

Supplement 5 Review

This review is not all inclusive. You are expected to know how to do all the problems in the homework.

Functional Notation/Translation

1. Know how to translate to functional notation:
 - (a) $f(x)$ = ‘the y -coordinate of the f graph at the value x ’.
 - (b) $f(0)$ = ‘the y -intercept’
 - (c) $x + \text{BLAH}$ = ‘BLAH units after x .’
 $x - \text{BLAH}$ = ‘BLAH units before x .’
 - (d) t to $t + 3$ gives the interval starting at t and ending 3 units later.
 - (e) 5 to $5 + h$ give the interval starting at 5 and ending h units later.
 - (f) $f(b) - f(a)$ = ‘change in height of the f graph from $x = a$ to $x = b$.’
 - (g) $\frac{f(x)}{x}$ = ‘slope of the diagonal line to the f graph at x .’
 - (h) $\frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}$ = ‘slope of the secant line to the f graph from $x = a$ to $x = b$.’
 - (i) $\frac{f(b)-f(0)}{b-0}$ = ‘slope of the secant line to the f graph from $x = 0$ to $x = b$ ’ (slope since the beginning).
2. Here are some standard situations/examples you often encounter:
 - (a) Find a 5-minute interval when the rate of change of $D(t)$ is 30.
TRANSLATION: Find t and $t + 5$ such that $\frac{D(t+5)-D(t)}{5} = 30$.
 - (b) Find a time when the overall rate of change of $P(t)$ is 44.
TRANSLATION: Find t such that $\frac{P(t)-P(0)}{t} = 44$.
 - (c) How long after $t = 8$ do you have to go before $f(x)$ goes up by 100?
TRANSLATION: Find h such that $f(8 + h) - f(8) = 100$.
 - (d) Find two times, 7 minutes apart, such that the value of $g(t)$ at the second time is double the value of $g(t)$ at the first.
TRANSLATION: Find t and $t + 7$ such that $g(t + 7) = 2g(t)$.
3. In class we did many more examples. And you can find a full table of examples posted online. You need to get comfortable with functional notation, it’s an essential tool for the rest of this course and beyond.