Constructing linear functions

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A cyclist is riding downhill on a smooth road which starts at the top of a hill and descends towards the ocean. His height h above the ocean level is a function of the distance d from the top of the hill. The top of the hill has a height of $h = 1200$ m. For each 1000 m of distance traveled, his height h decreases by 200 m.

Find the equation which describes h as a function of d.

Ans   The equation which describes the height h as a function of the distance d is [[? expression 1]] h = 1200 - 0.2d

Hint 1   We're given the description of a real-world situation and asked to find the mathematical equation which describes it. We want to find the equation which describes the height of the cyclist h as a function of the distance d traveled from the top of the hill.

Hint 2   The initial height of the cyclist when he starts at the top of the hill is 1200 m. This height corresponds to a distance of $d = 0$ m from the starting point.

Hint 3   Now let's find the rate of change of the height of the cyclist as he travels down the hill. We are told that for each 1000 m of distance traveled, his height h decreases by 200 m. We calculate the rate of change of the height function by dividing the the change in the height by the change in the distance:
$$m = \frac{\text{change in } h}{\text{change in } d} = \frac{-200}{1000} = -0.2.$$
For each meter of distance traveled, the height of the cyclist decreases by 0.2 meters.

Hint 4   The equation which describes the height h of the cyclist as a function of the distance d is the following:

$$h = 1200 - 0.2d.$$

Note that the height h is described by a *linear equation* $h = b + m \cdot d$, where $b = 1200$ represents the initial height and $m = -0.2$ represents the rate of change of the height.

Hint 5   The equation which describes h as a function of d is $h = 1200 - 0.2d$.

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David is visiting San Francisco. He wants to rent a bicycle for a couple of hours to be able to better explore the city. The price of the rental includes a base charge of $10 and an additional charge of $4 per hour.

Write the function which represents the price P for h hours of bike rental.

Ans   The price of the rental P as a function of the number of hours h is [[? expression 1]] P = 10+4*h

Hint 1   Let's use the information provided to figure out the function which describes the price P of the bike rental.

The bike rental includes a fixed charge of $10. This is the base amount David has to pay to rent out the bicycle.

To find the total price, we have to add the hourly charge which is $4 per hour. If David rents the bike for h hours, the hourly charge will be $4h$ dollars.

Hint 2   The price of the bike rental is described by the following equation:
$$P = 10 + 4h.$$
Note the price function corresponds to a linear equation $P = b + mh$. The number b corresponds to the fixed price of the bike rental, which is $10. The number $m = 4$ corresponds to the hourly rate.

Hint 3   The price of the rental P for h hours is $P = 4h + 10$ dollars.

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Arlo is setting up a rooftop garden with vegetables. He has a budget of $80 for this project. He drives to a local farm to buy the plants. The farmer offers to sell him pepper plants for $2 each and tomato plants for $3 each.

Assume that Arlo wants to spend the *entire* budget at this farm. **Write an equation which describes the number of pepper plants p as a function of the number of tomato plants t that Arlo can buy.**

Ans   The number of pepper plants p and the number of tomato plants t are related by the equation [[? expression 1]] p = 40 - (3/2)*t

Hint 1 We're trying to find an equation which relates the number of pepper plants p and the number of tomato plants t that Arlo can buy for *exactly* $80.

Hint 2 The price for each pepper plant is $2, so the cost of p pepper plants is $2p$ dollars. The price of t tomato plants is $3t$ dollars. The total budget for purchasing the plants is $80.

Since we know Arlo wants to spend exactly $80, the equation which describes the relationship between the number of pepper and tomato plants he can buy is

$$80 = 2p + 3t.$$

The individual numbers p and t can vary, but we know these numbers are *related* because the combined cost of the purchase needs to equal $80.

Hint 3 We can also think of the number of pepper plants as a function of the number of tomato plants. If Arlo chooses to buy some number of tomato plants t, then the number of pepper plants p will *depend* on the number t.

To find p as a function of t let's start with the original equation and rewrite it so that p appears isolated on one side of the equation:

$$2p + 3t = 80$$
$$2p + 3t \quad -3t = 80-3t$$
$$2p = 80 - 3t$$
$$\frac{1}{2}\left(2p\right) = \frac{1}{2}\left(80 - 3t\right)$$
$$p = 40 - \frac{3}{2}t.$$

Note how, in the above equations, we perform the same operation to the left-hand side and to the right-hand side of the equation.

The equation $p = 40 - \frac{3}{2}t$ describes how the number of pepper plants depends on the number of tomato plants. If Arlo wants to buy $t = 10$ tomato plants, he will be able to buy $p = 40 - \frac{3}{2}(10) = 25$ pepper plants.

Hint 4 **The equations which describes p as a function of t is $p = 40 - \frac{3}{2}t$.**

Hint 5 Note that we could also start from the relation $2p+3t = 80$ and isolate t to obtain the equation $t = \frac{80}{3} - \frac{2}{3}p$. This equation describes t as a function of p. In other words, we choose the number of pepper plants first, and then the number of tomato plants depends on that choice**.**

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Jane runs a company which manufactures bicycles. The operating costs of Jane's company are of two types. Each month, the company must cover the fixed costs of $3000 for rent and utilities. The production costs are $100 per bicycle.

What is the equation which describes the costs C as a function of the number of bicycles produced x?

Ans The equation that describes C as a function of x is [[? expression 1]] C=3000 + 100x

Hint 1 We're trying to find the equation which corresponds to the operating costs C of Jane's company as a function of the number of bicycles produced x. We know the fixed costs are $3000 per month. Additionally, there is a production cost of $100 per bicycle.

Hint 2 The *fixed costs* of a company is the part of the costs that are present even when Jane's company does not produce any items $x = 0$. We know that each month Jane has to pay 3000 dollars for rent and utilities and that this number does not depend on the number of bicycles produced.

