

## Absolute value

$$|-3| = 3, |101| = 101$$

The distance between  $a, b$  is  $|a-b|$

Note:  $\frac{|a+b|}{2} \stackrel{?}{=} \text{midpoint}$  NO

•  $3, 7 \rightarrow \text{distance } |3-7| = |-4| = 4$

$$\frac{|3+7|}{2} = \frac{10}{2} = 5$$

•  $-4, 11 \rightarrow \text{distance: } |-4-11| = |-15| = 15$

$$\frac{|-4+11|}{2} = \frac{|7|}{2} = 3.5$$

•  $-4, 1 \rightarrow \text{distance: } |1-(-4)| = |5| = 5$

$$\frac{|-4+1|}{2} = \frac{|-3|}{2} = 1.5$$

## Difference quotient

Given a function  $f$ , the difference quotient is given by

$$\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

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Find the difference quotient (simplify)

•  $f(x) = 3x$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} &= \frac{3(x+h) - 3x}{h} = \frac{3x + 3h - 3x}{h} \\ &= \frac{3h}{h} = \boxed{3}\end{aligned}$$

•  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x$

$$\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \frac{\overbrace{(x+h)^2 - 2(x+h)}^{f(x+h)} - \overbrace{(x^2 - 2x)}^{f(x)}}{h}$$

$\frac{h+3}{h} \neq \frac{1+3}{1}$

•  $f(x) = 2x + 1$   
 $y = 2x + 1$

Find the y-coordinate corresp. to  $x=2$ . (replace  $x$  with 2)

$$y = 2 \cdot 2 + 1 = 5$$

• Find the function value when  $x=2$ .

$$f(2) = 2 \cdot 2 + 1 = 5$$

$$f(x) = x^2 + x - 2$$

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$$\text{Find } f(1) = (1)^2 + (1) - 2 = 1 + 1 - 2 = \boxed{0}$$

$$f(3) = (3)^2 + (3) - 2 = 9 + 3 - 2 = \boxed{10}$$

$$f(-2) = (-2)^2 + (-2) - 2 = 4 - 2 - 2 = \boxed{0}$$

$$f(a) = a^2 + a - 2$$

$$f(0) = 0^2 + 0 - 2$$

$$f(x+h) = (x+h)^2 + (x+h) - 2$$

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

$$\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \frac{(x+h)^2 - 2 \cdot (x+h) - (x^2 - 2x)}{h}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{x^2} + 2xh + h^2 - \cancel{2x} - 2h - \cancel{x^2} + \cancel{2x}}{h}$$

$$= \frac{-2xh + h^2 - 2h}{h} = \frac{h(2x + h - 2)}{h} = \boxed{2x + h - 2}$$

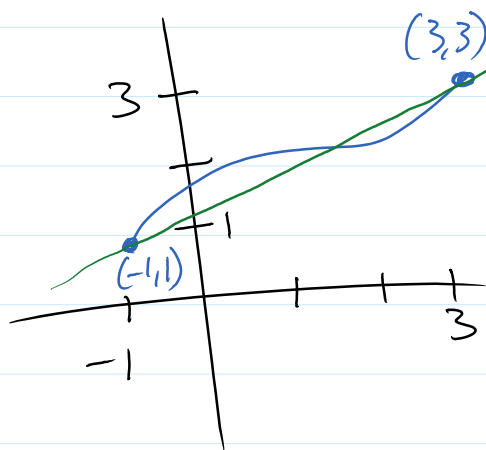
$$f(x) = \sqrt{2x}$$

$$\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \frac{\sqrt{2(x+h)} - \sqrt{2x}}{h}$$

$$(a-b)(a+b)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\sqrt{2x+2h} - \sqrt{2x}}{h} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2x+2h} + \sqrt{2x}}{\sqrt{2x+2h} + \sqrt{2x}} \\
 &= \frac{(\sqrt{2x+2h})^2 - (\sqrt{2x})^2}{h(\sqrt{2x+2h} + \sqrt{2x})} = \frac{\cancel{2x} + 2h - \cancel{2x}}{h(\sqrt{2x+2h} + \sqrt{2x})} \\
 &= \frac{2h}{h(\sqrt{2x+2h} + \sqrt{2x})} = \boxed{\frac{2}{\sqrt{2x+2h} + \sqrt{2x}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Average rate of change of a function



