

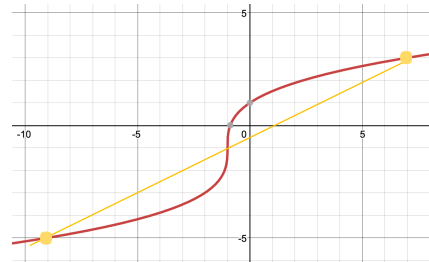
Ok, so we know the original one is a cubic function.  
We also know it is *stretched* and *shifted* to the left 1 and down 1.

*Sweet, we have the function. Now what?*

Well, you are trying to find the average rate of change over  $[-9, 7]$  You can also say this as the change over -9 and 7.

*Which means what?*

It means the slope of **the line** between wherever (-9) on the x-axis is and 7 on the x-axis.



*Isn't there an equation?*

Sure there is. If you remember, the equation for slope is  $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$

For rate of change it is the same but they term it  $m = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$

*How is that the same?*

Remember that a function can also be written as an expression replacing the  $f(x)$  with "y" You can replace your interval numbers with the two x-values.

Let's make it easier and give them variables.

**a (or  $x_1$ ) = -9** and **b (or  $x_2$ ) = 7**. and  **$f(a) = 2(-9+1)^{1/3} - 1$** .  **$f(b) = 2(7+1)^{1/3} - 1$**

*Can't I just find "y" on the graph?*

YES



Either way, find your  $f(x)$  or "y" values and then plug them into the equation and ta-da!

*Same as cube root*