

1. (5 points) Find  $f'(x)$ , if  $f(x) = x\left(\sqrt{x} + \frac{2}{x^2}\right) - 3x + 1$ .

First, rewrite  $f(x)$  as a sum of powers of  $x$ , by distributing the  $x$  across and using the exponent rules:

$$f(x) = x\sqrt{x} + x\frac{2}{x^2} - 3x + 1 = x \cdot x^{\frac{1}{2}} + 2x \cdot x^{-2} - 3x + 1 = x^{\frac{3}{2}} + 2x^{-1} - 3x + 1$$

Then compute the derivative using the sum, coefficient, and power rules:

$$f'(x) = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)x^{\frac{1}{2}} - 2x^{-2} - 3 + 0$$

You may rewrite this (though you don't have to) as:

$$f'(x) = \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{x} - \frac{2}{x^2} - 3$$

$$\text{Answer: } f'(x) = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)x^{\frac{1}{2}} - 2x^{-2} - 3$$

2. (9 points) Let  $A(t)$  represent the amount of water (in thousands of gallons) that flows into a reservoir in  $t$  hours. We are not told the formula for  $A(t)$ , but instead are told that:

$$\frac{A(m+h) - A(m)}{h} = 17 - 3m + h$$

(a) Compute the average rate of flow into the reservoir during the half-hour interval beginning at  $t = 3$ .

Compute this directly from the given formula, by substituting  $m=3$ , and  $h=0.5$ :

$$\frac{A(3+0.5) - A(3)}{0.5} = 17 - 3(3) + 0.5 = 8.5$$

Answer: 8.5 thousand gallons per hour

(b) Find a positive value of  $h$  so that  $A(5+h) - A(5) = 10$ .

First, substitute  $m=5$  in the given formula:  $\frac{A(5+h)-A(5)}{h} = 17 - 3(5) + h = 2 + h$

Now multiply by  $h$  on both sides, so as to cancel the denominator:  $h \frac{A(5+h)-A(5)}{h} = h(2+h)$ .

We get the formula:  $A(5+h) - A(5) = h(2+h)$

Setting this equal to 10, we get:  $h(2+h) = 10$ , i.e.  $h^2 + 2h - 10 = 0$

Applying the Quadratic Formula (or factoring) we get:  $h \approx -4.32$  and  $h \approx 2.32$

Answer:  $h = \underline{2.32}$

(c) Compute the instantaneous rate of flow into the reservoir at  $t = 3.5$  hours. Give correct units in your answer.

We are asked to compute  $A'(3.5)$ .

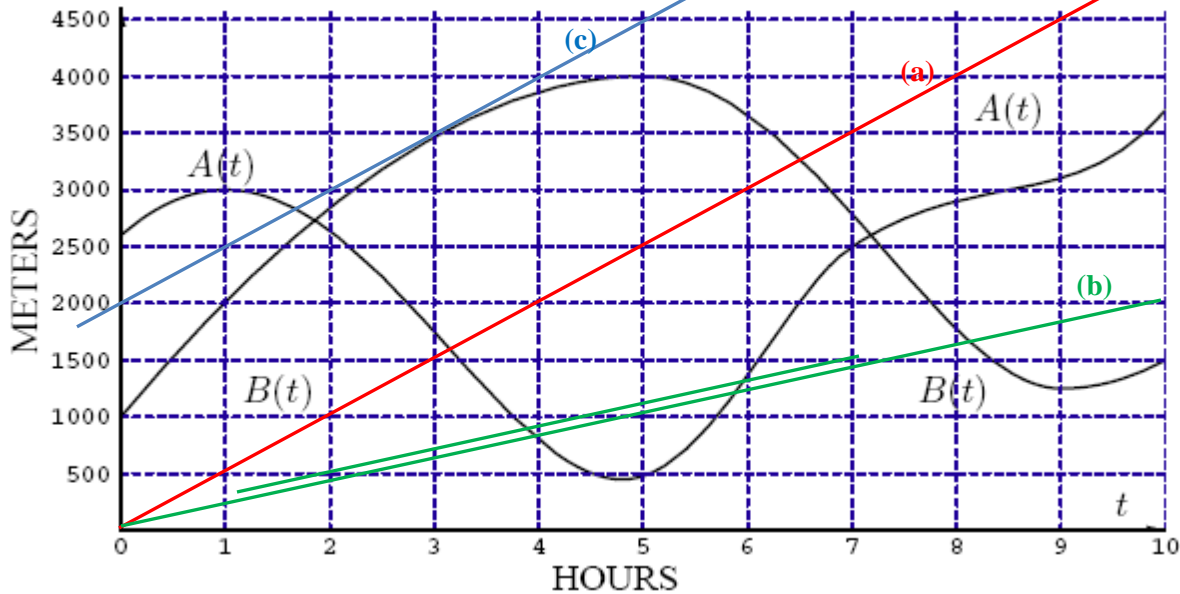
One way to do this is to first find a formula for  $A'(t)$ , then evaluate it at 3.5:

