Solutions #2
Math 1a
1.2 #2,4,6,12,14

2. (a) $y = (x-6)/(x+6)$ is a rational function because it is a ratio of polynomials.

(b) $y = x + x^2/\sqrt{x-1}$ is an algebraic function because it involves polynomials and roots of polynomials.

(c) $y = 10^x$ is an exponential function (notice that x is the *exponent*).

(d) $y = x^{10}$ is a power function (notice that x is the *base*).

(e) $y = 2t^6 + t^4 - \pi$ is a polynomial of degree 6.

(f) $y = \cos\theta + \sin\theta$ is a trigonometric function.

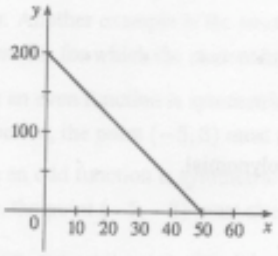
4. (a) The graph of $y = 3x$ is a line (choice G).

(b) $y = 3^x$ is an exponential function (choice f).

(c) $y = x^3$ is an odd polynomial function or power function (choice F).

(d) $y = \sqrt[3]{x} = x^{1/3}$ is a root function (choice g).

6. (a)



(b) The slope of -4 means that for each increase of 1 dollar for a rental space, the number of spaces rented *decreases* by 4. The y-intercept of 200 is the number of spaces that would be occupied if there were no charge for each space. The x-intercept of 50 is the smallest rental fee that results in no spaces rented.

12. (a) Using d in place of x and C in place of y, we find the slope to be

$$\frac{C_2 - C_1}{d_2 - d_1} = \frac{460 - 380}{800 - 480} = \frac{80}{320} = \frac{1}{4}$$

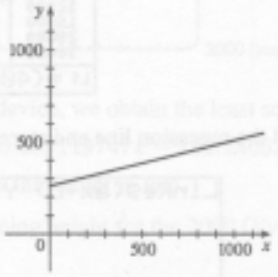
So a linear equation is $C - 460 = \frac{1}{4}(d - 800) \Leftrightarrow$

$C - 460 = \frac{1}{4}d - 200 \Leftrightarrow C = \frac{1}{4}d + 260$.

(b) Letting $d = 1500$ we get $C = \frac{1}{4}(1500) + 260 = 635$.

The cost of driving 1500 miles is \$635.

(c)



The slope of the line represents the cost per mile, \$0.25.

(d) The y-intercept represents the fixed cost, \$260.

(e) A linear function gives a suitable model in this situation because you have fixed monthly costs such as insurance and car payments, as well as costs that increase as you drive, such as gasoline, oil, and tires, and the cost of these for each additional mile driven is a constant.

14. (a) The data appear to be increasing exponentially. A model of the form $f(x) = a \cdot b^x$ or $f(x) = a \cdot b^x + c$ seems appropriate.

(b) The data appear to be decreasing similarly to the values of the reciprocal function. A model of the form $f(x) = a/x$ seems appropriate.