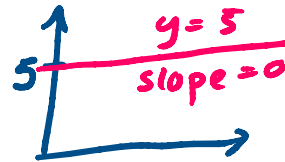


$$y = 4x^1 \quad \text{Slope} = 4$$

$$dy/dx = 4x^{1-1} = 4x^0 = 4(1) = 4$$

$$y = mx + c$$

$$y = -3x^1 + 5 \quad \text{Slope} = -3$$

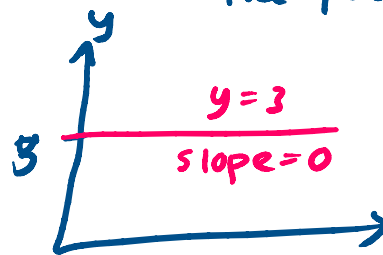


$$dy/dx = -3x^{1-1} = -3x^0 \Rightarrow -3(1) = -3$$

$$y = 7x^4 + 3x^3 + 5x^2 - 9x + 3$$

$$dy/dx = 28x^3 + 9x^2 + 10x - 9$$

Multiply the power by coefficient then subtract 1 from the power.



$$y = \frac{2}{3}x^1$$

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Slope.

$$dy/dx = \frac{2}{3}$$



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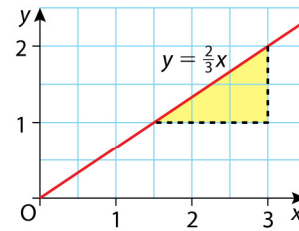
Section 18.1 The slope of a line _____

Exercise 18.1

1. Use the given grid to write down the rate of change of y with respect to x .

Give another name for this rate of change.

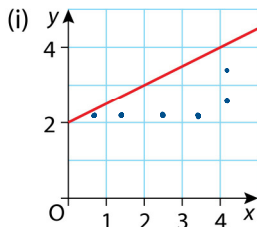
Now write down the value of $\frac{dy}{dx}$.



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Exercise 18.1

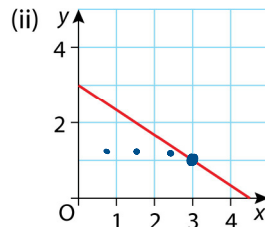
2. Write down the rate of change of y with respect to x ($\frac{dy}{dx}$) in each of these grids:



$$\frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{Run}} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

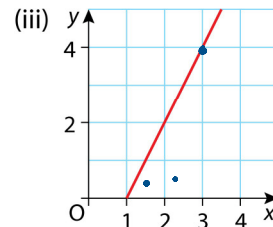
$$\text{Slope} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}$$



$$\frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{Run}} = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$\text{Slope} = -\frac{2}{3} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$



$$\frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{Run}} = \frac{4}{2} = 2$$

$$\text{Slope} = 2 = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

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Exercise 18.1

3. Write down $\frac{dy}{dx}$ for each of these linear functions:

(i) $y = 3x^1$

(ii) $y = 2x^1 - 1$

(iii) $y = 4x + 3$

(iv) $y = 5x + 6$

(v) $y = -2x$

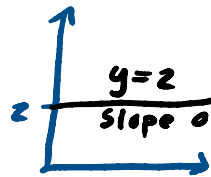
(vi) $y = -3x + 7$

(vii) $y = 7x - \frac{1}{2}$

(viii) $y = 2$

1) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^{1-1}$
 $3x^0$
 $3(1)$
 $= 3$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x^{1-1}$
 $2x^0$
 $2(1)$
 $= 2$



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Exercise 18.1

4. Find the rate of change of y with respect to x ($\frac{dy}{dx}$) for the line joining

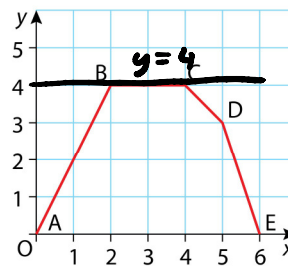
(i) A and B $\frac{4}{2} = 2$

(ii) B and C $\text{slope} = 0$

(iii) C and D -1

(iv) D and E -3

Explain why $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is negative for the line joining D and E.



