MA 16010 LESSON 5: INSTANTANEOUS RATES OF CHANGE (PROBLEM SET)

Example 1: The initial population of a culture of bacteria is 1000. The population after t hours, P(t), is given by

 $P(t) = 2t^2 + 8t + 1000$

a) Find the number of bacteria present after 5 hours.

b) Find the rate of change of the population after 5 hrs.

Example 2: The population of a city since the year 2000 can be modeled by $P(t) = 500t^2 - 400t + 20000$

where t = 0 corresponds to the year of 2000. In which year is the population increasing at the rate of 8600 people per year?

Example 3: An object is shot upward from the surface of Earth. The position function is

$$s(t) = -4.9t^2 + 98t$$

a) Find v(t)

b) Find v(3)

c) What is the velocity of the object when it hits the ground?

d) When is the object at its highest point?

Example 4: Let $C = 2\pi r$. What is the rate of change of C with respect to r?

Example 5: Let p = 3q - 5.

a) What is the rate of change of p with respect to q?

b) What is the rate of change of q with respect to p?