Hint 3 Now let's look at the variable costs. The *variable* costs of a company depend on the number of bicycles produced.

If Jane produces x bicycles this month, her variable costs will be $100x$ dollars, since each bicycle costs $100 to produce.

Hint 4 The total of the costs of Jane's company is the sum of the fixed costs and the variable costs:
$$C = 100x + 3000 \text{ dollars.}$$

Hint 5 Note that the total costs of the company are described by a linear equation of the form $C = mx + b$, where the number m corresponds to the *unit cost of production*, and b is the *initial value* of the function.

Hint 6 The equation that describes C as a function of x is $C = 100x + 3000$.

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Jessica works in sales. Her monthly salary is calculated as a base amount of $2000 plus a commission of $100 for each sale she makes. Assume n represents the number of sales Jessica makes, and S represents her monthly salary.

Find the equation which represents Jessica's monthly salary S as a function of the number of sales n.

Ans The equation which describes S as a function of n is [[? expression 1]] S= 2000+100*n

Hint 1 We are told Jessica's salary S increases by \$$100$ for each sale she makes. Also, we know that she receives a base amount of \$$2000$. Let's see how we can use the information provided to figure out the function which describes Jessica's monthly salary.

Hint 2 The initial value of the salary function is \$$2000$. This is the base amount Jessica earns even when she makes $n = 0$ sales.

The rate of change of the salary function is \$$100$ per sale because this is how much she makes per sale. If n increases by one, her salary S will increase by \$$100$.

We can combine these two facts to find Jessica's monthly salary S as a function of the number of sales n:

$$S = 100n + 2000.$$

Hint 3 Note that the salary S is described by a *linear equation* $S = m \cdot n + b$, where $b = 2000$ represents the initial value of the function and $m = 100$ represents the rate of change of the function.

Hint 4 The equation which describes S as a function of n is $S = 2000 + 100n$.

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Monica manages a content company which specializes in producing news articles that cover scientific topics. The company's staff writers produce 100 articles each week. In addition, Monica can hire contractors who produce 5 articles each week.

Write the equation which describes the total number of articles produced by the company N, as a function of the number of contractors hired n.

Ans The equation which describes the number of articles produced N as a function of the number of contractors n is [[? expression 1]] N = 100 + 5n

Hint 1 Let's use the information provided to figure out how many articles the content company will produce in total.

Hint 2 If Monica hires zero contractors, $n = 0$, then only the staff writers will write articles so the total amount of articles will be 100.

Each of the contractors Monica hires will produce 5 articles per week, so if Monica hires n contractor writers they will produce $5n$ additional articles.

Hint 3 To find the total number of articles produced by Monica's company, we must combine the articles produced by the staff writers and the articles produced by the contractors.

The number of articles N produced when n contractors are hired will be

$$N = 100 + 5n.$$

Note that the number of articles N is described by a *linear equation* $N = b + m \cdot n$, where $b = 100$ represents the initial value of the function, and $m = 5$ represents the increase in the number of articles produced by hiring more contractors.

Hint 4 The equation which describes N as a function of n is $N = 100 + 5n$.

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Frida receives \$10 in pocket money from her parents each week. She uses some of this money to buy ice cream (there is a really good ice cream shop near her house), and puts the remaining money in her piggy bank. If she saves enough, one day she will be able to buy the whole ice cream shop!

Let n represent the number of ice cream cones Frida buys this week, and let s represent the amount of saved money Frida has left to put in the piggy bank this week. Each ice cream cone costs \$1.5. **What is the equation which describes s as a function of n?**

Ans The equation which describes the savings s which remain after Frida buys n ice cream cones is [[? expression 1]] s = 10 - 1.5n

Hint 1 We are told Frida's allowance is \$$10$ and that each ice cream cone costs \$$1.5$. We want to find the equation which describes Frida's saved money s as a function of the number of ice cream cones she buys.

Hint 2 The maximum savings Frida can add to her piggy bank is \$$10$. This corresponds to the case when she buys $n = 0$ ice cream cones.

Hint 3 To find the savings s for a given week, we must subtract the money spent on ice cream from the initial value of \$$10$. We obtain the following equation:

$$s = 10 - 1.5n.$$

Hint 4 The equation which describes s as a function of n is $s = 10 - 1.5n$.

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Arlo is setting up a rooftop garden with vegetables. He has a budget of $100 for this project. He drives to a local farm to buy the plants. The farmer offers to sell him pepper plants for $2 each and tomato plants for $4 each.

Assume that Arlo wants to spend the *entire* budget at this farm. **Write an equation which describes the number of pepper plants p as a function of the number of tomato plants t that Arlo can buy.**

Ans The number of pepper plants p and the number of tomato plants t are related by the equation [[? expression 1]] 100 = 2p + 4t

Hint 1 We're trying to find an equation which relates the number of pepper plants p and the number of tomato plants t that Arlo can buy for *exactly* $100.

Hint 2 The price for each pepper plant is $2, so the cost of p pepper plants is $2p$ dollars. The price of t tomato plants is $4t$ dollars. The total budget for purchasing the plants is $100.

Since we know Arlo wants to spend exactly $100, the equation which describes the relationship between the number of pepper and tomato plants he can buy is

$$100 = 2p + 4t.$$

The individual numbers p and t can vary, but we know these numbers are *related* because the combined cost of the purchase needs to equal $100.

Hint 3 We can also think of the number of pepper plants as a function of the number of tomato plants. If Arlo chooses to buy some number of tomato plants t, then the number of pepper plants p will *depend* on the number t.

To find p as a function of t let's start with the original equation and rewrite it so that p appears isolated on one side of the equation.

$$2p + 4t = 100$$
$$2p + 4t \ -4t = 100-4t$$
$$2p = 100 - 4t$$
$$\frac{1}{2}\,(2p) = \frac{1}{2}\,(100 - 4t)$$
$$p = 50 - 2t.$$

Note how, in the above equations, we perform the same operation to the left-hand side and to the right-hand side of the equation.