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Exercise 18.1

5. $y = 3x - 2$ is a linear function.

By completing the table of outputs on the right, write down the difference between the outputs.

Now write down the value of $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

What is the connection between the difference of the outputs and $\frac{dy}{dx}$?

$$y = 3(1) - 2 = 1$$

$$y = 3(2) - 2 = 4$$

$$y = 3(3) - 2 = 7$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^1$$

$$3x^{1-1}$$

$$3x^0$$

$$3(1) = 3$$

x	y	Dif
0	-2	
1	1	3
2	4	+3
3	7	+3

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Exercise 18.1

6. Make up a function of your own for the following rates of change. (The first one is done for you.)

$$y = 5x^2 = 10x$$

$$y = 6x + 7$$

$$y = -4x + 21$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x + 120$$

$$y = 69 \quad y = 125$$

$\frac{dy}{dx}$	Function
$\frac{dy}{dx} = 10$	$y = 10x$
$\frac{dy}{dx} = 6$	
$\frac{dy}{dx} = -4$	
$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}$	
$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$	

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Exercise 18.1

7. Copy and complete the table below by writing a function to suit the given information. (The first one is done for you.)

y-intercept	$\frac{dy}{dx}$ Slope	Function
3	2	$y = 2x + 3$
-2	4	$y = 4x - 2$
-3	2	$y = 2x - 3$
0	4	$y = 4x$
2	$\frac{1}{2}$	$y = \frac{1}{2}x + 2$
0	$\frac{2}{3}$	$y = \frac{2}{3}x$

$$y = mx + c$$

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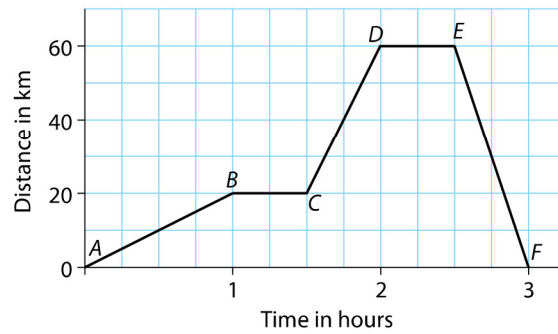
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8. (i) An aunt decides to give her niece €50 pocket money on the 1st January and she increases it by €10 per year from then on.
What is the rate of change of pocket money with respect to time (years)?
- (ii) A train travels at a steady speed of 80 km/hr.
What is the rate of change of distance (km) with respect to time (hours)?
- (iii) A sunflower is 5 cm in height when bought and grows 3 cm per week thereafter.
What is the rate of change of height (cm) in relation to time (weeks)?

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Exercise 18.1

9. The distance–time graph shows the journey of a motorcyclist who set out from town A.



- (i) What is the rate of change of distance in relation to time for the journey from A to B?
- (ii) What is the average speed from A to B?
- (iii) What is the slope of the line BC?
- (iv) What is the average speed between B and C?
- (v) What is the average speed between C and D?
- (vi) What is the rate of change of distance in relation to time for the journey from E to F?
Suggest another way of asking this question.

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Answers 18.1

1. $\frac{2}{3}$; slope; $\frac{2}{3}$
2. (i) $\frac{1}{2}$ (ii) $-\frac{2}{3}$ (iii) 2
3. (i) 3 (ii) 2 (iii) 4 (iv) 5
(v) -2 (vi) -3 (vii) 7 (viii) 0
4. (i) 2 (ii) 0 (iii) -1
(iv) -3 ; as the line is falling (from left to right)
5. 3; 3; same
8. (i) €10/year (ii) 80 km/hr
(iii) 3 cm/week
9. (i) 20 km/hr (ii) 20 km/hr
(iii) 0 (iv) 0 km/h
(v) 80 km/hr (vi) 120 km/hr