

Let

$$y = f(x) = 3x^2.$$

- 1 pt (1) What is the average rate of change of $f(x)$ between $x = 2$ and $x = 2.1$

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{3(2.1)^2 - 3(2)^2}{2.1 - 2} = 12.3$$

$$\underline{12.3}$$

- 1 pt (2) What is the average rate of change of $f(x)$ between $x = 2$ and $x = 2.01$

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{3(2.01)^2 - 3(2)^2}{2.01 - 2} = 12.03$$

$$\underline{12.03}$$

- 2 pts (3) What is the average rate of change between $x = 2$ and $x = 2 + h$? Simply your answer.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} &= \frac{3(2+h)^2 - 3(2)^2}{(2+h) - 2} \\ &= \frac{3(4+4h+h^2) - 12}{h} \\ &= \frac{12+12h+3h^2-12}{h} \\ &= \frac{h(12+3h)}{h} = 12+3h\end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{12+3h}$$

- 1 pt (4) What is the instantaneous rate of change at $x = 2$? (HINT: Let $h = 0$ in your answer to Problem 3.)

$$\underline{12.0}$$