The equation $p = 50 - 2t$ describes how the number of pepper plants depends on the number of tomato plants. If Arlo wants to buy $t = 10$ tomato plants, he will be able to buy $p = 50 - 2(10) = 30$ pepper plants.

Hint 4 **The equations which describes p as a function of t is $p = 50 - 2t$.**

Hint 5 Note that we could also start from the relation $2p + 4t = 100$ and isolate t to obtain the equation $t = 25 - \frac{1}{2}p$. This equation describes t as a function of p. In other words, we choose the number of pepper plants first, and then the number of tomato plants depends on that choice**.**

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Anton is visiting New York City. He wants to rent a bicycle for a couple of hours to be able to better explore the city. The price of the rental includes a base charge of $15 and an additional charge of $5 per hour.

Write the function which represents the price P for h hours of bike rental.

Ans The price of the rental P as a function of the number of hours h is [[? expression 1]] P = 15+5*h

Hint 1 Let's use the information provided to figure out the function which describes the price P of the bike rental.

The bike rental includes a fixed charge of $15. This is the base amount Anton has to pay to rent the bicycle.

To find the total price, we have to add the hourly charge which is $5 per hour. If Anton rents the bike for h hours, the hourly charge will be $5h$ dollars.

Hint 2 The price of the bike rental is described by the following equation:

$$P = 15 + 5h.$$

Note the price function corresponds to a linear equation $P = b + mh$. The number b corresponds to the fixed part of the bike rental, which is $15. The number $m = 5$ corresponds to the hourly rate.

Hint 3 The price of the rental P for h hours is $P = 5h + 15$ dollars.

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Eugene borrowed $100 from his friend and promised to return the money by paying back $10 each week. Assume L represents the amount of money left to pay and x represents the time in weeks.

Find the equation which describes L as a function of x.

Ans The equation which describes the money remaining for Eugene to pay back L as a function of the time x in weeks is [[? expression 1]] L = 100 -10*x

Hint 1 We're looking for the equation of the function which describes the amount of money L remaining for Eugene to pay back to his friend as a function of the time x measured in weeks.

Hint 2 The initial value of Eugene's debt is $\$100$. This is the amount Eugene has to pay back. Eugene's debt L decreases by $\$10$ each week. After x weeks, Eugene's debt will have decreased by $10x$ dollars.

Eugene's debt is described by the following equation:

$$L = 100 - 10 \cdot x.$$

Note that the loan remaining L is described by a *linear equation* $L = m \cdot x + b$. The initial value $b = 100$ represents the amount Eugene owes to his friend when $x = 0$. The rate of change of the function is $m = -10$ because each week Eugene pays back $\$10$ to his friend.

Hint 3 The equation which describes the money remaining for Eugene to pay back L as a function of the time x in weeks is $L = 100 - 10x$.

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The manager of an airline company wants to calculate how many mechanics he needs to hire to maintain the company's fleet of airplanes. It takes roughly 5 mechanics to maintain a plane. Additionally, the company requires 20 mechanics to take care of the airport facilities and to order replacement parts.

Suppose the variable n represents the number of planes the airline has in their fleet, and M represents the number of mechanics the company needs. **Find the equation which describes M as a function of n.**

Ans The equation which describes the number of mechanics M required to maintain a fleet of n planes is [[? expression 1]] M = 20 + 5*n

Hint 1 Let's use the information provided to figure out the function which describes how the number of mechanics the airline needs to hire M depends on the number of airplanes n in the fleet.

Hint 2 We're told that the upkeep of the airport facilities requires 20 mechanics. This number doesn't depend on the number of planes the airline operates.

Hint 3 We're also told that the maintenance of each plane requires 5 mechanics. Thus, if the airline has n planes, the airline needs to hire $5n$ mechanics to maintain them.

Hint 4 The total number of mechanics the airline needs to hire is the sum of the mechanics required to keep the airport facilities running plus the the mechanics required to maintain the planes.

Hint 5 The equation which describes the number of mechanics M required to maintain a fleet of n planes is $M = 20 + 5n$.

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A cyclist is riding downhill on a smooth road which starts at the top of a hill and descends towards the ocean. His height h above the ocean level is a function of the distance d from the top of the hill. The top of the hill has a height of 900 m. For each 1000 m of distance traveled, his height h decreases by 300 m.

Find the equation which describes h as a function of d.

Ans The equation which describes the height h as a function of the distance d is [[? expression 1]] h = 900 - 0.3d

Hint 1 We're given the description of a real-world situation and asked to find the mathematical equation which describes it. We want to find the equation which describes the height of the cyclist h as a function of the distance d traveled from the top of the hill.

Hint 2 The initial height of the cyclist when he starts at the top of the hill is 900 m. This height corresponds to a distance of $d = 0$ m from the starting point.

Hint 3 Now let's find the rate of change of the height of the cyclist as he travels down the hill. We are told that for each 1000 m of distance traveled, his height h decreases by 300 m. We calculate the rate of change of the height function by dividing the the change in the height by the change in the distance:

$$m = \frac{\text{change in } h}{\text{change in } d} = \frac{-300}{1000} = -0.3.$$

For each meter of distance traveled, the height of the cyclist decreases by 0.3 meters.

Hint 4 The equation which describes the height h of the cyclist as a function of the distance d is the following:

$$h = 900 - 0.3d.$$

Note that the height h is described by a *linear equation* $h = b + m \cdot d$, where $b = 900$ represents the initial height and $m = -0.3$ represents the rate of change of the height.

Hint 5 The equation which describes h as a function of d is $h = 900 - 0.3d$.

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The cost of your annual visit to the dentist is calculated as a base price of \$50 for the checkup and cleaning plus an additional \$100 for each cavity the dentist has to fix.

What is the equation which describes the cost C of the visit as a function of the number n of cavities?

