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Part 1: Building a Foundation

What is the formula for the average rate of change of a function f(x) over the interval [a, b]?

Hint: Think about how you calculate the change in function values over an interval.

- ◯ A) (f(b) - f(a)) / (b - a)
- ◯ B) (b - a) / (f(b) - f(a))
- ◯ C) f(b) - f(a)
- ◯ D) b - a

Which of the following are true about the rate of change? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the definitions and properties of rate of change.

- ☐ A) It can be represented as a derivative.
- ☐ B) It is always constant.
- ☐ C) It measures how one quantity changes in relation to another.
- ☐ D) It is only applicable in physics.

Explain in your own words what the instantaneous rate of change represents and how it is different from the average rate of change.

Hint: Think about the difference between a specific point and an interval.

List two real-world applications of the rate of change and briefly describe their contexts.

Hint: Consider fields like economics, physics, or biology.

1. Application 1

2. Application 2

Part 2: comprehension and Application

Which graphical feature represents the average rate of change between two points on a function?

Hint: Think about the line that connects two points on a graph.

- ◯ A) The area under the curve
- ◯ B) The slope of the secant line
- ◯ C) The slope of the tangent line
- ◯ D) The y-intercept of the function

Which of the following statements are correct interpretations of a graph showing a function's rate of change? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider how the slope of a graph relates to the function's behavior.

- ☐ A) A steeper slope indicates a faster rate of change.
- ☐ B) A horizontal line indicates no change.
- ☐ C) A negative slope indicates a decrease in the function's value.
- ☐ D) A curve indicates a constant rate of change.

Given the function f(x) = 3x^2 + 2x, calculate the average rate of change from x = 1 to x = 4.

Hint: Use the average rate of change formula with the given function.

In which of the following scenarios would you use the concept of instantaneous rate of change? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about situations where you need to measure change at a specific moment.

- [ ] A) Calculating the speed of a car at a specific moment.
- [ ] B) Determining the overall growth of a population over a year.
- [ ] C) Measuring the acceleration of an object at a given time.
- [ ] D) Evaluating the total cost of production over a month.

Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation

Which of the following best describes the relationship between the derivative of a function and its instantaneous rate of change?

Hint: Consider how derivatives are defined in calculus.

- ◯ A) The derivative is unrelated to the rate of change.
- ◯ B) The derivative represents the instantaneous rate of change.
- ◯ C) The derivative is only used for average rate of change.
- ◯ D) The derivative is a constant value.

Analyze the following statements and identify which are true regarding the graphical representation of derivatives. (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about how the slope of the tangent line relates to the derivative.

- [ ] A) The derivative is the slope of the tangent line at a point.
- [ ] B) A positive derivative indicates an increasing function.
- [ ] C) A zero derivative indicates a maximum or minimum point.
- [ ] D) A negative derivative indicates a constant function.

Evaluate a scenario where both average and instantaneous rates of change are crucial for understanding the situation. Describe the scenario and explain why both rates are important.

Hint: Think about a situation involving motion or growth.

Create a real-world problem that involves calculating both the average and instantaneous rates of change. Provide a brief explanation of how you would solve it.

Hint: Consider a scenario involving speed or growth.