

FRQ #2

AP Precalculus

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CA #1**Question #1**

A concert promoter is tracking the total revenue from ticket sales for a high-demand show. The table below shows the total revenue R , in thousands of dollars, at time, t hours after tickets first went on sale at 10 AM ($t = 0$).

t (hours)	0	2	10
$R(t)$ (thousands of dollars)	0	148	600

The total revenue can be modeled by the quadratic function R given by $R(t) = at^2 + bt + c$ where $R(t)$ is the revenue, t hours after sales began.

(A) (i) Use the given data to write three equations that can be used to find the values for constants a , b , and c as decimal approximations.

(ii) Find the values of a , b , and c as decimal approximations.

(B) (i) Use the given data to find the average rate of change in the revenue from $t = 2$ to $t = 10$ hours. Express your answer as a decimal approximation. Show the computations that lead to your answer.

(ii) Use the average rate of change found in (i) to estimate the revenue at 4pm ($t = 6$). Show the computations that lead to your answer.

(iii) The average rate of change found in (i) can be used to estimate the revenue for times $t = d$ hours, where $2 < d < 10$. Are these estimates less than or greater than the rainfall in inches predicted by R at time $t = d$ hours. Explain your reasoning. Your explanation should include characteristics of the average rate of change and a reference to the graph of R .

(C) The quadratic function model R has exactly one absolute minimum or one absolute maximum. That minimum or maximum can be used to determine a domain restriction for R . Based on the context of the problem, explain how that minimum or maximum can be used to determine a boundary for the domain of R .

Question #2

A new fitness center, "Vertex Fitness," opened in a local community. On its opening day ($t = 0$), it had 20 thousand social media followers. 60 days later ($t = 60$), it had 85 thousand followers.

The number of social media followers for the fitness center can be modeled by the function F given by $F(t) = a + b \ln(t + 1)$ where $F(t)$ is the number of followers, in thousands, on day t since the opening day.

(A)

(i) Use the given data to write two equations that can be used to find the values for constants a and b in the expression for $F(t)$.

(ii) Find the values for a and b as decimal approximations.

(B)

(i) Use the given data to find the average rate of change of the number of followers, in thousands per day, from $t = 0$ to $t = 60$ days. Express your answer as a decimal approximation. Show the computations that lead to your answer.

(ii) Let $L(t)$ be the linear function representing the average rate of change. Use $L(t)$ to estimate the number of followers, in thousands, on day $t = 30$. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(iii) For the estimate $L(30)$ found in (ii), it can be shown that $L(30) < F(30)$. Explain why, in general, $L(t) < F(t)$ for all t , where $0 < t < 60$.

(C)

The fitness center reported that due to a change in the social media platform's algorithm, its follower count began to decrease each day after $t = 60$. Explain why the error in the model $F(t)$ increases after $t = 60$.

ANSWERS:

A(i): $0 = a(0^2) + b(0) + c$; $148 = a(2^2) + b(2) + c$; A(ii): $a = -1.75$, $b = 77.5$, $c = 0$

B(i): 56.5 dollars per hour. B(ii): $y = \$339$. B(iii): The estimates are the secant line on the interval $2 < d < 10$. The graph is concave down on the interval so the estimates are less than the actual.

C(i): The graph of R has a maximum at $y = 858.036$, therefore the range of the function would be $0 \leq R(x) \leq 858.036$.

A(i): $20 = a + b \ln(0 + 1)$; $85 = a + b \ln(60 + 1)$;

B(i): 1.083 followers per day. B(ii): 52.49 followers, B(iii): The estimates are the secant line on the interval $0 < d < 60$. The graph is concave down on the interval so the estimates are less than the actual.

C(i): According to the model as t increases without bound the model $F(t)$ will increase so once the data goes against that by decreasing we know that $F(t)$ will only work on the domain $(0, 60)$ for sure.