Ans The cost of the visit C as a function of the number of cavities n is described by [[? expression 1]] C = 50+100*n

Hint 1 Don't worry, you are not at the dentist this is just a math question! Let's see how we can use the information provided to us to figure out the equation that describes the cost of the visit to the dentist.

Hint 2 Each visit involves a checkup and a cleaning which cost \$50. This is the base price you have to pay even if the dentist finds $n = 0$ cavities.

Furthermore, if the dentist finds any cavities during the checkup, he will have to fix those. We are told there is an additional cost of \$100 for each cavity the dentist has to fill. If the dentist finds n cavities, the cost of fixing these will be $100n$ dollars.

Hint 3 Combining the cost of the checkup and the cost of the fillings, the cost of the visit, in dollars, is described by the math expression $C = 50 + 100n$.

Hint 4 Note that the cost C is described by a *linear equation* $C = m \cdot n + b$, where the initial value $b = \$50$ is the base price for the visit and the rate of change $m = \$100$ is the price for repairing one cavity.

Hint 5 The cost of the visit C as a function of the number of cavities n is described by the equation $C = 50 + 100n$.

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Martha works in sales at a textbook publisher. Her monthly salary is calculated as a base amount of \$500 plus a commission of \$5 on each book sold. Assume n represents the number of books Martha sells, and S represents her monthly salary.

Find the equation which describes S as a function of n.

Ans The equation which describes S as a function of n is [[? expression 1]] S= 500+5*n

Hint 1 We are told Martha's salary S increases by \$5 for each book she sells. Also, we know that she receives a base amount of \$500. Let's see how we can use the information provided to figure out the function which describes Martha's monthly salary.

Hint 2 The initial value of the salary function is \$500. This is the base amount Martha earns even when she makes $n = 0$ sales.

The rate of change of the salary function is \$5 per sale because this is how much she makes per sale. If n increases by one, her salary S will increase by \$5.

We can combine these two facts to find Martha's monthly salary S as a function of the number of sales n:

$$S = 500 + 5n.$$

Hint 3 Note that the salary S is described by a *linear equation* $S = b + m \cdot n$, where $b = 500$ represents the initial value of the function and $m = 5$ represents the rate of change of the function.

Hint 4 The equation which describes S as a function of n is $S = 500 + 5n$.

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15   xd3aa970e

Ron borrowed \$200 from his friend and promised to return the money by paying back \$20 each week. Assume y represents the amount of money left to pay and x represents the time in weeks.

Find the equation which describes y as a function of x.

Ans The equation which describes the money remaining for Ron to pay back y as a function of the time x in weeks is [[? expression 1]] y = 200 -20*x

Hint 1 We're looking for the equation of the function which describes the amount of money y remaining for Ron to pay back to his friend as a function of the time x measured in weeks.

Hint 2 The initial value of Ron's debt is \$200. This is the amount Ron has to pay back. Ron's debt y decreases by \$20 each week. After x weeks, Ron's debt will have decreased by $20x$ dollars.

Ron's debt is described by the following equation:

$$y = 200 - 20 \cdot x.$$

Note that the loan remaining y is described by a *linear equation* $y = m \cdot x + b$. The initial value $b = 200$ represents the amount Ron owes to his friend when $x = 0$. The rate of change of the function is $m = -20$ because each week Ron pays back \$20 to his friend.

Hint 3 The equation which describes the money remaining for Ron to pay back y as a function of the time x in weeks is $y = 200 - 20x$.

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16 xda1a6aff

Diana wants to bake lots of muffins so she is thinking about the quantities in the recipe. First, she wants to calculate how much flour she will need. The recipe says that each muffin requires 40 ml of flour.

Find the equation which describes the quantity of flour f required as a function of the number of muffins n.

Ans The amount of flour f (in ml) required for n muffins is described by the equation [[? expression 1]] f = 40*n

Hint 1 We're given the information about a muffin recipe, and asked to find an equation which describes it. The more muffins you want to bake, the more flour you will need. But how much flour will you need exactly?

Hint 2 The amount of flour Diana needs for the muffin recipe is *proportional* to the number of muffins she wants to make.

If she wants to make $n = 10$ muffins, she will need $10 \cdot 40$ ml $= 400$ ml of flour.

If she wants to make $n = 100$ muffins, she will need $100 \cdot 40$ ml $= 4000$ ml of flour.

Each muffin requires 40 ml of flour, so the amount of flour needed for n muffins is $n \cdot 40$ ml.

Hint 3 Thus, the equation which describes the amount of flour f required for n muffins is described by the equation
$$f = 40n,$$
where f is measured in ml.

This equation shows that the amount of flour f is *proportional* to the number of muffins n. The constant of proportionality $m = 40$ ml represents how much flour each muffin requires.

Hint 4 The equation which describes f as a function of n is $f = 40n$.

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17 x0067d61b

Jing recently signed up for a new cell phone plan. The table below shows the monthly bill she will pay depending on the minutes she spends talking on the phone.

airtime minutes x	monthly bill B
0	$5
10	$7
20	$9
30	$11
100	$25
200	$45
300	$65

What is the equation which describes the monthly bill B as a function of the number of minutes x?

Ans The equation that describes B as a function of x is [[? expression 1]] B =5 + 0.20*x

Hint 1 We want to find the equation which corresponds to the monthly bill B as a function of the number of minutes of conversation x. We can look at the values in the table to figure out the equation of the function.

Hint 2 The more phone calls Jing makes, the more she will have to pay. Going from $x = 10$ minutes of calls to $x = 20$ minutes of calls, a change of 10 minutes in x, corresponds to a price increase of $2. If Jing wants to talk for $x = 30$ minutes then the monthly bill will increase by an additional $2.

The rate of change of the monthly bill B as the number of minutes x increases is equal to:
$$m = \frac{\$2}{10} = 0.20 \text{ dollars per minute.}$$
In other words, each minute of conversation costs 20 cents.

