

Interpreting nonlinear expressions



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1. The following equation shows the height, h , in meters above the ground of a football t seconds after a particular kick.

$$h = 0.3 + 5.5t - 4.9t^2$$

What was the height of the football at the moment of the kick?

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$$2. F(t) = 1,500 (1.045)^t$$

The future value, $F(t)$, of an investment after t years is given by the function defined above. What is the initial value of the investment?

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$$3. R(q) = -0.31(q - 260)^2 + 18,500$$

A shoe manufacturer determines that its monthly revenue, $R(q)$, in dollars, is given by the function defined above, where q is the number of pairs of shoes sold each month. What is the maximum value of the company's monthly revenue?

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4. $m = 0.031x^2 - 0.09x + 181.5$ Mehmet experimented with the number of grams (g) of sugar that would dissolve in a specific volume of water at different temperatures. He modeled his results using the above equation to represent the number of grams, m , of sugar that dissolved when the water was x degrees Celsius ($^{\circ}\text{C}$). What is the best interpretation of the 181.5 in Mehmet's equation?

- A. In his experiment, a maximum of 181.5g of sugar dissolved in the water.
- B. In his experiment, 0g of sugar dissolved when the water temperature was 181.5°C .
- C. In his experiment, when the water temperature was 0°C , 181.5g of sugar dissolved.
- D. In his experiment, the maximum number of grams of sugar dissolved when the water temperature was 181.5°C .

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5. Wilma created the following formula to model the distance, d , in inches above the floor of her jump after t seconds had passed.

$$d = 144t(0.5 - t)$$

What is the best interpretation of the number 0.5 in this equation?

- A. Wilma jumped from an initial height of 0.5 inches.
- B. Wilma landed on the ground 0.5 seconds after she jumped.
- C. Wilma jumped with an initial velocity of 0.5 inches per second.
- D. Wilma's jump reached a maximum distance of 0.5 inches above the floor.

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6.The equation below models the height, h , in feet above the water for a cable in a suspension bridge at a horizontal distance, x , in feet from the beginning of the span.

$$h=0.0002(x-1,955)^2+100$$

How many feet above the water is the lowest point on the cable?

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$$7. P(s) = -(s-a)^2 + b$$

The Yerkes-Dodson law predicts that the relationship between stress level, s , and performance, $P(s)$, of a difficult task can be modeled by a function of the form shown above, where a and b are constants related to the measures of stress and performance for a particular task. What is the best interpretation of a in this context?

- A. a is the level of stress at which performance is minimal.
- B. a is the level of peak performance.
- C. a is the level of stress at which performance is maximal.
- D. a is the level of stress at which performance is $\frac{1}{2}$ of maximal performance.

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$$8. F(t) = (0.95)^{\frac{t}{2}}$$

The function $F(t)$ defined above gives the percentage of information Dianna retained t days after memorizing lines for a play. Assuming she did not work on her lines again, what is the best description of 0.95 in this context?

- A. Dianna will forget 95% of what she retained one day ago.
- B. Dianna will forget 95% of what she retained two days ago.
- C. Dianna will remember 95% of what she retained one day ago.
- D. Dianna will remember 95% of what she retained two days ago

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9. The amount of water vapor, v (in grams), that will saturate 1 kilogram of dry air when the temperature is d degrees Celsius is approximated by the following equation.

$$v = 4.04 \cdot 1.07^d$$

For each increase of 1 degree, what is the percent increase in the amount of water vapor required to saturate the air according to this model?
(Do not type the percent sign.)

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$$10. P(t) = 400(1.5)^t$$

Biologists stocked a lake with a new species of fish. The number of the new species of fish in the lake, $P(t)$, t years after being stocked, is shown above. How many fish did the biologists initially add to the lake?

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