

Quiz 1. *True/False:* If you had a bill of \$25.77 and were going to pay a tip of 20%, the total amount you would pay could be computed by finding $25.77(1.20)$.

Solution. The statement is *true*. Recall to calculate a percentage of a number N , we compute $N \cdot \%$, where N is the number and $\%$ is the percentage (written as a decimal). For instance, to compute 57% of 23, we compute $23(0.57) = 13.11$. To compute 172% of 150, we compute $150(1.72) = 258$. However, to compute a $\%$ percent increase or decrease of a number N , we compute $N(1 \pm \%)$, where N is the number, $\%$ is the percentage as a decimal, and we choose plus for increase and negative for decrease. For instance, to compute a 75% decrease of 13, we compute $13(1 - 0.75) = 13(0.25) = 3.25$. To compute a 115% increase of 120, we compute $120(1 + 1.15) = 120(2.15) = 258$. Here, we are increasing 25.77 by 20%, so we compute $25.77(1 + 0.20) = 25.77(1.20)$.

Quiz 2. *True/False:* The amount of concrete in tons, C , used to repair r roads remaining in a storage facility is given by $C(r) = 450.7 - 16.3r$. Because this function is linear, we can interpret the slope of $C(r)$ as saying that each road uses approximately 16.3 tons of concrete to repair.

Solution. The statement is *true*. The slope of the linear function $C(r) = 450.7 - 16.3r$ is...

$$m = -16.3 = -\frac{16.3}{1} = \frac{-16.3}{1}$$

Thinking of this slope as $\frac{\Delta_{\text{output}}}{\Delta_{\text{input}}}$, we can see that for each one increase in r , i.e. one additional road, there is a decrease by 16.3 tons in the amount of concrete remaining. Therefore, we can summarize this as that each road requires approximately 16.3 tons of concrete to repair.

Quiz 3. *True/False:* A company sells a product for \$5.75 per item. Each item costs approximately \$1.37 to manufacture and is produced in a machine that costs \$87.50 to operate. Given this data, we have $R(x) = 5.75$ and $C(x) = (1.37 + 87.50)x = 88.88x$.

Solution. The statement is *false*. If one sells x items, the revenue is $R(x) = 5.75 \cdot x = 5.75x$. Therefore, $R(x)$ is correct. However, we know that $C(x) = \text{VC} + \text{FC}$. The fixed costs are the machine operation costs, i.e. $\text{FC} = \$87.50$. The variable costs are the \$1.37 cost per item. If x items are produced, then the manufacture costs are $\text{VC} = 1.37 \cdot x = 1.37x$. Therefore, $C(x) = \text{VC} + \text{FC} = 1.37x + 87.50$.

Quiz 4. *True/False:* If the following matrix represents an augmented matrix in RREF, then the corresponding system has solution $x_1 = 5$, $x_2 = -3$, and $x_3 = 7$.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$