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## Unit 5: Linear Functions

## Learning Goal 5.2 - Contexts \& Applications of Linear Functions

Learning Target \#2: Applications of Linear Functions

- Identify the domain and range, $x$ and $y$ intercepts, intervals of increase and decrease, maximums and minimums, end behavior, and positive and negative areas from a graph
- Interpret linear functions in context
- Write an equation of a line given a point and slope or two points
- Analyze linear functions using different representations
- Find and interpret appropriate domains and ranges for authentic linear functions
- Calculate and interpret the average rate of change

| $\frac{\text { Mon, 11/4 }}{\text { Day 10: }}$ <br> Writing Equations of Lines | $\frac{\text { Tues, } 11 / 5}{\text { No School }}$ | Wed, 11/6 Day 11: <br> 5.1 Assessment; Characteristics of Linear Functions | Thurs, 11/7 Day 12 : Characteristics of Linear Functions | $\begin{gathered} \frac{\text { Fri, } 11 / 8}{\text { Day } 13:} \\ \text { Standard Form } \end{gathered}$ |
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| Mon, 11/11 <br> Day 14 : <br> Standard vs Slope Intercept Form | Tues, 11/12 Day 15 : Comparing Linear Functions | Wed, 11/13 Day 16 : Comparing Linear Functions | Thurs, $11 / 14$ Day 17: Remediation/Extra Day | Fri, 11/15 <br> Day 18: <br> 5.2 Assessment |
| Mon, 11/18 Cumulative Exam Review | Tues, 11/19 <br> Cumulative Exam \#2 | Wed. 11/20 | Thurs, 11/21 | Fri. 11/22 |


|  | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| AM | NONE | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mrs. Jackson } \\ \text { 7:45-8:15 } \\ \text { Room } 1210 \end{gathered}$ | Mr. Webb 7:45-8:15 Room 1205 | Mr. Watson 7:45-8:15 Room 1208 | Mr. Watson 7:45-8:15 Room 1208 |
| PM | Mrs. Petersen 3:30-4:30 Room 1210 | Mr. Webb <br> 3:30-4:30 <br> Room 1205 | NONE | Mrs. Jackson 3:30-4:30 Room 1210 | NONE |

## Day 11 - Characteristics of Linear Functions

One key component to fully understanding linear functions is to be able to describe characteristics of the graph and its equation. Important: If a graph is a line (arrows), we need to assume that it goes on forever.

## Domain and Range

| Domain |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Define: <br> All possible values of $x$ | Think: <br> How far left to right does the <br> graph go? | Wmallest $x \leq x \leq$ Biggest $x$ <br> *use $<$ if the circles are open* |
| Define: | Range |  |
| All possible values of $y$ | Think: <br> How far down to how far up <br> does the graph go? | Smallest $y \leq y \leq$ Biggest $y$ <br> *use $<$ if the circles are open* |

## Non Linear Examples:

1. 



Domain:
Range:
2.


Domain:
Range:
3.


Domain:
Range:

## Linear Examples:

1. 



Domain:
Range:
2.


Domain:
Range:

## $X$ and $Y$ intercepts (including zeros)

| Y-Intercept |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Define: <br> Point where the graph crosses the $y$-axis | Think: <br> At what coordinate point does the graph cross the $y$-axis? | Write: (0, b) |
| X-Intercept |  |  |
| Define: <br> Point where the graph crosses the $x$-axis | Think: <br> At what coordinate point does the graph cross the x-axis? | Write: $(a, 0)$ |
| Zero |  |  |
| Define: <br> Where the function (y-value) equals 0 | Think: <br> At what $x$-value does the graph cross the $x$-axis? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Write: } \\ & x= \end{aligned}$ |

## Linear Examples:

1. 



Y-intercept:
X-intercept
Zero:
3.


Y-intercept:
X-intercept
Zero:
2.


Y-intercept:
X-intercept:
Zero:
4.


Y-intercept:
X-intercept:
Zero:

## Interval of Increase and Decrease

| Interval of Increase |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Define: <br> The part of the graph that is rising as you read left to right. | Think: <br> From left to right, is my graph going up? | Write: <br> $x$ value where it starts increasing $<x<$ <br> $x$ value where it stops increasing |  |
| Interval of Decrease |  |  |  |
| Define: <br> The part of the graph that is falling as you read from left to right. | Think: <br> From left to right, is my graph going down? | Write: $x$ value where it starts decreasing $<x<$ |  |
| Interval of Constant |  |  |  |
| Define: <br> The part of the graph that is a horizontal line as you read from left to right. | Think: <br> From left to right, is my graph a flat line? | Write: <br> $x$ value where it starts flat-lining $<x<$ <br> $x$ value where it stops flat-lining |  |

## Non Linear Example:



Interval of Increase:

Interval of Decrease:

Interval of Constant:

## Linear Examples:

1. 



