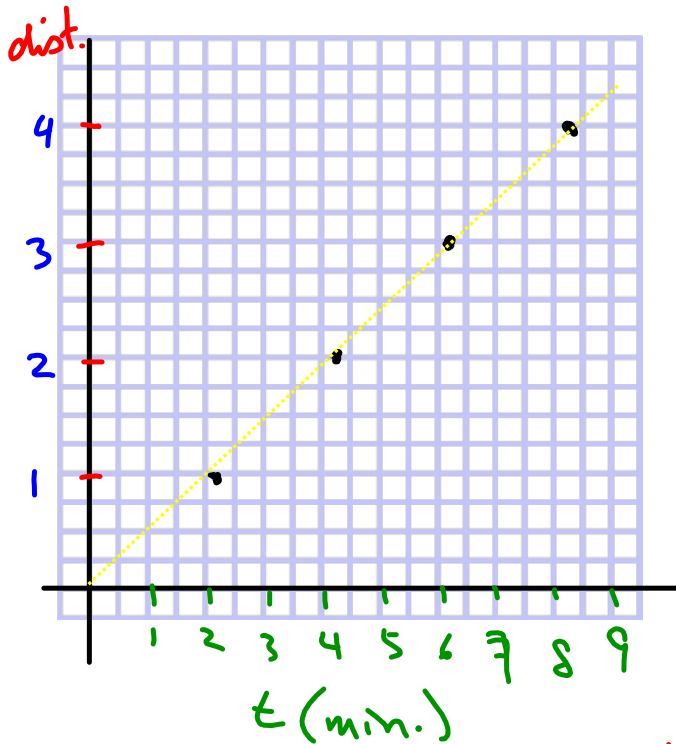


Get into pairs. One of you must have a watch with a seconds hand on it.



lap	time
1	2:12
2	4:13
3	6:12 = 372 sec.
4	8:19
	$(8)(60) + 19 = 499 \text{ s}$

①  $t_{\text{Avg. per trip}} = \frac{499}{4} = 125 \text{ s}$

②  $t_{\text{Avg. for trips 1 to 3}} = \frac{372}{3} = 124 \text{ s}$

③ fastest lap : lap 3 @ 119 Sec.

④  $t_{\text{Avg. for 2 to 4}} = \frac{367}{3} = 122 \text{ Sec.}$

## Average Rate of Change - AROC

definition -

the average rate of change is how much the dependent variable (usually y) changes for a given interval of the independent variable (usually x)

$$\text{AROC} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$$

look familiar?  $\rightarrow$   $\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$   
slope

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

Example 1:

For each function, determine the average rate of change on the intervals [0, 2] [2, 4] and [4, 6]

(a)  $f(x) = 2x - 7$

(b)  $g(x) = x^2 - x$

$$[0, 2] = \frac{f(2) - f(0)}{2 - 0} \xrightarrow{\text{same}} \frac{[(2)^2 - (2)] - [0^2 - 0]}{2 - 0}$$

$$= \frac{[2(2) - 7] - [2(0) - 7]}{2} = \frac{2 - 0}{2}$$

$$= \frac{(-3) - (-7)}{2} = 1$$

$$= \frac{4}{2} = 2$$

$$[2, 4] = \frac{f(4) - f(2)}{4 - 2}$$

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

$$= \frac{4}{2} = 2$$

$$[2, 4] = \frac{f(4) - f(2)}{4 - 2}$$

$$= \frac{[(4)^2 - (4)] - [(2)^2 - (2)]}{2}$$

$$= \frac{(12) - (2)}{2} = 5$$

$$[4, 6] = 2$$

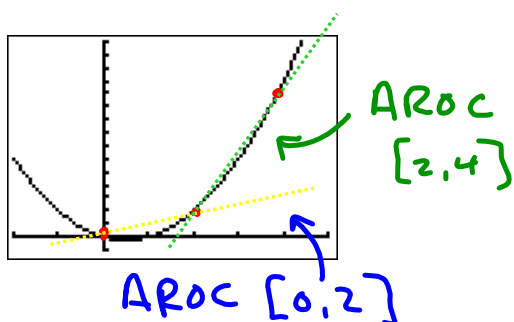
... linear ...  
 it will always  
 be 2

$$[4, 6] = \frac{[(6)^2 - (4)] - [(4)^2 - (4)]}{6 - 4}$$

$$= \frac{(30) - (12)}{2} = \frac{18}{2} = 9$$

AROC changes for  
 non-linear functions

AROC... Graphically When we find the AROC we are finding the slope of the line connecting 2 points on the graph of the function



this line is called a secant

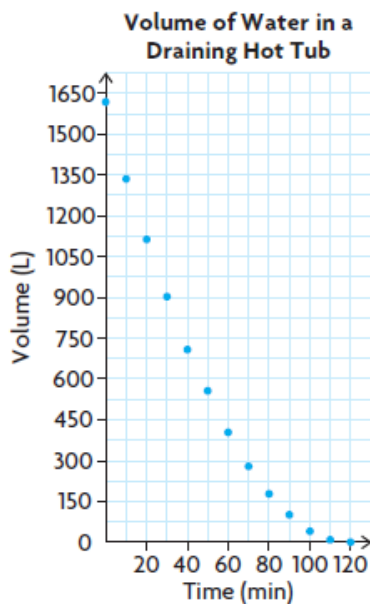
So another definition for AROC...

The average rate of change on the interval  $[x_1, x_2]$  is the slope of the secant passing through the points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$

## EXAMPLE 3

## Using a graph to determine the average rate of change

Andrew drains the water from a hot tub. The tub holds 1600 L of water. It takes 2 h for the water to drain completely. The volume  $V$ , in litres, of water remaining in the tub at various times  $t$ , in minutes, is shown in the table and graph.



Time (min)	Volume (L)
0	1600
10	1344
20	1111
30	900
40	711
50	544
60	400
70	278
80	178
90	100
100	44
110	10
120	0

$$i) \text{AROC } [30, 90]$$

$$= \frac{100 - 900}{90 - 30}$$

$$= \frac{-800}{60} = -13.3 \text{ L/min}$$

$$ii) \frac{100 - 400}{90 - 60} = -\frac{300}{30} = -10 \text{ L/min}$$

$$iii) \frac{10 - 100}{110 - 90} = -\frac{90}{20} = -4.5 \text{ L/min}$$

$$iv) \frac{0 - 10}{120 - 110} = -\frac{10}{10} = -1 \text{ L/min}$$

- a) Calculate the average rate of change in volume during each of the following time intervals.

i)  $30 \leq t \leq 90$

iii)  $90 \leq t \leq 110$

ii)  $60 \leq t \leq 90$

iv)  $110 \leq t \leq 120$

- b) Why is the rate of change in volume negative during each of these time intervals?

$\rightarrow$  H<sub>2</sub>O is leaving the tub

- c) Does the hot tub drain at a constant rate? Explain.

not constant... pressure is always changing with the level of H<sub>2</sub>O



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