$$\frac{A(t+h)-A(t)}{h} = 17 - 3t + h. \text{ Let } h \rightarrow 0, \text{ to get } A'(t) = 17 - 3t. \text{ Then, } A'(3.5) = 17 - 3(3.5) = 6.5$$

Alternatively,  $\frac{A(3.5+h)-A(3.5)}{h} = 17 - 3(3.5) + h = 6.5 + h$ . Letting  $h$  go to zero, we get  $A'(3.5) = 6.5$

Answer: 6.5 thousand gallons per hour

3. (12 Points) The two graphs below are of altitude vs. time for two balloons, A(t) and B(t).



a) Find a time interval during which balloon B ascends (rises) at a speed greater than 500 meters per hour.

Draw a reference line of slope 500 (see red line).

Slide it to identify the points where the speed of B equals 500 m/hr: at  $t \approx 3$ .

Roll the ruler along the graph of B: the slopes of the tangent lines are steeper than those of the reference line between 0 and about 3 hrs.

Answer: From  $t = \underline{0}$  to  $t = \underline{3}$  hours.

b) Find a time  $t$  such that  $\frac{A(t+2)-A(t)}{2} = 200$ .

We want a time  $t$  such that the slope of the secant line through the graph of  $A(t)$  at  $t$  and  $t+2$  is 200.

Draw a reference line of slope 200 (see green line). Slide the ruler parallel to it until it crosses the graph of  $A(t)$  at two points which are two hours apart. (the reference line is almost the line you want, but not quite.)

Answer: At  $t = \underline{3.9}$  hours.

c) Estimate the speed of balloon B at  $t = 3$  hours.

Draw a tangent line to the graph of  $B(t)$  at  $t=3$ hrs.

2 points on this line are, for example, (0,2000) and (3, 3500).

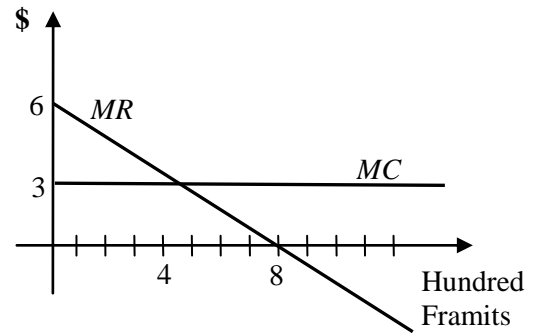
Slope= $1500/3=500$ .

Answer:  $\underline{500}$  meters per hours.

4. (11 points = 3+3+5)

You produce and sell Framits. The graphs to the right show your **Marginal Revenue and Marginal Cost** at  $q$  hundred Framits.

You need not show work in this problem.



a) What quantity between  $q=1$  and  $q=3$  hundred Framits results in the largest Profit?

Answer:  $q=$  3 hundred Framits.

*(as long as  $MR > MC$ , the profit keeps increasing!)*

b) What quantity between  $q=1$  and  $q=3$  hundred Framits results in the largest Total Revenue?

