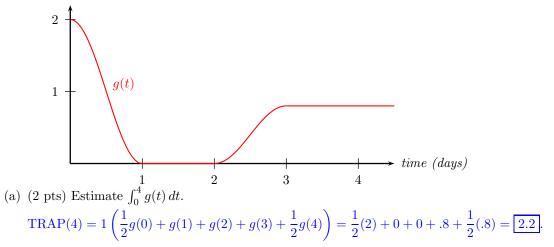
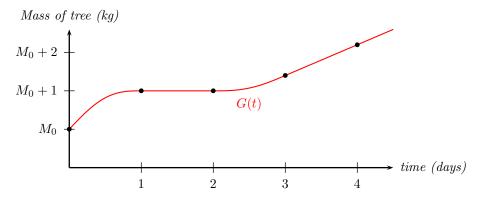
9. (14 pts) In springtime, as a nameless old tree quietly builds its leaves and branches by drawing matter out of the air and earth, an unnamed old botanist measures the process with care:

Rate of new growth (kg/day)



- (b) (4 pts) Explain what your answer to part (a) tells you about the tree. The tree grew about 2.2 kg in the four days between time 0 and time 4.
- (c) (6 pts) Sketch a possible graph of the mass of the tree as a function of time during this particular season. Label your graph carefully.



Here  $M_0$  is the initial mass of the tree.

(d) (2 pts) What can you say about the derivative of the function you sketched in part (c)? The derivative of G(t) is g(t).