

Subject n°28: Functions

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A company has received a new machine which complexity requires a progressive learning process. This machine continuously produces objects and its production evolves with time. A study is made during the first five months. We note x the number of months since the installation of the machine. The function giving the number (in thousands) of objects produced by this machine is defined on

$$[0 ; 5] \text{ by } f(x) = \frac{100x}{x+1} .$$

1°) Prove that the derivative function f' of f on $[0 ; 5]$ can be written as $f'(x) = \frac{100}{(x+1)^2}$.

2°) Study the sign of $f'(x)$ on $[0 ; 5]$ and deduce the table of variations of f .

3°) Copy and complete the following table of values (*you will round the results to the nearest unit*).

x	0	1	2	3	4	5
$f(x)$						

4°) Represent graphically the function f . You will take for units 2 cm per month on the x-axis and 1 cm for 10,000 objects on the y-axis.

5°) We estimate that the machine is profitable if it produces at least 80,000 objects. Determine the first month when the machine is profitable.