§5.5 Average Value

Find the average value of each function on the given interval.

Average Value of a Function

Consider the function

$$f(x)=3\sqrt{x}.$$

- a) Find the average value f_{ave} of f on the interval [0, 16].
- b) Find all values c such that $f_{avg} = f(c)$.
- c) Sketch the graph of f and, in the same picture, a rectangle whose area is the same as the area under the graph of f.

Consider the function

$$f(x)=(x-5)^2.$$

- a) Find the average value f_{ave} of f on the interval [4,7].
- b) Find all values c such that $f_{avg} = f(c)$.
- c) Sketch the graph of f and, in the same picture, a rectangle whose area is the same as the area under the graph of f.

Consider the function

$$f(x) = 9\sin(4x).$$

- a) Find the average value f_{ave} of f on the interval $[-\pi, \pi]$.
- b) Find all values c such that $f_{avg} = f(c)$.
- c) Sketch the graph of f and, in the same picture, a rectangle whose area is the same as the area under the graph of f.

Average Value of a Function

Find all numbers b such that the average value of

$$f(x) = 7 + 10x - 9x^2$$

on the interval [0, b] is equal to 8.

The velocity v of blood that flows in a blood vessel with radius R and length L at a distance r from the central axis is

$$v(r) = \frac{P}{4\eta L}(R^2 - r^2)$$

where *P* is the pressure difference between the ends of the vessel and η is the viscosity of the blood. Find the average velocity (with respect to *r*) over the interval $0 \le r \le R$.