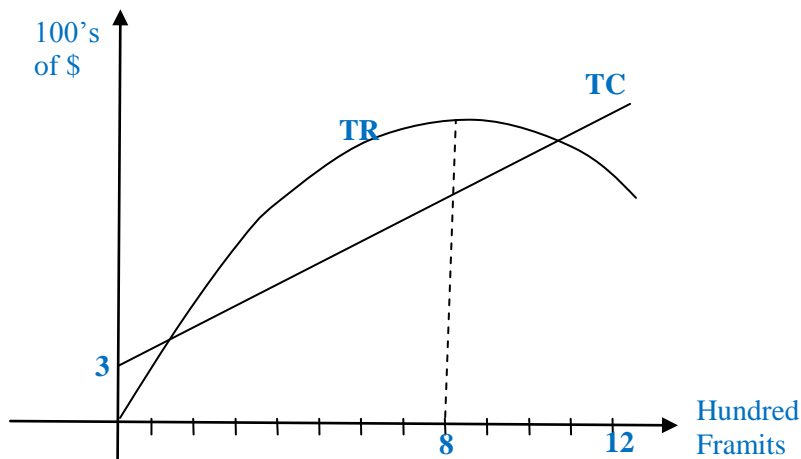
Answer:  $q=$  3 hundred Framits.

*(recall that  $MR \approx TR'$ . So, as long as  $MR$  is positive,  $TR$  keeps increasing)*

c) Your Fixed Costs are  $FC = \$300$ . You may assume that  $TR(0) = \$0$ .

On the axes below, sketch the graphs of the Total Revenue and Total Cost.

Label the y-intercepts, and the x-coordinates of the highest or lowest point on the graphs.



*Note: THERE WAS NO NEED TO COMPUTE FORMULAS FOR TR AND TC, this problem could be done quickly and correctly by just going from the provided MR&MC graphs (derived graphs of TR &TC) to the TR&TC graphs.*

- 1) *The units should be:  $q$  in hundreds of Framits, TR&TC in hundreds of dollars.*
- 2) *Since  $MC(q)=3$ , the Total Cost is a line of slope 3.  $TC(0)=FC=3$  hundred dollars. So, for TC, we need to draw a straight line with y-intercept 3 and slope 3.*
- 3) *The TR graph should start at the origin and increase as long as MR is positive (up to  $q=8$ ), then decrease.*

*We gave credit for: TC drawn as a line of positive slope and y-intercept 3 or 300 (incorrect, but accepted). TR drawn as an increasing then decreasing curve with highest point at  $q=8$  and starting at the origin.*

5. (13 Points) The altitude  $A(t)$  (in yards) versus time (in hours) for a weather balloon is given by the formula:

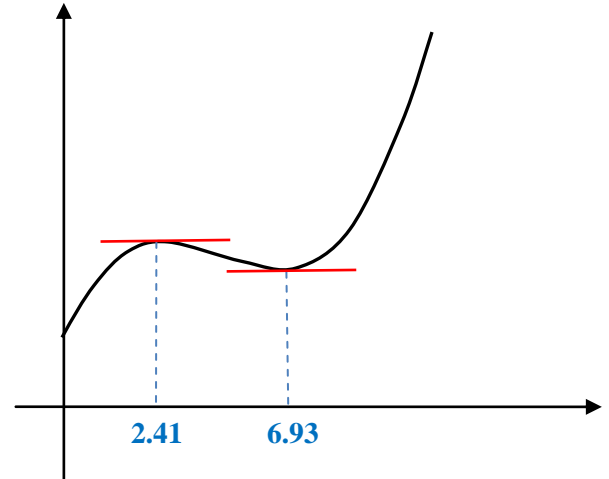
$$A(t) = t^3 - 14t^2 + 50t + 30.$$

A sketch of its graph is shown to the right.

- a) Write down the formula for the derivative  $A'(t)$

Answer:  $A'(t) = 3t^2 - 28t + 50$

- b) Find the longest time interval over which the balloon is descending.



Looking at the graph: the balloon is descending between the two points with horizontal tangent lines.

Set  $A'(t) = 0$ ,  
and solve the resulting quadratic equation :

$$3t^2 - 28t + 50 = 0$$

The quadratic formula gives solutions:  $t \approx 2.41$  and  $t \approx 6.93$

Answer: The balloon is descending from  $t = \underline{2.41}$  to  $t = \underline{6.93}$  hours.

- c) Find the lowest altitude the balloon reaches in the time interval  $t=2$  to  $t=8$  hours.

Looking at the graph of the altitude over the listed interval from 2 to 8 hours, and at the two points we obtained in part (b), we see that the balloon reaches its lowest altitude at  $t \approx 6.93$  hrs.

Evaluating the altitude at that time:

$$A(6.93) = (6.93)^3 - 13(6.93)^2 + 50(6.93) + 30 \approx 104.99$$

Answer: 104.99 yards.