

Math 4 Honors
Lesson 6-1 Learning Check

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In this learning check, you will be assessed on the following concepts:

- I can compute average rates of change in functions.
- I can find the formula for the difference quotient of a function and use it to solve problems.
- I can use secant lines to determine the average rates of change in graphs of functions.

1. Consider the following function: $f(x) = 3x^3 - 2x + 8$
Find the average rate of change from $x = -1$ to $x = 5$.

$$A_{ROC} = 61$$

2. A projectile follows along a path given by the formula $h(t) = 480t - 16t^2$. Find a formula for the difference quotient given the average rate of change for each interval t to $t + \Delta t$.
Work vertically; do not skip any steps.

$$A_{ROC} = 480 - 32t - 16\Delta t$$

3. Use your answer from #2 and $t = 6$ to find the average velocity when . . .

- a.) $\Delta t = 2$ b.) $\Delta t = 1$ c.) $\Delta t = .5$ d.) $\Delta t = .01$

256 ft/sec 272 ft/sec 280 ft/sec 287.84 ft/sec

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{h(6 + \Delta t) - h(6)}{\Delta t} \right) = \underline{288 \text{ ft/sec}}$$

4. Refer to the graph at the right.

- a. Find the average rate of change from A to C.

$$\frac{5}{2}$$

- b. Over what interval is the average rate of change of f zero?

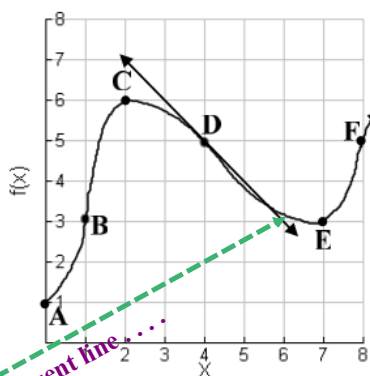
$$B \rightarrow E \text{ or } D \rightarrow F$$

- c. Find the average rate of change in f over the interval $0 \leq x \leq 8$.

$$\frac{1}{2}$$

- d. Estimate f' when $x = 4$.

$$f'(4) = -1$$



Use the tangent line . . .