Lets make sure that the *price per minute* remains the same when Jing talks longer on the phone. Who knows, maybe there's a discount for people who talk a lot on the phone. When x changes from $x = 100$ to $x = 200$, the monthly bill increases from $25 to $45. This change in the price is consistent with the rate of $m = 0.20$ dollars per minute:
$$m \cdot 100 = 0.20 \cdot 100 = 20 = 45 - 25 = \text{change in price.}$$
The monthly bill B increases at a rate of $m = 0.20$ dollars per minute.

Hint 3 So can we figure out the function which describes the monthly bill now? We know the price increases at a rate of $m = 0.20$ dollars per minute spent talking, but is there a base monthly price Jing has to pay?

If we look at the table, we see that Jing pays a monthly fee of $5 even when she makes $x = 0$ minutes of calls. This is the base price she must pay each month.

Hint 4 If we now combine the fixed base price with the additional cost per minute we can find the equation that describes the monthly bill B for x minutes of phone calls:
$$B = 0.20x + 5.$$
Note the bill B is described by a linear equation $B = mx + b$. The constant $m = 0.20$ dollars per minute corresponds to cost of the phone calls and $b = 5$ is the base price of the monthly plan.

Hint 5 The equation that describes B as a function of x is $B = 5 + 0.20x$.

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18 x04daa4fd

Aleah recently signed up for a new long distance phone plan so she can talk to her grandparents more often. The

table below shows the monthly bill she will pay depending on the minutes she spends talking on the phone.

minutes x	monthly bill B
0	$5
10	$5.50
20	$6
30	$6.5
100	$10
200	$15
300	$20

What is the equation which describes the monthly bill B as a function of the number of minutes x?

Ans The equation that describes B as a function of x is [[? expression 1]] B =5 + 0.05*x

Hint 1 We want to find the equation which corresponds to the monthly bill B as a function of the number of minutes of conversation x. We can look at the values in the table to figure out the equation of the function.

Hint 2 The more phone calls Aleah makes, the more she will have to pay. Going from $x = 10$ minutes of calls to $x = 20$ minutes of calls, a change of 10 minutes in x, corresponds to a price increase of $0.5. If Aleah wants to talk for $x = 30$ minutes then the monthly bill will increase by an additional $0.5.

The rate of change of the monthly bill B as the number of minutes x increases is equal to:

$$m = \frac{\$0.5}{10} = 0.05 \text{ dollars per minute.}$$

In other words, each minute of conversation costs 5 cents.

Lets make sure that the *price per minute* remains the same when Aleah talks longer on the phone. Who knows, maybe there's a discount for people who talk a lot on the phone. When x changes from $x = 100$ to $x = 200$, the monthly bill increases from $10 to $15. This change in the price is consistent with the rate of $m = 0.05$ dollars per minute:

$$m \cdot 100 = 0.05 \cdot 100 = 5 = 15 - 10 = \text{change in price.}$$

The monthly bill B increases at a rate of $m = 0.05$ dollars for each minute of long distance phone conversation.

Hint 3 So can we figure out the function which describes the monthly bill now? We know the price increases at a rate of $m = 0.05$ dollars per minute spend talking, but is there a base monthly price Aleah has to pay?

If we look at the table, we see that Aleah pays a monthly fee of $5 even when she makes $x = 0$ minutes of calls. This is the base price she must pay each month.

Hint 4 If we now combine the fixed base price with the additional cost per minute we can find the equation that describes the monthly bill B for x minutes of phone calls:

$$B = 0.05x + 5.$$

Note the bill B is described by a linear equation $B = mx + b$. The constant $m = 0.05$ dollars per minute corresponds to cost of the phone calls and $b = 5$ is the base price of the monthly plan.

Hint 5 The equation that describes B as a function of x is $B = 5 + 0.05x$.

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Kang works in sales. His monthly salary S depends on his sales performance. The table below shows how his salary depends on the number of sales he makes during the month.

sales n	salary S
0	$1000
1	$1100
2	$1200
3	$1300
4	$1400
5	$1500
10	$2000

Find the equation which describes Kang's monthly salary S as a function of the number of sales n.

Ans The equation which describes Kang's salary S as a function of the number of sales n is [[? expression 1]] S= 1000+100*n

Hint 1 We're shown a table of values which describes how Kang's monthly salary S depends on the number of sales n. Let's use the information from the table to figure out the equation which represents S as a function of n.

Hint 2 Looking at the table we see that the initial value of the function S is $1000. Even if Kang makes $n = 0$ sales, he will still receive a monthly salary of $1000.

Hint 3 Next, let's find the rate of change of the salary S as the number of sales n increases. If Kang makes $n = 1$ sale, his salary will be $S = \$1100$. Thus, a change of 1 in the number of sales n produces a change of $100 in the salary S. The rate of change of the salary function is:

$$m = \frac{\text{change in } S}{\text{change in } n} = \frac{1100 - 1000}{1 - 0} = \frac{100}{1} = 100.$$

Kang's salary increases by $100 for each sale he makes.

Hint 4 Combining all the information we have about Kang's monthly salary, we can now write his salary S as a function of the number of sales n as follows:

$$S = 1000 + 100n.$$

Hint 5 Note that the salary S is described by a *linear equation* $S = b + m \cdot n$, where $b = 1000$ represents the initial value of the function and $m = 100$ represents the rate of change of the function.

Hint 6 The equation which describes Kang's salary S as a function of the number of sales n is $S = 1000 + 100n$.

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Annabella recently signed up for a new cell phone plan. The table below shows the monthly bill she will pay depending on the minutes she spends talking on the phone.

— airtime minutes x — monthly bill B — — :-: — :-: — — 0 — \$10 — — 10 — \$12.5 — — 20 — \$15 — — 30 — \$17.5 — — 100 — \$35 — — 200 — \$60 — — 300 — \$85 —

What is the equation which describes the monthly bill B as a function of the number of minutes x?

