

Assignment 2.1 – Discrete vs. Continuous Relationships

Identify whether the following statements represent a *discrete* or a *continuous* relationship, then explain why you chose either discrete or continuous.

1. The hair on your head grows $\frac{1}{2}$ inch per month. *Discrete or Continuous?*

Explanation:

2. For every ton of paper that is recycled, 17 trees are saved. *Discrete or Continuous?*

Explanation:

3. Approximately 3.24 billion gals for water flow over Niagara Falls daily.

Discrete or Continuous?

Explanation:

4. The average person laughs 15 times a day. *Discrete or Continuous?*

Explanation:

5. The city of Buenos Aires adds 6,000 tons of trash to its landfills every day.

Discrete or Continuous?

Explanation:

6. During the Great Depression, stock market prices fell 75%. *Discrete or Continuous?*

Explanation:

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Evaluate each using the values given.

7. $2y - 3(z + z^2)$; use $y = 10$ and $z = 2$

8. $\frac{(y+x)}{2} + 6x$; use $x = 3$ and $y = 4$

9. $\frac{x^3}{3} - 5y$; use $x = 6$ and $y = 12$

10. $c\left(\frac{bc}{4}\right)^2 - 2(7 - a)$;
use $a = 4$, $b = 2$, and $c = 6$

11. Identify the type of sequence and write a recursive and explicit function.

x	$f(x)$
0	1.5
1	0.75
2	0
3	-0.75

a) Is this arithmetic or geometric?

b) Recursive:

c) Explicit: