# Patterns and Linear Functions 

Section 4-2

## Goals



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- To identify and represent patterns that describe linear functions.


## Vocabulary

- Dependent Variable

- Independent Variable
- Input
- Output
- Function
- Linear Function


## Definition

- Dependent Variable - A variable whose value depends on some other value.
- Generally, $y$ is used for the dependent variable.
- Independent Variable - A variable that doesn't depend on any other value.
- Generally, $x$ is used for the independent variable.
- The value of the dependent variable depends on the value of the independent variable.


## Independent and Dependent Variables

On a graph; the independent variable is on the horizontal or $x$-axis.
the dependent
variable is on the vertical or $y$-axis.


## Example:

Identify the independent and dependent variables in the situation.

A painter must measure a room before deciding how much paint to buy.

The amount of paint depends on the measurement of a room.

Dependent: amount of paint
Independent: measurement of the room

## Example:

Identify the independent and dependent variables in the situation.

The height of a candle decrease $d$ centimeters for every hour it burns.

The height of a candle depends on the number of hours it burns.

Dependent: height of candle Independent: time

## Example:

Identify the independent and dependent variables in the situation.

A veterinarian must weight an animal before determining the amount of medication.

The amount of medication depends on the weight of an animal.

Dependent: amount of medication
Independent: weight of animal

## Your Turn:

Identify the independent and dependent variable in the situation.

A company charges $\$ 10$ per hour to rent a jackhammer.

The cost to rent a jackhammer depends on the length of time it is rented.

Dependent variable: cost
Independent variable: time

## Your Turn:

Identify the independent and dependent variable in the situation.

Camryn buys $p$ pounds of apples at $\$ 0.99$ per pound.

The cost of apples depends on the number of pounds bought.

Dependent variable: cost
Independent variable: pounds

## Example: Representing a Geometric Relationship



In the diagram below, what is the relationship between the number of rectangles and the perimeter of the figure they form? Represent this relationship using a table, words, an equation, and a graph.


## Example: Representing a Geometric Relationship



Make a table. Use the number of rectangles as the independent variable ( $x$ ) and the perimeter as the dependent variable (y).

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\text { Perimeter }=2 \text { (length })+2(\text { width })
$$

| $\boldsymbol{x}$ | $\boldsymbol{y}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 14 |
| 2 | 16 |
| 3 | 18 |
| 4 | 20 |

## Example: Representing a Geometric Relationship



## Step 2



Look for a pattern in the table. How did you calculate the perimeter ( $y$ ), given the number of rectangles $(x)$ ? Then describe the pattern in words.

Perimeter $=2$ (length) +2 (width)

| Number of <br> Rectangles, $\boldsymbol{x}$ | Perimeter, $\boldsymbol{y}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $2(1)+2(6)=14$ |
| 2 | $2(2)+2(6)=16$ |
| 3 | $2(3)+2(6)=18$ |
| 4 | $2(4)+2(6)=20$ |

Words: Multiply the number of rectangles in each figure by 2 to get the total length of the top and bottom sides of the combined figure. Then add 2(6), or 12, for the total length of the left and right sides of the combined figure to get the entire perimeter.

## Example: Representing a Geometric Relationship




From the pattern in the table write an equation to represent the relationship between $x$ and $y$.

| Number of <br> Rectangles, $\boldsymbol{x}$ | Perimeter, $\boldsymbol{y}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $2(1)+2(6)=14$ |
| 2 | $2(2)+2(6)=16$ |
| 3 | $2(3)+2(6)=18$ |
| 4 | $2(4)+\underset{\uparrow}{2}(6)=20$ |
| Constant | $\uparrow \uparrow$ |
|  | $\boldsymbol{x}$ |

Equation: $y=2 x+12$

## Example: Representing a Geometric Relationship



Step 4
Use the table to make a graph.


With a graph, you can see a pattern formed by the relationship between the number of rectangles and the perimeter of the figure.

## Your Turn:

In the diagram below, what is the relationship between the number of triangles and the perimeter of the figure they form? Represent the relationship using (1) a table, (2) words, (3) an equation, and (4) a graph.


1 triangle


3 triangles

Answer:

2) Multiply the number of triangles by 4 and add 6 .
3) $y=4 x+6$
4)


## Definition

- Input - Values of the independent variable.
$-x$ - values
- The input is the value substituted into an equation.
- Output - Values of the dependent variable.
$-y$ - values.
- The output is the result of that substitution in an equation.


## Function

- In the last 2 problems you can describe the relationship by saying that the perimeter (dependent variable $-y$ value) is a function of the number of figures (independent variable - $x$ value).
- A function is a relationship that pairs each input value with exactly one output value.


## Function

You can think of a function as an input-output machine.
input
26

## function

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$y=5 x$

## Helpful Hint

There are several different ways to describe the variables of a function.

| Independent <br> Variable | Dependent <br> Variable |
| :---: | :---: |
| $x$-values | $y$-values |
| Input | Output |
| Domain | Range |
| $x$ | $f(x)$ |

A function is a set of ordered pairs $(x, y)$ so that each $x$-value corresponds to exactly one $y$-value.

Function Rule


Some functions can be described by a rule written in words, such as "double a number and then add nine to the result," or by an equation with two variables. One variable ( $x$ ) represents the input, and the other variable $(y)$ represents the output.

## Linear Function

- Another method of representing a function is with a graph.

- A linear function is a function whose graph is a nonvertical line or part of a nonvertical line.


## Example: Representing a Linear Function

A DVD buyers club charges a $\$ 20$ membership fee and $\$ 15$ per DVD purchased. The table below represents this situation.

| Number of DVDs purchased | $\boldsymbol{x}$ | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total cost (\$) | $\boldsymbol{y}$ | 20 | 35 | 50 | 65 | 80 | 95 |

Find the first differences for the total cost.
Since the data shows a constant difference the pattern is linear If a pattern is linear then its graph is a straight $\qquad$ .

| Number of DVDs <br> purchased | $\boldsymbol{x}$ | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total cost (\$) | $\boldsymbol{y}$ | 20 | 35 | 50 | 65 | 80 | 95 |

The equation $y=15 x+20$ represents this situation. ${ }_{80}$ This is called a lìnearéquation.


Your Turn: The costs associated with being a member of a CD Club are presented in the table below.

Find the first differences and write an equation to represent the data pattern.

| Number of CDs <br> purchased | $\boldsymbol{x}$ | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total cost (\$) | $\boldsymbol{y}$ | 26 | 39 | 52 | 65 | 78 | 91 |

The club charges \$13 per CD.
The cost for 0 CDs is $\qquad$ .
Therefore, the club membership (initial cost) must be $\qquad$ .

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y=13 x+26
$$

## Your Turn:

The table shows the costs associated with being a member of a DVD club that charges a membership fee. Write an equation to represent the pattern in the data.

| Number of DVDs purchased | $\boldsymbol{x}$ | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total cost (\$) | $y$ | 21 | 31 | 41 | 51 | 61 | 71 |

## Your Turn:

The table shows the amount of water $y$ in a tank after $x$ minutes of being drained.

1. Is the relationship function?
2. Describe the relationship using words.
3. Write an equation for the relationship.
4. The relationship is a function.
5. The amount of water in gallons left in the tank is 440 minus 12 times the number of minutes.
6. $y=440-12 x$

## Joke Time

- Why did the pilgrims' pants always fall down?
- Because their belts were on their hats.
- What kind of birds flock together?
- Vel-crows.
- What is the difference between a freshman and a cell phone.
- You can put a cell phone on silent.

