

## Rate


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## Math Monday \#3

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\frac{d y}{d t}=\frac{(5.7-3.1)}{(4-2)} \\
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\frac{d y}{d t}=\frac{\left(y_{2}-y_{1}\right)}{\left(x_{2}-x_{1}\right)} \\
\frac{d y}{d t}=\frac{(190-80)}{(30-10)} \\
\frac{d y}{d t}=\frac{(110)}{(20)}=5.5
\end{gathered}
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