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- We only find slope for linear functions
- The slope of a line does not change no matter where you find it on the line.
- ► This is called constant rate of change

What do we do for other types of functions?

Find the average rate of change in a specific interval. (It will change for each different interval!)







## Example 2 • Find the average rate of change for $f(x) = x^3 - 3x$ on the interval from x = -2 to x = 0. $\frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{f(0) - f(-2)}{0 - (-2)} = \frac{0 - (-2)}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$ Find the average rate of change for $f(x) = x^3 - 3x$ on the interval from x = 2 to x = 3.

