

7. Given the function $d(x) = x^2 + 2x$,
the average rate of change from $x=1$ to $x=5$ is:

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-8

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Solution

Using the average rate of change formula:

$$\text{The average rate of change} = \frac{d(5) - d(1)}{5 - 1}$$

$$= \frac{(1(5)^2 + 2(5)) - (1(1)^2 + 2(1))}{4}$$

$$= \frac{35 - 3}{4}$$

$$= 8$$