- **7**. [12 points] Maria has a toy car that drives around her flat backyard. She describes the path of the car by typing a pair of parametric equations into a computer navigation system.
  - The computer controller uses x- and y-coordinates, where the units of the axes are meters, the point where Maria will be standing corresponds to the origin (x, y) = (0, 0), the positive y-axis points north, and the positive x-axis points east. The car's battery will only last 60 minutes, so Maria sets the domain of each of her parametric equations to be  $0 \le t \le 60$ , where t is measured in minutes.

Maria enters the parametric equations x = f(t) and y = g(t)where f and g are the functions shown in the graphs below.



**a.** [3 points] The tangent line to the graph of y = g(t) at the point t = 40 has equation y - 10 = -2(t - 40). (This is the dashed line shown in the *ty*-plane above.) Use this information to compute the instantaneous speed of Maria's car at time t = 40. Be sure to show your work clearly.

Solution: Note that  $\frac{dx}{dt} = f'(t)$  and  $\frac{dy}{dt} = g'(t)$ . The slope of the given tangent line at t = 40 is the value of g'(40), so g'(40) = -2. By examining the graph of x = f(t)at t = 40, we also see that f'(40) = 0. The instantaneous speed of Maria's car at time t = 40 is therefore  $\sqrt{(f'(40))^2 + (g'(40))^2} = \sqrt{0^2 + (-2)^2} = 2$  meters per minute.

**b.** [2 points] At time t = 0, the car starts at Maria's location. Approximately how many meters away from Maria will the car be at time t = 60 (when it will run out of power)? Circle the one best estimate from among the choices below.

$$0 \text{ m}$$
 150 m 300 m 450 m 600

c. [3 points] At which of the times listed below is the slope of Maria car's path in the xy-plane the least (most negative)? Circle the <u>one</u> best answer from among the choices below.

$$t = 15$$
  $t = 20$   $t = 28$   $t = 32$   $t = 38$ 

**d**. [4 points] Maria's friend William programs his car to move according to the parametric equations

$$x = \int_0^t f(s) ds$$
 and  $y = \int_0^t g(s) ds$ 

where f and g are the functions shown in the graphs above. Compute the instantaneous speed of William's car at time t = 20. Be sure to show your work clearly.

Solution: By the Second Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, we have  $\frac{dx}{dt} = f(t)$  and  $\frac{dy}{dt} = g(t)$ . By examining the graphs, we therefore see that  $\frac{dx}{dt}\Big|_{t=20} = f(20) = 20$  and  $\frac{dy}{dt}\Big|_{t=20} = g(20) = 10$ . Hence, the instantaneous speed of William's car at time t = 20 is  $\sqrt{(20)^2 + (10)^2} = \sqrt{500} = 10\sqrt{5}$  meters per minute.

750 m

m