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Question 4

Train A runs back and forth on an east-west section of railroad track. Train A 's velocity, measured in meters per minute, is given by a differentiable function $v_A(t)$, where time t is measured in minutes. Selected values for $v_A(t)$ are given in the table above.

t (minutes)	0	2	5	8	12
$v_A(t)$ (meters/minute)	0	100	40	-120	-150

- (a) Find the average acceleration of train A over the interval $2 \leq t \leq 8$.
- (b) Do the data in the table support the conclusion that train A 's velocity is -100 meters per minute at some time t with $5 < t < 8$? Give a reason for your answer.
- (c) At time $t = 2$, train A 's position is 300 meters east of the Origin Station, and the train is moving to the east. Write an expression involving an integral that gives the position of train A , in meters from the Origin Station, at time $t = 12$. Use a trapezoidal sum with three subintervals indicated by the table to approximate the position of the train at time $t = 12$.
- (d) A second train, train B , travels north from the Origin Station. At time t the velocity of train B is given by $v_B(t) = -5t^2 + 60t + 25$, and at time $t = 2$ the train is 400 meters north of the station. Find the rate, in meters per minute, at which the distance between train A and train B is changing at time $t = 2$.

(a) average accel = $\frac{v_A(8) - v_A(2)}{8 - 2} = \frac{-120 - 100}{6} = -\frac{110}{3} \text{ m/min}^2$

1 : average acceleration

(b) v_A is differentiable $\Rightarrow v_A$ is continuous
 $v_A(8) = -120 < -100 < 40 = v_A(5)$

2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : v_A(8) < -100 < v_A(5) \\ 1 : \text{conclusion, using IVT} \end{cases}$

Therefore, by the Intermediate Value Theorem, there is a time t , $5 < t < 8$, such that $v_A(t) = -100$.

(c) $s_A(12) = s_A(2) + \int_2^{12} v_A(t) dt = 300 + \int_2^{12} v_A(t) dt$
 $\int_2^{12} v_A(t) dt \approx 3 \cdot \frac{100 + 40}{2} + 3 \cdot \frac{40 - 120}{2} + 4 \cdot \frac{-120 - 150}{2}$
 $= -450$

3 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{position expression} \\ 1 : \text{trapezoidal sum} \\ 1 : \text{position at time } t = 12 \end{cases}$

$s_A(12) \approx 300 - 450 = -150$

The position of Train A at time $t = 12$ minutes is approximately 150 meters west of Origin Station.

- (d) Let x be train A 's position, y train B 's position, and z the distance between train A and train B .

3 : $\begin{cases} 2 : \text{implicit differentiation of} \\ \text{distance relationship} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

$z^2 = x^2 + y^2 \Rightarrow 2z \frac{dz}{dt} = 2x \frac{dx}{dt} + 2y \frac{dy}{dt}$

$x = 300, y = 400 \Rightarrow z = 500$

$v_B(2) = -20 + 120 + 25 = 125$

$500 \frac{dz}{dt} = (300)(100) + (400)(125)$

$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{80000}{500} = 160 \text{ meters per minute}$