Functions and Rate of Change

Show all relevant work!

1. (a) Sketch pictures of (1) an increasing function and (2) a decreasing function.

(b) Write definitions for increasing and decreasing functions in terms of the independent variable (x) and the dependent variable (y).

2. Use the table below to answer the following questions:

x	0	1	2	3	4
f(x)	9	8	5	0	-7

(a) find f(4)

- (b) Solve f(x) = 0
- (c) Find the average rate of change from x = 0 to x = 2 and then from x = 2 to x = 4. What do you observe from your results?

3. The population of Half Moon Bay since 1995 can be modeled by the function $P(t) = 10000(1.012)^t$ where t is in years. Find the average rate of growth in population from 1995 to 1997 and from 1999 to 2001. What do you observe from your results?

- 4. Use the exponential function, g(x), graphed below to answer the given questions.
 - (a) Estimate the average rate of change between x = -2 and x = 0.
 - (b) Estimate the average rate of change between x = 0 and x = 2.
 - (c) Estimate g(1).
 - (d) Estimate the solution to g(x) = 7.



5. Write formulas for the average rate of change from x_1 to x_2 and from x_2 to x_3 in each function. Discuss the qualitative changes in rates of change (positive to negative, relative size).



