Elementary Engineering Mathematics

Exercises #2 Answers

1. (a)
$$t \approx \begin{cases} 0.132 \text{ (sec)} \\ 2.35 \text{ (sec)} \end{cases}$$

(b)
$$y_{\text{max}} \approx 84.8 \text{ (ft)}$$

(c)
$$y(x) \approx 60 + \frac{4}{3}x - 0.0179x^2$$

(d)
$$y(x) \approx 0.333 x - 6.67$$

(e)
$$(x, y) \approx (95.1, 25.0)$$
 (ft)

2. (a)
$$M(0) = 5000$$
 (ft-lb); $M(L) = M(10) = 0$ (ft-lb)

(b)
$$x \approx 5.53$$
 (ft)

(c) The moment equation is a quadratic equation. It is concave upward with its minimum value of zero at x = L = 10 (ft). Hence, the moment will increase as x decreases with the maximum value at x = 0 (ft). So, $M_{\text{max}} = M(0) = 5000$ (ft-lb).

(d)
$$M_{\text{max}} \approx 6780 \text{ (N-m)}$$

3.
$$I = \begin{cases} +2 \text{ (amps)} \\ -4 \text{ (amps)} \end{cases}$$

4.
$$R_1 \approx 9.15$$
 (ohms); $R_2 \approx 4.15$ (ohms); $R_3 \approx 17.15$ (ohms)