Ans   The equation that describes B as a function of x is [[? expression 1]] B =10 + 0.25*x

Hint 1   We want to find the equation which corresponds to the monthly bill B as a function of the number of minutes of conversation x. We can look at the values in the table to figure out the equation of the function.

Hint 2   The more phone calls Annabella makes, the more she will have to pay. Going from $x = 10$ minutes of calls to $x = 20$ minutes of calls, a change of 10 minutes in x, corresponds to a price increase of \$2.5. If Annabella wants to talk for $x = 30$ minutes then the monthly bill will increase by an additional \$2.5.

The rate of change of the monthly bill B as the number of minutes x increases is equal to:
$$m = \frac{\$2.5}{10} = 0.25 \text{ dollars per minute.}$$
In other words, each minute of conversation costs 25 cents.

Lets make sure that the *price per minute* remains the same when Annabella talks longer on the phone. Who knows, maybe there's a discount for people who talk a lot on the phone. When x changes from $x = 100$ to $x = 200$, the monthly bill increases from \$35 to \$60. This change in the price is consistent with the rate of $m = 0.25$ dollars per minute:
$$m \cdot 100 = 0.25 \cdot 100 = 25 = 60 - 35 = \text{change in price.}$$
The monthly bill B increases at a rate of $m = 0.25$ dollars per minute.

Hint 3   So can we figure out the function which describes the monthly bill now? We know the price increases at a rate of $m = 0.25$ dollars per minute spend talking, but is there a base monthly price Annabella has to pay?

If we look at the table, we see that Annabella pays a monthly fee of \$10 even when she makes $x = 0$ minutes of calls. This is the base price she must pay each month.

Hint 4   If we now combine the fixed base price with the additional cost per minute we can find the equation that describes the monthly bill B for x minutes of phone calls:
$$B = 0.25x + 10.$$
Note the bill B is described by a linear equation $B = mx + b$. The constant $m = 0.25$ dollars per minute corresponds to cost of the phone calls and $b = 10$ is the base price of the monthly plan.

Hint 5   The equation that describes B as a function of x is $B = 10 + 0.25x$.

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Jane runs a company which manufactures bicycles. The operating costs of Jane's company depend on the number bicycles produced as illustrated in the table below.

— number of bicycles x — costs C — — :-: — :-: — — 0 — \$3000 — — 10 — \$4000 — — 20 — \$5000 — — 30 — \$6000 — — 40 — \$7000 — — 50 — \$8000 —

What is the equation which describes the costs C as a function of the number of bicycles produced x?

Ans   The equation that describes C as a function of x is [[? expression 1]] C=3000 + 100x

Hint 1   We're trying to find the equation which corresponds to the operating costs C of Jane's company as a function of the number of bicycles produced x.

Hint 2   Looking at the table we see that each month Jane's company has costs of \$3000 even if the company produces $x = 0$ bicycles. These are the *fixed* costs of the company.

Hint 3   The *variable* costs of the company depend on the number of bicycles produced. Let's find the rate of change of the costs C as the number of bicycles produced x increases.

If Jane's company produces $x = 10$ bicycles, the costs will be $C = \$4000$. Thus, a change of 10 in the number of bicycles produced n produces a change of \$1000 in the costs C. The rate of change of the costs function is:
$$m = \frac{\text{change in } C}{\text{change in } x} = \frac{4000 - 3000}{10 - 0} = \frac{1000}{10} = 100.$$
The costs increase by \$100 for each bicycle produced. If Jane produces x bicycles this month, her variable costs will be $100x$ dollars, since each bicycle costs \$100 to produce.

Hint 4   The total of the costs of Jane's company is the sum of the fixed costs and the variable costs:
$$C = 3000 + 100x \text{ dollars.}$$

Hint 5   Note that the total costs of the company are described by a linear equation of the form $C = mx + b$, where the number $m = 100$ corresponds to the *unit cost of production*, and $b = 3000$ is the *initial value* of the function.

Hint 6   The equation that describes C as a function of x is $C = 100x + 3000$.

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The cost of your annual visit to the dentist is calculated according to the following table.

cavities n	cost C
0	\$50
1	\$150
2	\$250
3	\$350
4	\$450
5	\$550

What is the equation which describes the cost C of the visit as a function of the number of cavities n?

Ans   The cost of the visit C as a function of the number of cavities n is described by [[? expression 1]] C = 50+100*n

Hint 1   Don't worry, you are not at the dentist this is just a math question! Let's see how we can use the information provided in the table to figure out the equation that describes the cost of the visit to the dentist.

Hint 2   The price of the visit starts at $50. This is the base price you have to pay for the checkup and a cleaning even if the dentist finds $n = 0$ cavities.

Hint 3   If the dentist finds any cavities during the checkup, the price of the visit will increase. Looking at the table, we see that the price of the visit increases by $100 for each additional cavity the dentist has to fill. If the dentist finds n cavities, the cost of fixing these will be $100n$ dollars.

Hint 4   The cost of the visit C as a function of the number of cavities n is described by the equation $C = 50 + 100n$.

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Norm works in marketing. The table below shows the monthly price Norm pays for sending out emails to potential clients.

n of emails	price P
0	\$10
100	\$11
200	\$12
300	\$13
500	\$15
1000	\$20
3000	\$30

What is the equation which describes the price P as a function of the number of emails n?

Ans   The equation that describes P as a function of n is [[? expression 1]] P =10 + 0.01*n

Hint 1   We want to find the equation which corresponds to the monthly price P as a function of the number of emails sent n. We can look at the values if the table to figure out the equation of the function.

Hint 2   The more emails Norm sends, the more he will have to pay P. Going from $n = 100$ emails to $n = 200$, a change of 100 in n, corresponds to a price increase of \$1 dollar. If Norm wants to send $n = 300$ emails then the monthly price will increase by an additional \$1 dollar.

