

Using function tables (Tutorial B2)

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You can evaluate graphed functions in a table using the Function Table feature. First, let's graph a couple of

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functions. I'll press the Home key, and choose New Document. If you have a document opened with unsaved changes, you'll

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be prompted to save before you continue. Now, select Add Graphs. For my first function, in the entry line at the

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bottom of the work area, I'll type "x" and then press Enter to graph the function " $f_1(x)=x$." I'll press Tab to reveal

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the Entry Line. Notice the entry line allows me to graph a second function, so I'll graph the expression " x^2+6 ,"

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by pressing "x," then the " x^2 " key, and then "+6", and then I'll press Enter to plot the function. Now I'll create

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a Function Table based on these functions by pressing the Menu key, and then choosing Table, followed by Split-screen

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Table. This will bring up a split-screen view, with my original application on the left, and my Function Table

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on the right. By default, the expressions are evaluated when x starts at 0, and moves in single integer steps up

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and down. I can move up and down in the list by pressing the up and down arrows on the Touchpad. If I press the

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right arrow key on the Touchpad once, I can see that each of my functions are in their respective columns, so the

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first column shows me the values for the expression $f_1(x)=x$,” and the second column shows values for the expression

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$f_2(x) x^2+6$.” I’ll move back to the Graphs application by pressing Ctrl and then Tab. I’ll use the Touchpad to

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move my pointer to the line created by the first function. When the line is highlighted, I’ll grab it by pressing

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and holding the Click key in the middle of the Touchpad, and then I’ll use the Touchpad to drag the line around

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the graph. Notice that as the function changes, the values in the Function Table change as well. To release the line,

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I’ll press the Click key again. I can also redefine the function in the table. I’ll press Ctrl and then Tab to

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move back over to the Function Table, and then I’ll press Tab again to move from the x values to the header section,

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and then I’ll press Enter to highlight $f_1(x)$. Now, I can use the arrow keys on the Touchpad to highlight the function

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definition cell. If I want the second function to be x^{2-6} instead of the existing function, I can just type the

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new function here and then press Enter, and the graph and data change immediately. If I want to change the preferences

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for the Function Table, I can press the Menu key, then choose Table, and then select Edit Table Settings. Here,

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I can choose the starting value for the table as well as the steps between each number, so if I want the first value

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to be 5, and then the steps to go up or down by 3, I can type “5” in the Table Start field, and then “3” in the

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Table Step field. Then use the Tab key to highlight “OK” followed by Enter. Notice my first value is now 5, the

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second is 8, and so on. I'll open the preferences again by pressing Menu, then going to Table, Edit Table Settings

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again, and this time I'm going to do something different. I want the table to wait for me to enter a value for the

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independent variable “x” before evaluating it. To do this, I'll just use the Tab key to move to the drop-down menu

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for Independent. I'll press the Click key, and use the arrows on the Touchpad to move down to the Ask option, and

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then press Enter. Now, I'll use the Tab key again to highlight “OK” and then press Enter. Now, I can type a value for x

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and press Enter, and the Function table will evaluate it.

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