Learning Activity 1.2

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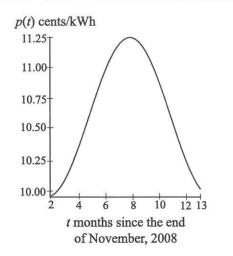
Group Members Present:

1. Retail prices for electricity in the commercial sector in 2009 are shown in the figure.

a. Over what intervals is the graph concave up?

b. Over what interval is the graph concave down?

c. At what input values do the inflection points occur?



2. The capacity for wind power worldwide can be modeled as

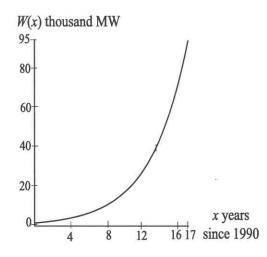
 $W(x) = 1.608(1.271^x)$ thousand MW

where x is the number of years since 1990, data from $0 \le x \le 17$. A figure of this function is shown.

Identify the direction and concavity of the graph.

direction:

concavity:



b. Considering the function out of context, numerically estimate the end behavior of the function in both directions.

$x \to -\infty$	W(x)
-10	
-100	10

 $\lim_{x\to -\infty}W(x)\approx$

$x \to \infty$	W(x)
40	
160	

 $\lim_{x\to\infty}W(x)\approx$