← slope is the average rate of change of  $f(x)$  between  $x = -1$ , and  $x = 3$ .

$$\text{slope: } \frac{y_1 - y_2}{x_1 - x_2} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

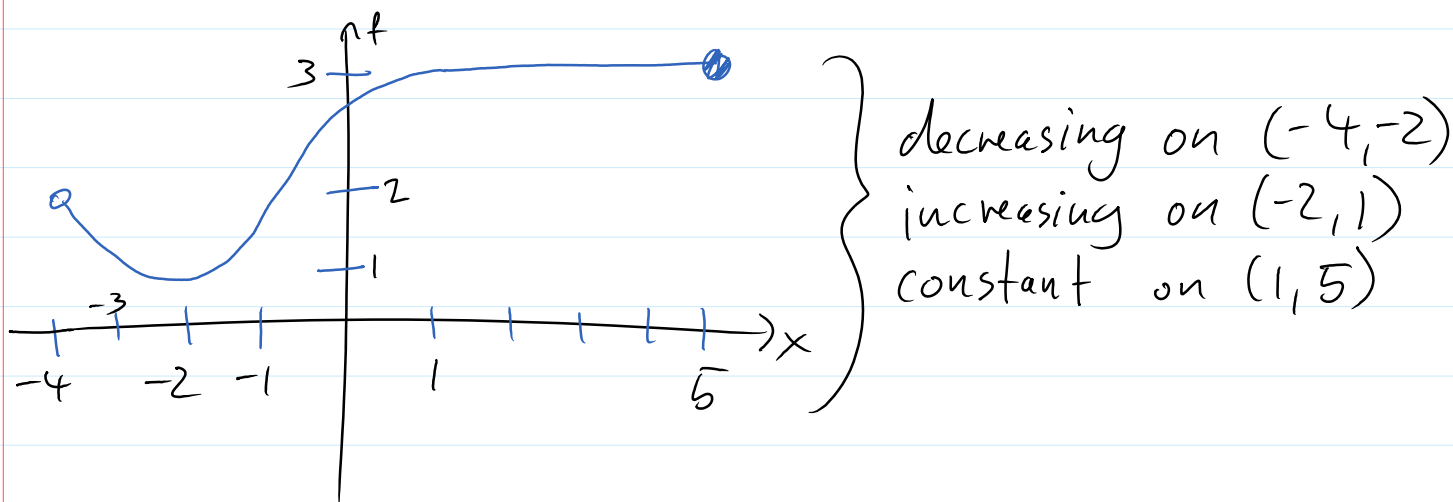
$$\frac{3 - 1}{3 - (-1)} = \frac{2}{4} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$

The average rate of change of  $f(x)$  between  $x_1$  and  $x_2$

$$\frac{f(x_1) - f(x_2)}{x_1 - x_2} = \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$\frac{f(x_1) - f(x_2)}{x_1 - x_2} = \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1}$$

