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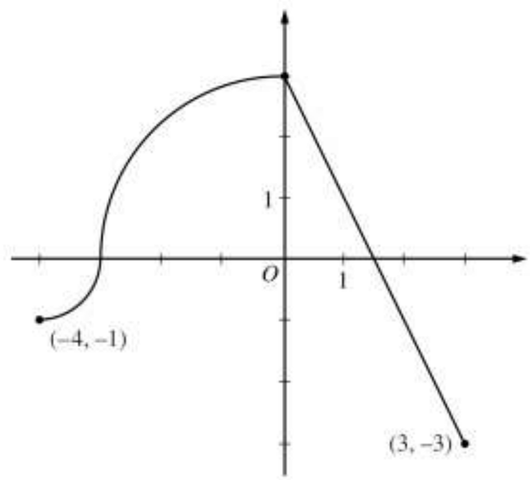
Question 4

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



Graph of f

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 $-4 \le x \le 3$. 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 $-4 \le x \le 3$. 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.

(a) $g(-3) = 2(-3) + \int_0^{-3} f(t)\,dt = -6 - \dfrac{9\pi}{4}$

$g'(x) = 2 + f(x)$

$g'(-3) = 2 + f(-3) = 2$

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

(b) $g'(x) = 0$ when $f(x) = -2$. This occurs at $x = \dfrac{5}{2}$.

$g'(x) > 0$ for $-4 < x < \dfrac{5}{2}$ and $g'(x) < 0$ for $\dfrac{5}{2} < x < 3$.

Therefore g has an absolute maximum at $x = \dfrac{5}{2}$.

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

(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 $-4 \le x \le 3$ is $\dfrac{f(3) - f(-4)}{3 - (-4)} = -\dfrac{2}{7}$.

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 $x = 0$.

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