Interval of Increase:

Interval of Decrease:

Interval of Constant:
2.


Interval of Increase:

Interval of Decrease:

Interval of Constant:

Maximum and Minimum (Extrema)

| Maximum |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Define: <br> Highest point or <br> peak of a function. | Think: <br> What is my highest <br> point or value on <br> my graph? | Write: <br> If none, write none <br> Otherwise, <br> y biggest $y$-value |  |
| Minimum |  |  |  |
| Define: <br> Lowest point or <br> valley of a function. | Think: <br> What is the lowest <br> point or value on <br> my graph? | Write: <br> If none, write none <br> Otherwise, <br> $y=$ smallest $y$-value |  |



## Non Linear Examples:

1. 



Maximum:
Minimum:
2.


Maximum:
Minimum:
3.


Maximum:
Minimum:

## Linear Examples:

1. 



Maximum:
Minimum:
2.


Maximum:
Minimum:

## Day 12 - Characteristics of Linear Functions (cont'd)

## Positive and Negative Regions on a Graph

| Positive |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Define: <br> The part of the <br> function that is <br> above the $x$-axis. | Think: <br> Which part of the <br> function is in the <br> positive region <br> and where? | Write: <br> Inequality using <br> zero value ( $x$ ) |  |
| Negative |  |  |  |
| Define: <br> The part of the <br> function that is <br> below the $x$-axis. | Think: <br> Which part of the <br> function is in the <br> negative region <br> and where? | Write: <br> Inequality using <br> zero value ( $x$ ) |  |


1.


Positive: $\qquad$
Negative: $\qquad$
3.


Positive: $\qquad$
Negative: $\qquad$
2.


Positive: $\qquad$
Negative: $\qquad$
4.


Positive: $\qquad$
Negative: $\qquad$

## End Behavior


1.


As $x \rightarrow-\infty, f(x) \rightarrow$ $\qquad$
As $x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow$ $\qquad$
3.


As $x \rightarrow-\infty, f(x) \rightarrow$ $\qquad$
As $x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow$ $\qquad$
2.


As $x \rightarrow-\infty, f(x) \rightarrow$ $\qquad$
As $x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow$ $\qquad$
4.


As $x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow$ $\qquad$

## Practice



## Day 13 - Characteristics of Linear Functions (Real World)

Now that you have learned all the characteristics that apply to linear functions, we are going to focus on a few characteristics that have very real world applications to them - slope, domain \& range, and intercepts.

## The Real Number System

When we apply domain and range to real world situations, we need to consider what types of numbers are suitable for a domain and range. Typically, we describe domain and range using one of the types of number classifications.

| Types of Numbers | Example |
| :--- | :--- |
| Counting Numbers | $1,2,3,4 \ldots \quad$ (Zero is not included) |
| Whole Numbers | $0,1,2,3 \ldots$ (Also called non-negative integers) |
| Integers | $\ldots-3,-2,-1,0,1,2,3, \ldots$ |
| Rational Numbers | Everything above plus decimals \& fractions |
| Real Numbers | Everything above plus irrational numbers |

Most of the real world applications of domain and range do not include rational numbers (you can't have a fractional piece of an item or person) or non-negative numbers (such as time).

## Domain \& Range

When determining appropriate domains and ranges for a function, think about what the independent and dependent quantities are and what type of numbers are appropriate and which are not appropriate.

Example 1: A plumber charges $\$ 96$ an hour for making house calls to do plumbing work. What would be an appropriate domain and range? Assume he charges by hour.

Independent Quantity:
Dependent Quantity:

Domain:
Range:

Example 2: Laura is selling cookies to raise funds for a school club. Each cookie costs $\$ 0.50$. What would be an appropriate domain and range?

Independent Quantity:
Dependent Quantity:

Domain:
Range:

Example 3: Rentals cars at ABC Rental Car Company cost $\$ 100$ to rent, plus $\$ 1$ per mile. What would be an appropriate domain and range?

Independent Quantity:
Dependent Quantity:

Domain:
Range:

Example 4: Jason goes to an amusement park where he pays $\$ 8$ admission and $\$ 2$ per ride. He has $\$ 30$ to spend.

Independent Quantity:
Dependent Quantity:

Domain:
Range:

Example 5: Hunter is shopping for pencils. He has $\$ 5.00$ from his allowance and he finds the pencils he wants cost $\$ 0.65$ each.

Independent Quantity:
Dependent Quantity:

Domain:
Range:

## Intercepts

1. A car owner recorded the number of gallons of gas remaining in the car's gas tank after driving a number of miles. Use the graph below to answer the following questions.
Number of Gallons
Remaining in Gas Tank a. What does $x$-intercept represent on the graph?
2. The graph below shows the relationship between the number of mid-sized cars in a car dealer's inventory and the number of days after the start of a sale.
Mid-sized Car $\quad$ a. What does $x$-intercept represent on the graph?
d. What does the point $(5,125)$ represent on the graph? Is the point a solution of the graph?

