FTC Classwork

1.

Traffic flow is defined as the rate at which cars pass through an intersection, measured in cars per minute. The traffic flow at a particular intersection is modeled by the function F defined by

$$F(t) = 82 + 4\sin\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) \text{ for } 0 \le t \le 30,$$

where $F(t)$ is measured in cars per minute and t is measured in minutes.

(a) To the nearest whole number, how many cars pass through the intersection over the 30-minute period?

(b) Is the traffic flow increasing or decreasing at $t = 7$? Give a reason for your answer.

(c) What is the average value of the traffic flow over the time interval $10 \le t \le 15$? Indicate units of measure.

(d) What is the average rate of change of the traffic flow over the time interval $10 \le t \le 15$? Indicate units of measure.

2.

The rate at which people enter an amusement park on a given day is modeled by the function E defined by

$$E(t) = \frac{15600}{\left(t^2 - 24t + 160\right)}.$$

The rate at which people leave the same amusement park on the same day is modeled by the function L defined by

$$L(t) = \frac{9890}{\left(t^2 - 38t + 370\right)}.$$

Both $E(t)$ and $L(t)$ are measured in people per hour and time t is measured in hours after midnight. These functions are valid for $9 \le t \le 23$, the hours during which the park is open. At time $t = 9$, there are no people in the park.

(a) How many people have entered the park by 5:00 P.M. ($t = 17$)? Round answer to the nearest whole number.

(b) The price of admission to the park is $15 until 5:00 P.M. ($t = 17$). After 5:00 P.M., the price of admission to the park is $11. How many dollars are collected from admissions to the park on the given day? Round your answer to the nearest whole number.

(c) Let $H(t) = \int_9^t (E(x) - L(x))\,dx$ for $9 \le t \le 23$. The value of $H(17)$ to the nearest whole number is 3725. Find the value of $H'(17)$ and explain the meaning of $H(17)$ and $H'(17)$ in the context of the park.

(d) At what time t, for $9 \le t \le 23$, does the model predict that the number of people in the park is a maximum?
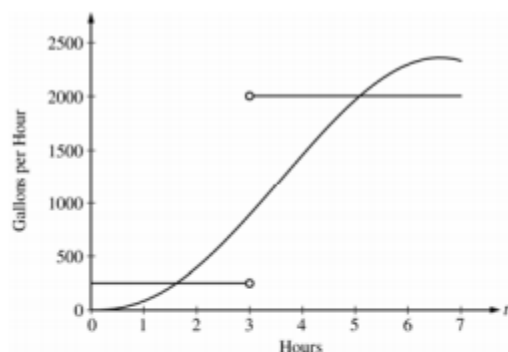
3.

The amount of water in a storage tank, in gallons, is modeled by a continuous function on the time interval $0 \le t \le 7$, where t is measured in hours. In this model, rates are given as follows:

(i) The rate at which water enters the tank is
$f(t) = 100t^2 \sin(\sqrt{t})$ gallons per hour for $0 \le t \le 7$.

(ii) The rate at which water leaves the tank is
$g(t) = \begin{cases} 250 & \text{for } 0 \le t < 3 \\ 2000 & \text{for } 3 < t \le 7 \end{cases}$ gallons per hour.

The graphs of f and g, which intersect at $t = 1.617$ and $t = 5.076$, are shown in the figure above. At time $t = 0$, the amount of water in the tank is 5000 gallons.

(a) How many gallons of water enter the tank during the time interval $0 \le t \le 7$? Round your answer to the nearest gallon.

(b) For $0 \le t \le 7$, find the time intervals during which the amount of water in the tank is decreasing. Give a reason for each answer.

(c) For $0 \le t \le 7$, at what time t is the amount of water in the tank greatest? To the nearest gallon, compute the amount of water at this time. Justify your answer.

4.

Grass clippings are placed in a bin, where they decompose. For $0 \le t \le 30$, the amount of grass clippings remaining in the bin is modeled by $A(t) = 6.687(0.931)^t$, where $A(t)$ is measured in pounds and t is measured in days.

(a) Find the average rate of change of $A(t)$ over the interval $0 \le t \le 30$. Indicate units of measure.

(b) Find the value of $A'(15)$. Using correct units, interpret the meaning of the value in the context of the problem.

(c) Find the time t for which the amount of grass clippings in the bin is equal to the average amount of grass clippings in the bin over the interval $0 \le t \le 30$.

(d) For $t > 30$, $L(t)$, the linear approximation to A at $t = 30$, is a better model for the amount of grass clippings remaining in the bin. Use $L(t)$ to predict the time at which there will be 0.5 pound of grass clippings remaining in the bin. Show the work that leads to your answer.