

6. [9 points] Chuck made a new mathematical model to relate the time of the day and the number of customers at the farmers' market. His model  $N(t)$ , predicts the number of customers at the market  $t$  hours after 6:30 am, the time at which he normally arrives. We have the following table of values for  $N(t)$ .

$t$	0	3	4	5	7
$N(t)$	132	105	120	124	88

Between consecutive values of  $t$  in the table, assume that  $N(t)$  is either only increasing or only decreasing, and assume that it does not change concavity between consecutive  $t$ -values in the table. Also assume that the domain of  $N(t)$  is  $[0, 7]$ .

- a. [2 points] What is the largest interval over which  $N(t)$  could be concave up? Circle your final answer.

*Solution:*

[0, 4]

- b. [2 points] What is the largest interval over which  $N(t)$  could be concave down? Circle your final answer.

*Solution:*

[3, 7]

- c. [5 points] On one particular Saturday, Chuck learns that there will be a group of 25 additional customers arriving at the market at 10:45 am and leaving at 12:30 pm. He wishes to write a function  $P(t)$  to model the number of customers at the market  $t$  hours after his arrival on this particular Saturday. Write a piecewise-defined formula for  $P(t)$  in terms of the original model  $N(t)$ . Circle your final answer.

*Solution:* At 10:45 am, we have  $t = 4.25$  and at 12:30 pm, we have  $t = 6$ . We therefore have the formula

$$P(t) = \begin{cases} N(t) & 0 \leq t < 4.25 \\ N(t) + 25 & 4.25 \leq t < 6 \\ N(t) & 6 \leq t \leq 7. \end{cases}$$