## Slope/Average Rate of Change

Example 1: The graph shows the altitude of a plane.
a. Find the plane's rate of change during the first hour.
b. Find the plane's rate of change during the second hour.


Time (minutes)

Example 2: An industrial-safety study finds there is a relationship between the number of industrial accidents and the number of hours of safety training for employees. This relationship is shown in the graph below.
Industrial Safety

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline  \& a.

b. \& | Find the rate of change. |
| :--- |
| Explain what it represents. | <br>

\hline Number of Hours of Safety Training \& \& <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}

Applications of Slope Intercept Form

| $\mathbf{Y}$ | $\mathbf{Z}$ | $\mathbf{M}$ | $\mathbf{X}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{B}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Output |  | Slope | Input |  | Y-intercept (0,b) |
| Dependent <br> Variable | Rate | Independent <br> Variable |  | Starting Amount <br> One Time Fee |  |
| Range | $\frac{\text { Changeiny }}{\text { Changeinx }}$ | Domain | Beginning |  |  |

When a problem involves a constant rate or speed and a beginning amount, it can be written using slope intercept form. You need to recognize which value is the slope and which is the y-intercept.

Example 1: An airplane 30,000 feet above the ground begins descending at a rate of 2000 feet per minute. Assume the plane continues at the same rate of descent. The plan's height and minutes above the ground are related to each. What is the altitude after 5 minutes?

Independent Quantity:

Dependent Quantity:
Slope:
Y-intercept:
Equation:

Example 2: Suppose you receive $\$ 100$ for a graduation present and you deposit it into a savings account. Then each week after that, you add $\$ 20$ to your savings account. When will you have $\$ 460$ ?

Independent Quantity:
Dependent Quantity:

Slope:

Y-intercept:
Equation:

## Day 14 - Standard Form of Equations

Scenario: In the mid 1800's, delivering mail and news across the American Great Plains was time consuming and made for a long delay in getting vital information from side of the country to the other. At the time, most mail and news traveled by stagecoach along the main stagecoach lines at about 8 miles per hour. The Pony Express Riders averaged about 10.7 miles per hour. The long stretch of 782 miles from the two largest cities on either side of the plains, St. Louis and Denver, was a very important part of this trail.

| a. Use the variable $x$ to write an expression to represent the distance the stagecoach was driven in miles. $8 x$ | b. Use the variable $y$ to write an expression to represent the distance the Pony Express rode in miles. $10.7 y$ | c. Write an expression for the distance that was traveled using both of these methods on one trip. $8 x+10.7 y$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| d. Write an equation that represents using both methods to deliver mail from St. Louis to Denver.$8 x+10.7 y=782$ |  |  |

a. If the Pony Express Riders rode for 20 hours from St. Louis before handing off the mail to a stagecoach, how long would it take the stagecoach to get to Denver?

b. If the stagecoach rode for 50 hours from St. Louis before handing off the mail to a Pony Express Rider, how long would it take the rider to get to Denver?

X

c. If mail was delivered by stagecoach only, how long would it take the stagecoach to get the mail from St. Louis to Denver?

## X

Y
d. If mail was delivered by Pony Express Riders only, how long would it take a rider to get the mail from St. Louis to Denver?

$\mathbf{X} |$| $\mathbf{Y}$ |
| :--- |


| Time the mail <br> was in a <br> Stagecoach <br> (hours) | Time the mail <br> was with the <br> Pony Express <br> (hours) |
| :---: | :---: |
| 20 |  |
| 50 | 0 |
| 0 |  |



## The Parts of the Pony Express Problem

The equation, $8 x+10.7 y=782$ is in standard form of a linear equation, which is $\mathbf{A x} \boldsymbol{+} \mathbf{B} \boldsymbol{=} \mathbf{C}$. Below, describe what each variable or expression represents in this equation.

| $X$ |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| $Y$ |  |
| $8 x$ |  |
| $10.7 y$ |  |
| $8 x+10.7 y$ |  |
| 782 |  |
| $x$-intercept |  |
| $y$-intercept |  |

## Finding x \& y intercepts

## X -intercepts

Written as (a, 0)
The value of the $y$-coordinate is always 0 .

## Y-intercepts

Written as ( $0, b$ )
The value of the $x$-coordinate is always 0 .