The rate of change of the price P as the number of emails n increases is equal to:

$m = \frac{\$1}{100} = \frac{1}{100}$ dollars per email sent.

In other words, sending one email costs 1 cent.

Lets make sure that the *price per email sent* remains the same when Norm sends more emails. Who knows, maybe there is a discount for large volumes of emails. When n changes from $n = 1000$ to $n = 2000$, the price increases from \$20 to \$30. This change in the price is consistent with the rate of $m = \frac{1}{100}$ dollars per email:

$m \cdot 1000 = \frac{1}{100} \cdot 1000 = 10 = 30 - 20 =$ change in price.

The price P increases at a rate of $m = \frac{1}{100}$ dollars per email sent.

Hint 3   So can we figure out what the price function is now? We know the price increases at a rate of $m = \frac{1}{100}$ dollars per email, but is there a base price Norm has to pay?

If we look at the table, we see that Norm pays a monthly fee of $10 even when he sends $n = 0$ emails. This is the base price he must pay each month.

Hint 4   If we now combine the fixed base price with the additional cost per email we find the equation that describes the monthly price for sending n emails:

$P = \frac{1}{100}n + 10$.

Note the price P is described by a linear equation $P = mn + b$. The constant $m = \frac{1}{100}$ corresponds to the price per email sent and $b = 10$ is the base price.

Hint 5   The equation that describes P as a function of n is $P = \frac{1}{100}n + 10$.

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The graph below shows how the quantity y is related to the quantity x.

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What is the equation that describes y as a function of x?

Ans   The equation which describes y as a function of x is [[? expression 1]] y = 2x+4

Hint 1   We are shown the graph of a function, and we want to find the function which corresponds to this graph. In other words, we are looking for the equation which describes y as a function of x.

Observe that the slope of the graph is equal to 2 and its y-intercept is 4. Let's use this information to figure out the equation which corresponds to this graph.

Hint 2 The graph of this line passes through the point $(0, 4)$. We say the y-intercept of the graph is equal to 4. This is where the graph crosses the y-axis. The y-intercept of the graph tells us the initial value of the function. When $x = 0$, $y = 4$.

Hint 3 Now, let's see how to interpret the slope of the function. The slope of the graph tells us how y changes when x changes. Observe that when x changes from 0 to 1, y changes from 4 to 6. Also when x changes from 1 to 2, y changes from 6 to 8. The change in y is equal to two times the change in x.

Now that we know the initial value of the function and its rate of change we can write the equation which describes y as a function of x

$y = 2x + 4$.

Note that this equation correctly predicts all on the graph of the function. When $x = 0$, $y = 2(0) + 4 = 4$. When $x = 1$, $y = 2(1) + 4 = 6$. Also, when $x = 2$, $y = 2(2) + 4 = 8$.

Hint 4 The equation which describes y as a function of x is $y = 2x + 4$.

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Sean works in sales. His monthly salary S depends on his sales performance. The graph below shows his salary as a function of the number of sales n he makes during the month.
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Find the equation which describes Sean's monthly salary S as a function of the number of sales n.

Ans The equation which describes Sean's salary S as a function of the number of sales n is [[? expression 1]] S= 1000+100*n

Hint 1 We're shown the graph of the function which describes how Sean's monthly salary S depends on the number of sales n. Let's use the information from the graph to figure out the equation which represents S as a function of n.

Hint 2 Looking at the graph we see that the initial value of the function S is \$1000. Even if Sean makes $n = 0$ sales, he will still receive a monthly salary of \$1000.

Hint 3 Next, let's look at the slope of the graph. If Sean makes $x = 2$ sales, his salary will be $S = \$1200$. Thus, a change of 2 in the number of sales n produces a change of \$200 in the salary S. The rate of change of the salary function is:

$m = \dfrac{\text{change in } S}{\text{change in } n} = \dfrac{1200 - 1000}{2 - 0} = \dfrac{200}{2} = 100.$

Sean's salary increases by \$100 for each sale he makes.

Hint 4 Combining all the information we have about Sean's monthly salary, we can now write his salary S as a function of the number of sales n as follows:

$$S = 1000 + 100n.$$

Hint 5 Note that the salary S is described by a *linear equation* $S = b + m \cdot n$, where $b = 1000$ represents the initial value of the function and $m = 100$ represents the rate of change of the function.

The graph of the function $S = 1000 + 100n$ is a *line* which passes through the point $(0, 1000)$ and has slope equal to 100. We can understand the function which describes Sean's salary either through its equation or through its graph.

Hint 6 The equation which describes Sean's salary S as a function of the number of sales n is $S = 1000 + 100n$.

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Jimmy will be selling hot dogs at the football game. He bought hot dogs, buns and condiments for \$8 before the game and now he wants to calculate the profit he will make. The graph below shows how Jimmy's profit P depends on the number of hot dogs he sells at the game.
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Write the equation which describes Jimmy's profit P as a function of the number n of hot dogs sold.

Ans The equation which describes Jimmy's profit P as a function of the number of hot dogs sold n is [[? expression 1]] P = 1*n-8

Hint 1 The graph shows how the profit P varies as a function of the number of hot dogs sold n. Let's see how to use the graph of the function to find the equation of the function.

Hint 2 Looking at the graph, we see the initial value of the profit function is -8 dollars. If Jimmy doesn't sell any hot dogs ($n = 0$), his profit will be -8 dollars. A negative profit is a *loss*. Indeed, if Jimmy doesn't sell any hot dogs he will lose the money he invested to buy the ingredients.

Hint 3 Next, observe the slope of the graph is equal to 1. For each hot dog sold, the profit increases by \$1. This means Jimmy is selling the hot dogs for \$1 each.

Hint 4 Combining these facts about Jimmy's hot dog operation, we can now write his profit P as a function of the number of sales n as follows:

$$P = -8 + 1n.$$

Hint 5 Note that the profit P is described by a *linear equation* $P = m \cdot n + b$, where $b = -8$ represents Jimmy's initial investment and $m = 1$ represents sale price of each hot dog.

