

## Section 2.4 Worksheet · September 23, 2015

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Answer the following problems to the best of your ability. If a problem asks for an interpretation or a written explanation, write in complete sentences.

1. The cost,  $C$  (in dollars), to produce  $g$  gallons of a chemical can be expressed as  $C = f(g)$ . Using units, explain the meaning of the following statements in terms of the chemical:

(a)  $f(200) = 1300$

(b)  $f'(200) = 6$

2. The time for a chemical reaction,  $T$  (in minutes), is a function of the amount of catalyst present,  $a$  (in milliliters), so  $T = f(a)$ .

- (a) If  $f(5) = 18$ , what are the units of 5? What are the units of 18? What does this statement tell us about the reaction?

- (b) If  $f'(5) = -3$ , what are the units of 5? What are the units of  $-3$ ? What does this statement tell us?

3. An economist is interested in how the price of a certain item affects its sales. At a price of  $\$p$ , a quantity,  $q$ , of the item is sold. If  $q = f(p)$ , explain the meaning of each of the following statements:

(a)  $f(150) = 2000$

(b)  $f'(150) = -25$

4. Suppose  $C(r)$  is the total cost of paying off a car loan borrowed at an annual interest rate of  $r\%$ . What are the units of  $C'(r)$ ? What is the practical meaning of  $C'(r)$ ? What is its sign?

5. Let  $p(h)$  be the pressure in dynes per  $\text{cm}^2$  on a diver at a depth of  $h$  meters below the surface of the ocean. What do each of the following quantities mean to the diver? Give units for the quantities.

(a)  $p(100)$

(b)  $h$  such that  $p(h) = 1.2 \cdot 10^6$

(c)  $p(h) + 20$

(d)  $p(h + 20)$

(e)  $p'(100)$

(f)  $h$  such that  $p'(h) = 100,000$

6. (a) If you jump out of an airplane without a parachute, you fall faster and faster until air resistance causes you to approach a steady velocity, called the *terminal* velocity. Sketch a graph of your velocity against time.

(b) Explain the concavity of your graph.

(c) Assuming air resistance to be negligible at  $t = 0$ , what natural phenomenon is represented by the slope of the graph at  $t = 0$ ?