Quiz #6

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You must show your work to get full credit.

Let a function be given by

$$f(x) = 3x^2 + x.$$

1. The average rate of change between t=2 and t=2+h is

$$\frac{\Delta f}{\Delta t} = \frac{f(2+h) - f(2)}{(2+h) - 2} = \frac{f(2+h) - f(2)}{h}.$$

Simplify this with the goal of canceling the h out of the denominator.

$$\frac{f(2+h)-f(2)}{h} = \frac{13+3h}{h}$$

$$= \frac{3(2+h)^2+(2+h)}{h} - \frac{3(2)^2+2}{h}$$

$$= \frac{3(4+4h+h^2)+2+h-12-2}{h} = \frac{12+12h+3h^2+2+h-12-2}{h}$$

$$= \frac{h(13+3h)}{h} = 13+3h$$

2. Use your formula, or your calculator, to compute the following

(a) The average rate of change of f(x) between t=2 and t=2.1

(b) The average rate of change of f(x) between t=2 and t=2.01

(c) The average rate of change of f(x) between t=2 and t=2.001

3. What is the instantaneous rate of change, f'(2)?

Let
$$h = 0$$
 14 prob. $f'(2) = 13$.