

Prep #15 Pre-Exam: Algebra**Mental math - no calculators**

1. Perform the operations and simplify the expression.

(a) $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} =$

(d) $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{6} =$

(b) $\frac{3}{10} + \frac{2}{5} =$

(e) $\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{8} =$

(c) $\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3} =$

(f) $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} =$

2. Convert between fractions and percentages.

(a) $\frac{1}{4} =$

(d) $50\% =$

(b) $\frac{2}{3} =$

(e) $75\% =$

(c) $\frac{5}{4} =$

(f) $33\frac{1}{3}\% =$

3. Round to the accuracy stated.

(a) nearest hundredth: 0.125

(d) nearest tenth: 9.9505

(b) nearest tenth: 5.7111

(e) nearest hundredth: π

(c) nearest thousandth: 11.54795

(f) nearest hundredth: $\sqrt{2}$

4. N.RN.2 Convert between radical expressions and expressions with rational exponents using the properties of exponents.

(a) $x^3 \cdot x^3 =$

(d) $\sqrt{x^2} =$

(b) $x^{-3} \cdot x^5 =$

(e) $\sqrt[4]{x^8} =$

(c) $\frac{x^{\frac{2}{3}}}{x^{\frac{1}{3}}} =$

(f) $\frac{\sqrt[3]{x^2}}{\sqrt[6]{x}} =$

5. Simplify the expression by combining like terms.

(a) $3x + 2x =$

(d) $-7y + 3y - 2y =$

(b) $-4y + 2y =$

(e) $3x^2 + 2x^2 =$

(c) $5x - 3x + 2x =$

(f) $-4y^2 + 2y^2 =$

6. Simplify each complex expression to the form $a + bi$, with real numbers a and b .

(a) $(3 + 2i) + (4 - 3i) =$

(c) $(2i)(3i) =$

(b) $(5 - 2i) - (3 + 4i) =$

(d) $(2 + 3i)(4 - 2i) =$

7. Solve for x over the complex numbers using the quadratic formula:

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

(a) $x^2 - 3x + 6 = 0$

(b) $2x^2 - 6x + 7 = 0$

8. Solve for x over the real numbers.

(a) $\sqrt{x - 2} = 4$

(b) $\sqrt{x^2 + 9} + 4 = 9$

AII-F.BF.2: Write arithmetic and geometric sequences both recursively and with an explicit formula, use them to model situations, and translate between the two forms.

For a geometric series:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_k = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n = a_1 \left(\frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r} \right)$$

9. Write a recursive formula for the sequence 2, 5, 8, 11, ...
10. Write an explicit formula for the sequence $14\frac{1}{4}$, $8\frac{3}{4}$, $3\frac{1}{4}$, $-2\frac{1}{4}$, ...
11. Given the sequence beginning 2, 6, 18, 54, ..., find the sum of the first 12 terms.
- F.LE.2: Construct a linear or exponential function symbolically given: a graph, a description of the relationship, or two input-output pairs (including from a table).
12. Complete the table for $f(x)$ and write an explicit formula for the exponential function.

x	0	1	2	3	4
$f(x)$	10	20			

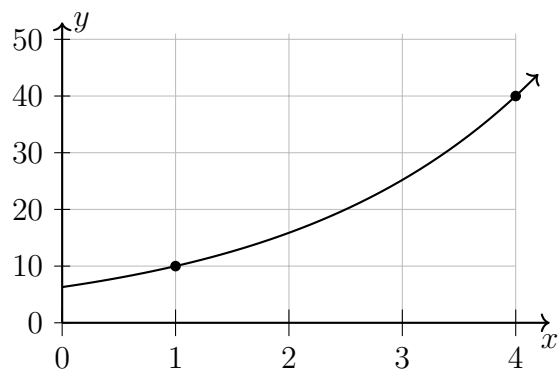
13. The frequency table below shows the barbeque selections at the school field day.

Class	Hot dog	Hamburger	Chicken
Middle school	25	15	10
High School	30	40	15

- (a) Add totals to the table.
- (b) Overall, what was the least favorite selection?
- (c) What percentage of the overall survey are middle school students?
- (d) Complete the missing values in the table of proportions rounded to *the nearest thousandth*.