The graph of the function $P = -8 + 1n$ is a *line* which passes through the point $(0, -8)$ and has slope equal to 1. We can understand the function which describes Jimmy's profit either through its equation or through its graph.

Hint 6 The equation which describes Jimmy's profit P as a function of the number of hot dogs sold n is $P = -8 + 1 \cdot n$.

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Kristina is organizing a music concert. She plans to invest $2000 to rent the venue and to pay the musicians and then sell the tickets for $20 each. The graph below shows the profit P she will make from the concert as a function of the number of tickets sold n.
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What is the equation which describes P as a function of n?

Ans The equation which describes Kristina's profit P as a function of the number of tickets n is [[? expression 1]]
P = 20*n - 2000

Hint 1 The graph shows how the profit P varies as a function of the number of tickets sold n. Let's use the information from the graph to figure out the equation which describes P as a function of n.

Hint 2 The slope of the graph is equal to 20 since Kristina is selling the tickets for $20 each.

We can confirm this is the case by looking at the graph. Each time the number of tickets sold increases by 10, the graph of Kristina's profits increases by $200.

Hint 3 If Kristina sells $n = 0$ tickets, then the profit will be $P = -2000$. In other words, Kristina will not have a profit but a *loss*. Her loss is equal to the $2000 she invested to organize the concert.

Hint 4 **The equation that describes Kristina's profit P as a function of the number of tickets sold n is **

$$P = mn + b$$
$$= 20 \cdot n - 2000$$

Hint 5 The rate of change $m = 20$ corresponds to the price $20 per ticket, and the initial value $b = -2000$ corresponds to Kristina's initial investment of $2000**.**

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Jeff works as a waiter at a fancy restaurant. Assume n represents the number of clients Jeff will serve in a day and E represents his daily earnings. The graph that represents Jeff's daily earnings as a function of the number of clients he serves is shown below.
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What is the equation which describes E as a function of n?

Ans The equation which describes Jeff's earnings E as a function of the number of clients n is [[? expression 1]] E = 70 + 10*n

Hint 1 Were looking for the equation which corresponds to the graph. We want to find the function which describes how Jeff's daily earnings E depends on the number of clients he serves n.

Hint 2 By looking at the graph, we see that Jeff's earnings E increase by $10 for each client he serves. Also, note that Jeff receives a base daily salary of $70.

So overall, Jeff receives a base amount of $70 each day, plus approximately $10 tip for each client he serves.

Hint 3 Jeff's daily earnings E as a function of the number of clients he serves n is described by the following linear equation:

$$E = b + m \cdot n$$
$$= 70 + 10 \cdot n.$$

The initial value is $b = 70$. This is the base amount Jeff earns even when he serves $n = 0$ clients.

The rate of change is $m = 10$ because this is how much tip he makes per client. If n increases by one, his salary E will increase by $10.

Hint 4 The equation which describes Jeff's earnings E (in dollars) as a function of the number of clients n is $E = 70 + 10n$.

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Covi is driving from Montreal to New York City. The graph below shows his position x, measured in kilometers from the Canada-US border, as a function of time t, measured in hours.
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What is the equation that describes x as a function of t?

Ans The equation which describes x as a function of t is [[? expression 1]] x = -200+100*t

Hint 1   We are shown the graph of Covi's position x as a function of time t. We want to find the equation that corresponds to this graph.

Hint 2   In this graph x describes the position relative to the Canada-US border. Negative values of x correspond to locations in Canada, while positive values of x correspond to locations in the US.

Looking at the graph we see that Covi's initial position is -200 km. This is Covi's position when he starts from Montreal.

Hint 3   Next, let's find the slope of the graph. During the first 1 hour, Covi's position changes by 100 km. A change of 1 hour in the time t produces a change of 100 km in the position x. The *rate of change* of the position is:
$$m = \frac{\text{change in } x}{\text{change in } t} = \frac{(-100) - (-200) \ [\text{km}]}{1 - 0 \ [\text{h}]} = \frac{100 \text{ km}}{1 \text{ h}} = 100 \text{ km/h}.$$

Covi's position increases at a rate of 100 km/h. Note that the *rate of change* of the position function corresponds to a *velocity*. This makes sense if you think about it: if Covi is traveling at 100 km/h, then his position will change by 100 km each hour.

Hint 4   We can now combine the information about the initial value and the rate of change to obtain the equation which describes Covi's position as a function of time:
$$x = 100t - 200.$$

Note that Covi's position function is described by a linear equation $x = mt + b$, where $m = 100$ km/h describes Covi's velocity and $b = -200$ km describes Covi's initial position.

Hint 5   The equation which describes x as a function of t is $x = 100t - 200$.

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You are downloading a file from the Internet. Assume t represents the time in minutes, and f represents the file size downloaded in MB. The following graph represents the file size as a function of time.

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What is the equation which describes the file size f as a function of t?

Ans   The equation which describes the growing file size f (in MB) as a function of the time t (in minutes) is [[? expression 1]] f = 10*t

Hint 1   We're looking for the equation which corresponds to the graph of the function. We want to find the equation which describes how the file size f grows with time t.

Hint 2   The amount of downloaded data f is *proportional* to the time t. The constant of proportionality is $m = 10$ MB/min, since this is the download rate. Indeed, a download speed of 10 MB/min means the file size increases by 10 MB each minute as we see in the graph.

Hint 3   If we want to describe f as a function of t, we can use the following equation:
$$f = m \cdot t$$
$$= 10t.$$

Hint 4   Note that the *proportional relationship* of the form $y = mx$ is a special case of the more general linear equation $y = mx + b$, with zero initial value $b = 0$.

Hint 5   The equation which describes the growing file size f (in MB) as a function of the time t (in minutes) is $f = 10t$.

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