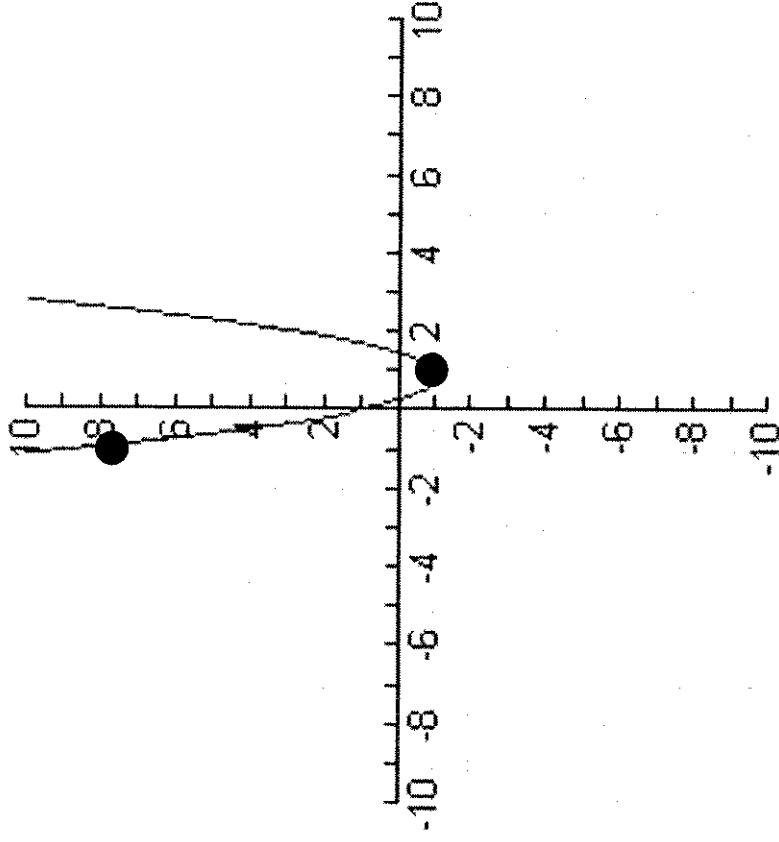


Rate of change: (slope)

1. Use your 1<sup>st</sup> x coord. to find the corresponding y on the graph.
2. Use your 2<sup>nd</sup> x coord to find the corresponding y on the graph.
3. Now you should have 2 points  $(x_1, y_1)$   $(x_2, y_2)$
4. Put your two points into the slope formula and that's the Rate of Change!

$$\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$



Ex: Find the rate of change for

$$-1 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$(-1, 8) \quad (1, -1)$$

$$\frac{-1 - 8}{1 - -1} = \frac{-9}{2}$$

Find the slope of the line given two points.

