Chapter 2 Section 4

MA1032 Data, Functions & Graphs

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Example

The population of the town of Jonesville has a population of 15,000 people in 1980 and grows by 200 citizens every year. A table for the population, P, as a function of time, t (in years since 1980) is given below.

t	0	1	2	5	10
P = f(t)	15,000	15,200	15,400	16,000	17,000

Find a formula for the population in year t.

A New Perspective

Р	15,000	15,200	15,400	16,000	17,000	30,000
$t = f^{-1}(P)$	0	1	2	5	10	75

Exercise #17

The cost, C, in thousands of dollars, of producing q kg of a chemical is given by C = f(q) = 100 + 0.2q. Find and interpret

- f(10)
- $f^{-1}(200)$
- $f^{-1}(C)$

Summary

- Concept
- Finding the Formula