

8. Given the function $c(q)=q^2+2q$, find an equation of the secant line containing $(3,c(3))$ and $(6,c(6))$. Express the equation in slope-intercept form.

$$g = -48 + 11q$$

$$g = 48 - 11q$$

$$g = -18 + 11q$$

$$g = -17 + \frac{34q}{3}$$

Solution

The line passing through the two points has the slope:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{c(6)-c(3)}{6-3} \\ &= \frac{(1(6)^2+2(6))-(1(3)^2+2(3))}{3} \\ &= \frac{48-15}{3} \\ &= 11 \end{aligned}$$

using one of the points, say $(3,15)$ and the slope to get the equation of the secant line:

$$g-15 = 11(q-3)$$

The equation in slope-intercept form:

$$g = -18 + 11q$$