

Average and Instantaneous Rates of Change

1. Consider the function $y = 2x^2$

A) Find the average rate of change of y with respect to x over the interval $[0,1]$.

B) Find the instantaneous rate of change of y with respect to x for any general point a .

C) Find the instantaneous rate of change of y with respect to x when $x = 0$.

2. Consider the function $y = \frac{1}{x}$

A) Find the average rate of change of y with respect to x over the interval $[2,3]$.

B) Find the instantaneous rate of change of y with respect to x for any general point a .

C) Find the instantaneous rate of change of y with respect to x when $x = 2$.

3. Consider the function $f(x) = x^3 - 1$

A) Find a formula for the slope of the tangent line to the graph of f at any general point a .

B) Use the formula obtained in part A) to find the slope of the tangent line when $x = -1$

4. Consider the function $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$

A) Find a formula for the slope of the tangent line to the graph of f at any general point a .

B) Use the formula obtained in part A) to find the slope of the tangent line when $x = 1$

5. During the first 40 seconds of a rocket flight, the rocket is propelled straight up so that in t seconds it reaches a height of $s(t) = \frac{t^3}{\sqrt{10}}$ feet. *You may use a calculator on this question.*

What is the average velocity of the rocket during the first 40 seconds?

6. A particle moves in the positive direction along a straight line so that after t minutes its distance is $s(t) = 6t^4$ feet from the origin.

A) Find the average velocity of the particle over the interval $[2,4]$.

B) Find the instantaneous velocity at $t = 2$.

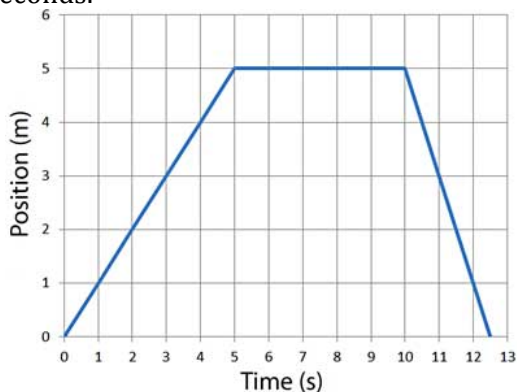
7. Suppose $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x) - g(0)}{x} = 1$. Which of the following must be true? Explain your choice.

- A) g is not defined at $x = 0$.
- B) g is not continuous at $x = 0$.
- C) The limit of $g(x)$ as x approaches 0 equals 1
- D) The instantaneous rate of change of g when $x = 0$ is equal to 1.
- E) The average rate of change of g on the interval $[0,x]$ is equal to 1.

8. Suppose that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{f(x) - f(2)}{x - 2} = 5$. Which of the following must be true? Explain your choice.

- A) The limit of $f(x)$ as x approaches 2 does not exist.
- B) f is not defined at $x = 2$
- C) $f(2) = 5$
- D) The secant slope of f on interval $[2,5]$ is equal to 5
- E) The slope of the line tangent of f when $x = 2$ is equal to 5

9. Consider the Position vs. Time graph below that models the position of particle, in meters, over time, in seconds.



A) Find the average velocity of the particle on the interval $[3, 10]$.

B) Find the instantaneous velocity when $t = 4$.

C) Find the instantaneous velocity when $t = 8$.

D) Find the instantaneous velocity when $t = 11.5$.