x^{3/2}} + \frac{1}{x^2} = 0 \Rightarrow k = \frac{4}{\sqrt{x}}$$

$$f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow k\sqrt{x} - \ln x = 0 \Rightarrow k = \frac{\ln x}{\sqrt{x}}$$

Therefore,  $\frac{4}{\sqrt{x}} = \frac{\ln x}{\sqrt{x}}$   
 $\Rightarrow 4 = \ln x$   
 $\Rightarrow x = e^4$   
 $\Rightarrow k = \frac{4}{e^2}$

$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : f'(x) \\ 1 : f''(x) \end{cases}$$

$$4 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{sets } f'(1) = 0 \text{ or } f'(x) = 0 \\ 1 : \text{solves for } k \\ 1 : \text{answer} \\ 1 : \text{justification} \end{cases}$$

$$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : f''(x) = 0 \text{ or } f(x) = 0 \\ 1 : \text{equation in one variable} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$$

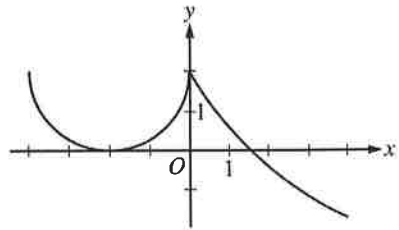
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**Question 6**

The derivative of a function  $f$  is defined by

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} g(x) & \text{for } -4 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 5e^{-x/3} - 3 & \text{for } 0 < x \leq 4 \end{cases}$$

The graph of the continuous function  $f'$ , shown in the figure above, has  $x$ -intercepts at  $x = -2$  and  $x = 3\ln\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)$ . The graph of  $g$  on  $-4 \leq x \leq 0$  is a semicircle, and  $f(0) = 5$ .



Graph of  $f'$

- (a) For  $-4 < x < 4$ , find all values of  $x$  at which the graph of  $f$  has a point of inflection. Justify your answer.
- (b) Find  $f(-4)$  and  $f(4)$ .
- (c) For  $-4 \leq x \leq 4$ , find the value of  $x$  at which  $f$  has an absolute maximum. Justify your answer.

- (a)  $f'$  changes from decreasing to increasing at  $x = -2$  and from increasing to decreasing at  $x = 0$ . Therefore, the graph of  $f$  has points of inflection at  $x = -2$  and  $x = 0$ .

2 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{identifies } x = -2 \text{ or } x = 0 \\ 1 : \text{answer with justification} \end{cases}$

(b)  $f(-4) = 5 + \int_0^{-4} g(x) dx$   
 $= 5 - (8 - 2\pi) = 2\pi - 3$

$$f(4) = 5 + \int_0^4 (5e^{-x/3} - 3) dx$$

$$= 5 + (-15e^{-x/3} - 3x) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=4}$$

$$= 8 - 15e^{-4/3}$$

5 :  $\begin{cases} 2 : f(-4) \\ 1 : \text{integral} \\ 1 : \text{value} \\ 3 : f(4) \\ 1 : \text{integral} \\ 1 : \text{antiderivative} \\ 1 : \text{value} \end{cases}$

- (c) Since  $f'(x) > 0$  on the intervals  $-4 < x < -2$  and  $-2 < x < 3\ln\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)$ ,  $f$  is increasing on the interval  $-4 \leq x \leq 3\ln\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)$ .

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

Since  $f'(x) < 0$  on the interval  $3\ln\left(\frac{5}{3}\right) < x < 4$ ,  $f$  is decreasing on the interval  $3\ln\left(\frac{5}{3}\right) \leq x \leq 4$ .

Therefore,  $f$  has an absolute maximum at  $x = 3\ln\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)$ .