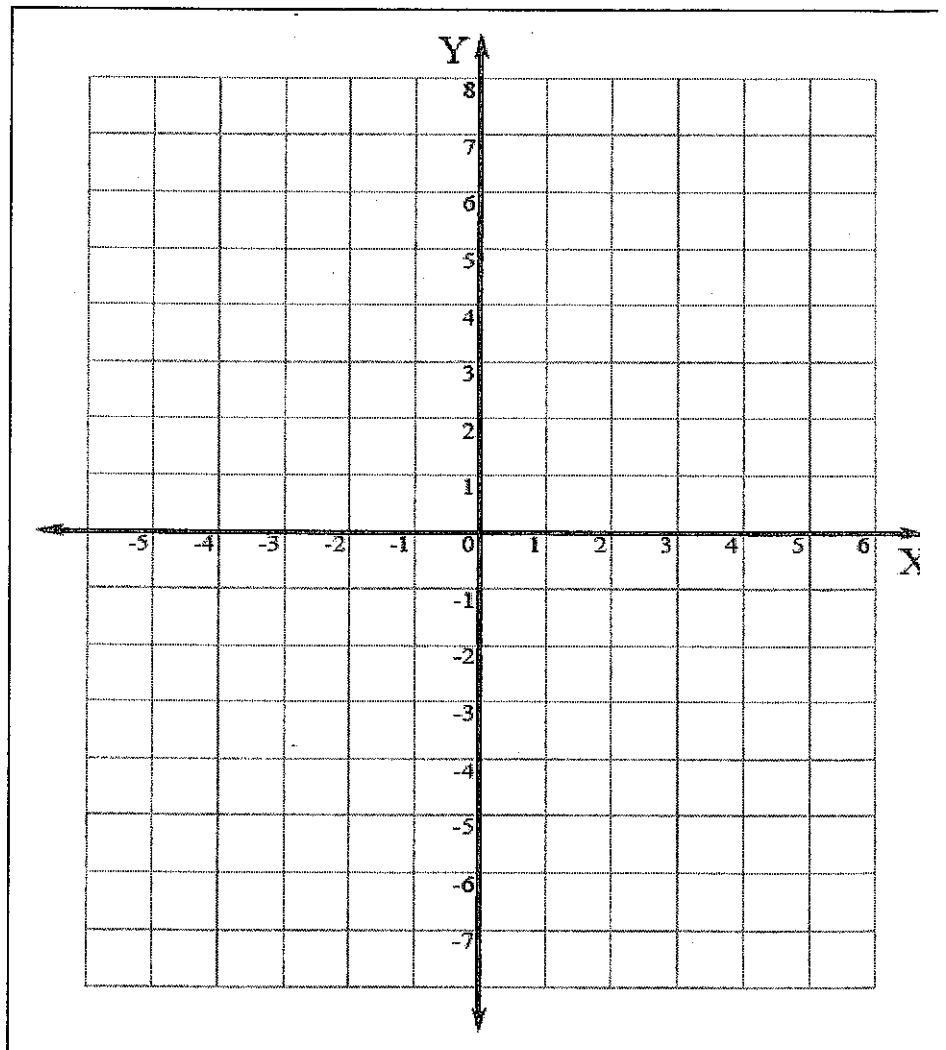
1) (4,5) (6,7)

2) (-2, -8) (6, -10)

3) a) Complete a table for the function  $f(x) = x^2 - 5$

b) Then graph the function.

x	$x^2 - 5$	f(x)	(x, f(x))
-2			
-1			
0			
1			
2			
3			



Use the graph of the function to answer the following questions.

(use slope formula)

c) What is the average rate of change from  $x = 0$  to  $x = 1$ ?

d) What is the average rate of change from  $x = 1$  to  $x = 2$ ?

e) What is the average rate of change from  $x = 2$  to  $x = 3$ ?

f) Why isn't the average rate of change constant for this function?

Rate of Change

Name \_\_\_\_\_

The following table represents the time and distance Mrs. Bechtold ran.

Time (hours)	.5	1	2	2.5	3	4	4.5	5	5.5
Distance (miles)	1	3	5	6	8	9	9.5	11	12

1. Find the rate of change between hours 2 and 4.

- a) 2      b) 3      c) -1      d) 4

2. Find the rate of change between hours 4.5 and 5.

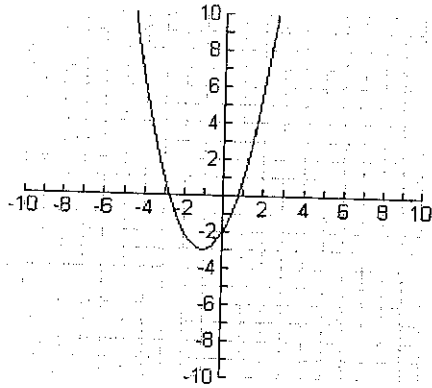
- a) 1.5      b) -2      c) 3      d) 6

3. If you graphed this would you have a linear function? Why or why not?

- a) Yes, this would be a linear function because the rate of change is the same.  
b) No, this would not be a linear function because the rates of change are different.  
c) Yes, this would be a linear function because the rates of change are different.  
d) No, this would not be a linear function because the rates of change are the same.

Use the graph below to answer questions 4 – 7.

4. Given the following graph, find the rate of change from  $x = 2$  and  $x = -1$ .



- a)  $-8/3$       b)  $8/3$       c)  $3/8$       d)  $-3/8$

5. What is the rate of change from  $x = 0$  and  $x = 2$ ?

- a)  $7/2$       b)  $2/7$       c)  $-2/7$       d)  $7/2$

6. Is the function above a linear function? Why or why not?

- a) Yes, it is linear because the rate of change is constant  
b) Yes, it is linear because the rate of change is different  
c) No, it is not a linear function because the rate of change is different  
d) No, it is not a linear function because the rate of change is constant