

Interpreting Calculus – What Does it Mean?

1. For $t \geq 0$ hours, H is a differentiable function of t that gives the temperature, in degrees Fahrenheit, of a house in Houston in July, where t is measured in hours since midnight. Using correct units, explain the meaning of each of the following in the context of the problem.
 - a. $H(15)$ is the temperature, in $^{\circ}\text{F}$, of a house in Houston in July 15 hours after midnight.
 - b. $H'(15)$ is the instantaneous rate of change of H , temperature, in of a house in Houston in July, measured in $^{\circ}\text{F}/\text{hour}$ at $t= 15$ hours after midnight.
 - c. $\frac{\int_0^8 H(t)dt}{8-0}$ is the average value of H , the temperature of a house in Houston in July, in $^{\circ}\text{F}$, over the time interval $t=0$ to $t=8$ hours after midnight.
2. A water main has broken and a flow meter gives the rate $R(t)$ at which water is gushing out of the pipe in gallons per minute, where t is measured in minutes since the pipe broke. Using correct units, explain the meaning of each of the following in the context of the problem.
 - a. $R(5)$ is the rate at which water is gushing out of the pipe in gal/ min at $t=5$ minutes after the pipe broke.
 - b. $R'(5)$ is the instantaneous rate of change of R , the rate at which water is gushing out of the pipe measured in gal/ min² at $t=5$ minutes after the pipe broke.
 - c. $\int_0^5 R(t)dt$ is the amount of water that gushed out of the pipe measured in gallons over the time interval $t=0$ to $t=5$ minutes after the pipe broke.
 - d. $\frac{\int_0^5 R(t)dt}{5-0}$ is the average value of R , the rate at which water is gushing out of the pipe in gal/ min, over the time interval $t=0$ to $t=5$ minutes after the pipe broke.
3. The cost C , in dollars per mile, of digging a 10-mile tunnel through a mountain varies with the distance x , in miles, from the opening of the tunnel. Using correct units, explain the meaning of each of the following in the context of the problem.
 - a. $\frac{1}{10} \int_0^{10} C(x)dx$ is the average value of C , the cost, of digging a 10-mile tunnel through a mountain \$/mile, over a distance of 10 miles.
 - b. $C'(6)$ is the instantaneous rate of change of C , the cost, of digging a 10-mile tunnel through a mountain \$/mile/mile, at a distance of 6 miles from the opening of the tunnel.
 - c. $\int_8^{10} C(x)dx$ is the total cost of digging a tunnel through a mountain in \$ from 8 miles from the opening to 10 miles from the opening.

4. A piece of wire that is 10 inches long is heated by holding a candle to one end. The temperature $T(x)$, in degrees Celsius, of the wire varies with the distance from the candle, where x is measured in inches from the candle. Using correct units, explain the meaning of each of the following in the context of the problem.

- $\int_0^{10} T'(x) dx$ is the net change in $T(x)$, the temperature of a wire being heated by a candle, measured in $^{\circ}\text{C}$, from the end of the wire ($x=0$) to a distance of 10 inches from the candle.
- $T'(6)$ is the instantaneous rate of change in $T(x)$, the temperature of a wire being heated by a candle, measured in $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{inch}$, at a distance of 6 inches from the candle.
- $\frac{1}{10} \int_0^{10} T(x) dx$ is the average value of $T(x)$, the temperature of a wire being heated by a candle, measured in $^{\circ}\text{C}$, from the end of the wire ($x=0$) to a distance of 10 inches from the candle.

5. The rate at which water flows into a tank is given by $R(t)$, measured in gallons per hour, for $t \geq 0$. If the tank initially holds 75 gallons of water, use proper calculus notation to represent each of the following.

- The amount of water added to the tank during the second hour of flow

$$\int_1^2 R(t) dt$$
- The rate at which the rate of water is flowing is changing at $t = 6$ hours.

$$R'(t)$$
- The average rate of water flow over the time interval $t = 0$ to $t = 10$ hours.

$$\frac{1}{10} \int_0^{10} R(t) dt$$
- The average rate of increase in the rate of water flow from $t = 0$ to $t = 10$ hours.

$$\frac{1}{10} \int_0^{10} R'(t) dt$$
- The total amount of water in the tank at $t = 10$ hours.

$$75 + \int_0^{10} R(t) dt$$

6. At $t = 0$, a pie is taken out of a 350°F oven and left to cool in a kitchen that is 75°F . The rate at which the temperature changes is given by $T(t)$, measured in $^{\circ}\text{F}/\text{minute}$. Use proper calculus notation to represent each of the following.

- The change in pie temperature between 10 and 15 minutes after removal from the oven.

$$\int_{10}^{15} T(t) dt$$
- How fast the rate of change of the temperature is changing at $t = 10$ minutes.

$$T'(10)$$

- c. The temperature of the pie after 15 minutes

$$350 + \int_0^{15} T(t) dt$$

7. **For $t \geq 0$ hours, H is a differentiable function of t that gives the temperature, in degrees Celsius, at an Arctic weather station.

- a. The change in temperature during the first day

$$H(24) - H(0)$$

- b. The change in temperature during the 24th hour

$$H(25) - H(24)$$

- c. The average rate at which the temperature changed during the 24th hour

$$H(25) - H(24)$$

- d. The rate at which the temperature is changing during the first day

$$H'(t) \text{ for } 0 < t < 24$$

- e. The rate at which the temperature is changing at the end of the 24th hour

$$H'(25)$$

8. The rate at which people enter Reliant Stadium for the Big Game is modeled by a differentiable function $P(t)$, measured in people per hour. Assume the stadium is empty at $t = 0$, when the gates open at 11 am and will close at 3 pm when the game begins. Use proper calculus notation to represent each of the following.

- a. The average rate at which people enter the stadium from noon to 1 pm

$$\frac{1}{2-1} \int_1^2 P(t) dt$$

- b. The number of people who enter the game during the hour before the game begins

$$\int_3^4 P(t) dt$$

- c. The total number of people who have entered the stadium when the game begins.

$$\int_0^4 P(t) dt$$

- d. The rate at which the rate at which people enter the stadium is changing at noon.

$$P'(1)$$

9. The cost, C , in dollars per foot, of a piece of fiber optic cable varies with its length, x . Use proper calculus notation to represent each of the following.

- a. The cost of purchasing a 10-foot length of cable

$$\int_0^{10} C(x) dx$$

- b. The average cost per foot of that piece of 10-foot cable

$$\frac{1}{10} \int_0^{10} C(x) dx$$

- c. The difference in cost between the 10-foot cable and a 12-foot cable

$$\int_{10}^{12} C(x) dx$$

- d. How fast the cost is changing when you are at 10 feet of cable

$$C'(10)$$