

Derivative Applications

3.5 – Interpretations

#1)

$F(x)$ = the temperature of oil at time x
 x = time in hours

Interpret $F'(5) = 12$

#2)

$P(x)$ = population of a town after x weeks
 x = number of weeks

Interpret $P'(13) = 120$

#3)

$G(x)$ = number of words a person can memorize in x minutes
 x = number of minutes

Interpret $G'(14) = 5$

#4)

$h(x)$ = the number of cars sold on day x of advertising
 x = number of days of advertising

Interpret $h'(7) = 13$

#5)

$B(x)$ = the number of bacteria in a culture x hours after patient was given an antibiotic
 x = number of hours

Interpret $B'(5) = -100,000$

#6)

$P(x)$ = total profit from selling x computer chips
 x = number of computer chips
 $AP(x)$ = average profit per unit
 $AC(x)$ = average cost per unit

Interpret $P'(70) = 50$

Interpret $MAP(70) = 4$

Interpret $MAC(70) = -0.25$

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#7)

$H(x)$ = amount of sulfur dioxide pollution measured in parts per minute
 x = miles downwind from the plant

$$\text{Interpret } H'(2) = -2000$$

#8)

$A(t)$ = cross sectional area, measured in square centimeters, of a blood vessel t hours after a nitroglycerine is administered
 t = hours after nitroglycerine is administered

$$\text{Interpret } A'(4) = .10$$

#9)

$W(t)$ = weight of a typical hailstone (in ounces) that remains in a cloud for t minutes
 t = the number of minutes hailstone is in cloud

$$\text{Interpret } W'(2) = 3$$

#10)

$P(t)$ = the number of phrases a student can memorize in t hours
 t = number of hours

$$P'(4) = 12$$

#11)

$P(n)$ = total profit from selling n X-Box 360s.
 n = number of X-Box 360s
 $AP(n)$ = average profit per unit
 $AC(n)$ = average cost per unit

$$\text{Interpret } P'(700) = 100$$

$$\text{Interpret } MAP(700) = 12.50$$

$$\text{Interpret } MAC(700) = -2.22$$