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$$g(t) = (t-2)(2t+3)$$

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If C(v) is the cost, in dollars, of purifying v gallons of drinking water, and C'(200000) = 0.26, estimate the cost of purifying an additional 3000 gallons of water once 200,000 gallons have been processed.