Practice: Find the $x$ and $y$ intercepts of each equation. Then graph.
a. $2 x-5 y=10$
x-intercept:
y-intercept:

b. $3 x+6 y=-18$
x-intercept:
$y$-intercept:


Day 15: Comparing Standard Form and Slope Intercept Form

|  | Standard Form | Slope Intercept Form |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Form | $A x+B y=C$ <br> $a, b$, and $c$ are constants | $\begin{gathered} y=m x+b \\ m=\text { slope } \\ b=y \text {-intercept } \end{gathered}$ |
| Information | Gives x intercept (when substituting 0 for y ) <br> Gives y-intercept (when substituting 0 for x ) | Gives slope and y-intercept |
| Advantages | Easy to calculate $x$ and $y$ intercepts <br> Helpful when we solve systems of equations (Unit <br> 3) using elimination | Easily determine slope and y-intercept <br> Easiest and fastest to graph the line <br> Only form you can put in the graphing calculator |
| Disadvantages | Do not know the slope unless you convert to slope intercept form (solve for y) <br> $A, B$, and $C$ do not stand for anything obvious (like slope or y-intercept) <br> Harder to graph a line | Finding the x -intercept takes a little more work <br> Not every linear equation can be written in slope intercept form (like $x=5$ ) |
| Context | Adding or subtracting two amounts and setting equal to a total <br> Example: Tickets for the school play cost $\$ 5.00$ for students and $\$ 8.00$ for adults. On opening night $\$ 1600$ was collected in ticket sales. $5 x+8 y=1600$ | Multiplying a constant to a changing amount and then adding or subtracting a starting amount <br> Example: Carl has $\$ 200$ in his bank account and each week he withdraws $\$ 25$ dollars. $y=200-25 x$ |

## Practice with Standard and Slope Intercept Form in a Context

Practice: For each scenario, create an equation and solve for the missing variable.
a. A bookstore has mystery novels on sale for $\$ 2$ each and sci-fi novels on sale for $\$ 3$ each. Bailey has $\$ 30$ to spend on books. How many mystery novels can she buy if she buys 6 sci-fi novels?
b. Your little brother is having a party at the local zoo. The zoo charges a party fee of $\$ 50$ plus $\$ 5$ for each guest. How many guests did he invite if the total cost was $\$ 115$ ?
c. Alex's goal is to sell $\$ 100$ worth of tickets to the school play. The tickets are $\$ 4$ for students and $\$ 10$ for adults. How many student tickets does he need to sell if he sells 6 adult tickets?
d. It costs $\$ 4$ to order a chicken sandwich and $\$ 3$ to order a cheeseburger form the local fast food restaurant down the street for dinner for the math team before their competition. They have $\$ 60$ to spend on food. Calculate the x and y intercepts of this problem and interpret your answers in terms of the problem.

## Day 16 - Comparing Linear Functions

Linear Functions can come in many forms:

## Context:

The basketball team won the championship. They are selling special championship T-shirts for a cost of $\$ 7$ each.

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rate of change
\(y\)-intercept \(=0\)
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Graph:


Table:

| TADIE: |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Number of T-shirts | cost in Dollars |
| 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 7 |
| 2 | 14 |
| 3 | 21 |
| 4 | 28 |
| 5 |  |
| 4 |  |
| 2 |  |

Equation:
Let y represent: total cost of T-shirts Let $x$ represent: number of T-shirts

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y=7 x
$$

$y=7 x+0$

Rate of change $y$-intercept

Now that you have studied linear functions and their characteristics for over two weeks, you need to be able to compare and answer questions in whatever form is given to you. The best way to develop your comparing skills is just to practice; there is not actual lesson - just practice problems for you to try.

Practice 1: Which function has the biggest y-intercept?

Function A:

| $x$ | $y$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 6 |
| 1 | 9 |
| 2 | 12 |
| 3 | 15 |

Function B:


Function C:

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y=-10 x+2.5
$$

Practice 2: Which function has the greatest rate of change?

Function A:


Function B:

| Number of <br> Minutes on an <br> Exercise Bike | Total Number <br> of Calories Burned |
| :---: | :---: |
| 15 | 180 |
| 30 | 360 |
| 45 | 540 |
| 60 | 720 |

## Function C:

$30 x+2 y=-24$

Practice 3: Two airplanes are in flight. The function $f(x)=400 x+1200$ represents the altitude, $f(x)$, of Plane 1 after $x$ minutes. The graph below represents the altitude of the second airplane.

Plane 2


Compare the starting altitudes of the two planes.

Compare the rate of change of the two planes.

Practice 4: Your employer has offered two pay scales for you to choose from. The first option is to receive a base salary of $\$ 250$ a week plus $15 \%$ of the price of any merchandise you sell. The second option is represented in the graph below.

## Option 2


a. Create an equation to represent the first option for one week's worth of pay.
b. Create an equation to represent the second option for one week's worth of pay.
c. Which option has a higher base salary? Explain how you know.
d. Which option has a higher rate for selling merchandise? Explain how you know.

