8. ( 7 pts.) A function $f$ is defined for all values of $x$ and the following is a partial table of its values.

| $x$ | -0.75 | -0.5 | -0.25 | 0.000 | 0.25 | 0.5 | 0.75 |
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| $f(x)$ | 1.968 | 2.214 | 2.490 | 2.800 | 3.149 | 3.542 | 3.983 |

(a) Using only the function values from the table, give your best estimate for $f^{\prime}(0)$.
(b) Based on these function values, would you expect that the function $f$ is concave up, concave down, linear, or none of these? Why?