Class	Hot dog	Hamburger	Chicken	Total
Middle school				
High School				
Total				

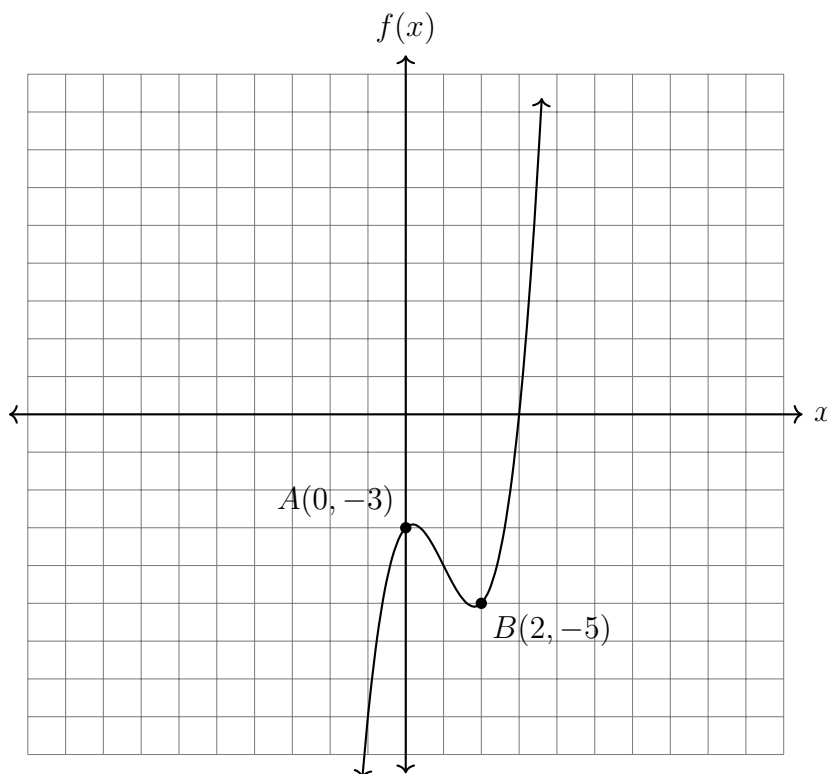
14. Determine the average rate of change, in mph, from one to four hours on the graph.



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15. Given the cubic function $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + x - 3$, graphed below.

- (a) How many real solutions are there to the equation $f(x) = 0$?
- (b) Write down the real zeros of the function.
- (c) Over the interval $2 < x < 3$, is the function increasing, decreasing, or constant?
- (d) Find the average rate of change of the function over the interval from point A to point B .



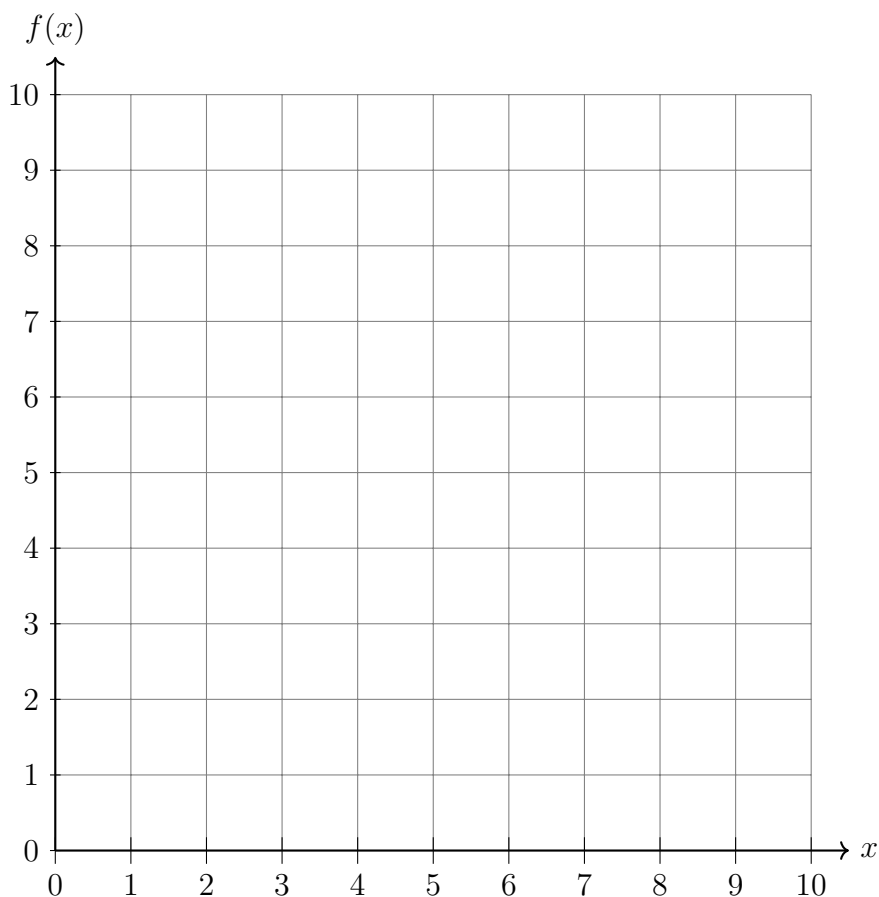
16. Go through the steps to factor by grouping $f(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 - 4x - 16$

17. Given the function $f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - 9x + 18$, find the value of $f(2)$.

Now identify the correct statement.

- (a) $f(2) = 0$ and $x - 2$ is a factor of $f(x)$.
- (b) $f(2) = 0$ and $x - 2$ is not a factor of $f(x)$.
- (c) $f(2) \neq 0$ and $x - 2$ is a factor of $f(x)$.
- (d) $f(2) \neq 0$ and $x - 2$ is not a factor of $f(x)$.

18. Graph the continuous exponential function $f(x) = 2e^{0.12x}$ on the grid below.



- (a) Graph the line $y = 4$. Mark the intersection of the line with f and label it as an ordered pair, rounded *the nearest whole number*.
- (b) The function $f(x)$ models the growth of an investment. Explain what the values of 2 and 0.12 represent in the context of the investment.
- (c) How long will the investment take to double?