Increasing / decreasing / constant



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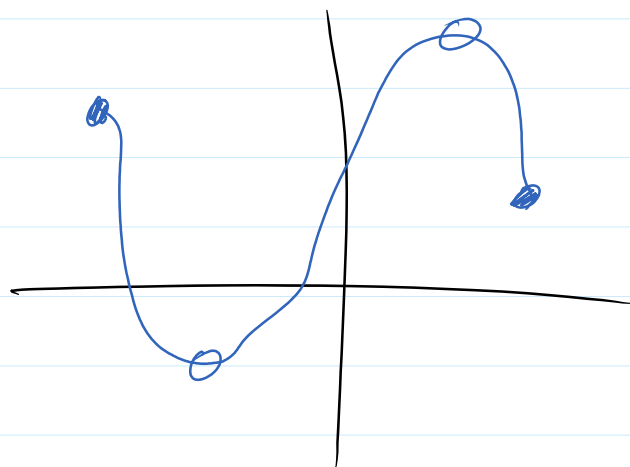
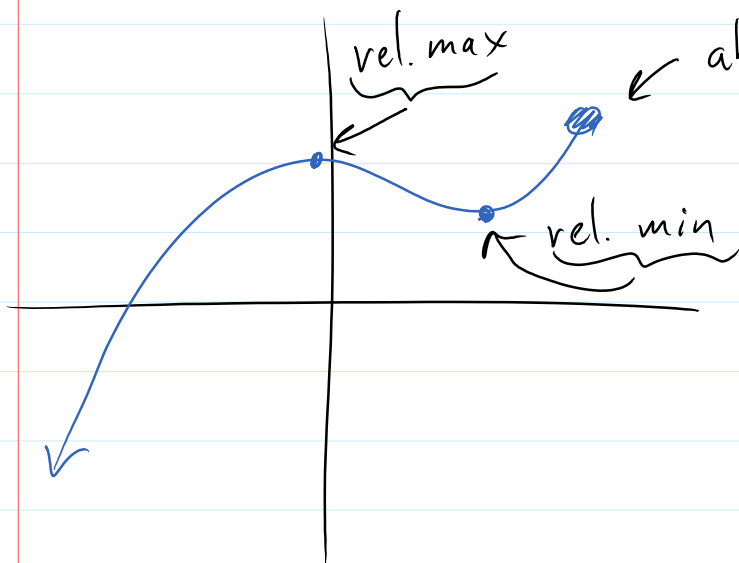
- increasing if  $f(x_1) < f(x_2)$  for all  $x_1 < x_2$  in  $I$
- decreasing if  $f(x_1) > f(x_2)$  for all  $x_1 < x_2$  in  $I$
- constant if  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$  for all  $x_1 < x_2$  in  $I$ .

Def: relative maximum or min:

A function  $f$  defined on an open interval  $I$ , has a rel.  $\begin{cases} \text{max} \\ \text{min} \end{cases}$  at  $x=c$  if  $\begin{cases} f(c) > f(x) \\ f(c) < f(x) \end{cases}$  for all  $x$  in  $I$ .

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A function  $f$  with the domain  $D$  has an absolute  $\left. \begin{matrix} \text{min} \\ \text{max} \end{matrix} \right\}$  at  $x=c$  if  $\left\{ \begin{matrix} f(c) < f(x) \\ f(c) > f(x) \end{matrix} \right\}$  for all  $x$  in  $D$ .



no absolute min  
no abs. max

## Symmetry

The graph of the equation is symmetric with respect to  $\left\{ \begin{matrix} \text{y-axis} \\ \text{x-axis} \\ \text{origin} \end{matrix} \right\}$  if substituting

$\left\{ \begin{matrix} -x \text{ for } x \\ -y \text{ for } y \\ -x \text{ for } x, -y \text{ for } y \end{matrix} \right\}$  in the equation results in an equivalent equation

Ex:  $x = y^2 - 1$

y-axis  
 $-x = y^2 - 1$   
**NO**

origin  
 $-x = (-y)^2 - 1$   
 $-x = y^2 - 1$   
**NO**

x-axis  
 $x = (-y)^2 - 1$   
 $x = y^2 - 1$   
**yes**

Ex:  $y = x^3$

origin

$-y = (-x)^3$   
 $-y = -x^3 \quad (\cdot (-1))$   
 $y = x^3$   
**yes**

y-axis  
 $y = (-x)^3$   
 $y = -x^3$   
**NO**

x-axis  
 $-y = x^3 \quad (\cdot (-1))$   
 $y = -x^3$   
**NO**

A function is • odd if it is sym. with respect to the origin ( $f(-x) = -f(x)$ )

• even if it is sym. with resp to the y-axis ( $f(-x) = f(x)$ )



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