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*For Christopher and Caroline*



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Dr. Young is pictured here with Ellie's 2011 litter of puppies!



Bonnie Farris

# Preface

As a mathematics professor I would hear my students say, “I understand you in class, but when I get home I am lost.” When I would probe further, students would continue with “I can’t read the book.” As a mathematician I always found mathematics textbooks quite easy to read—and then it dawned on me: don’t look at this book through a mathematician’s eyes; look at it through the eyes of students who might not view mathematics the same way that I do. What I found was that the books were not at all like my class. Students understood me in class, but when they got home they couldn’t understand the book. It was then that the folks at Wiley lured me into writing. My goal was to write a book that is seamless with how we teach and is an ally (not an adversary) to student learning. I wanted to give students a book they could read without sacrificing the rigor needed for conceptual understanding. The following quote comes from a reviewer of this third edition when asked about the rigor of the book:

*I would say that this text comes across as a little less rigorous than other texts, but I think that stems from how easy it is to read and how clear the author is. When one actually looks closely at the material, the level of rigor is high.*

## Distinguishing Features

Four key features distinguish this book from others, and they came directly from my classroom.

### PARALLEL WORDS AND MATH

Have you ever looked at your students’ notes? I found that my students were only scribbling down the mathematics that I would write—never the words that I would say in class. I started passing out handouts that had two columns: one column for math and one column for words. Each Example would have one or the other; either the words were there and students had to fill in the math, or the math was there and students had to fill in the words. If you look at the Examples in this book, you will see that the words (your voice) are on the left and the mathematics is on the right. In most math books, when the author illustrates an Example, the mathematics is usually down the center of the page, and if the students don’t know what mathematical operation was performed, they will look to the right for some brief statement of help. That’s not how we teach; we don’t write out an

Example on the board and then say, “Class, guess what I just did!” Instead we lead our students, telling them what step is coming and then performing that mathematical step *together*—and reading naturally from left to right. Student reviewers have said that the Examples in this book are easy to read; that’s because *your* voice is right there with them, working through problems *together*.

#### EXAMPLE 1 Graphing a Quadratic Function Given in Standard Form

Graph the quadratic function  $f(x) = (x - 3)^2 - 1$ .

**Solution:**

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|--------------------------------------|--|
| <b>STEP 1</b> The parabola opens up. | $a = 1$ , so $a > 0$   |
| <b>STEP 2</b> Determine the vertex.  | $(h, k) = (3, -1)$   |
| <b>STEP 3</b> Find the y-intercept.  | $f(0) = (-3)^2 - 1 = 8$<br>$(0, 8)$ corresponds to the y-intercept |

**SKILLS AND CONCEPTS (LEARNING OBJECTIVES AND EXERCISES)**

In my experience as a mathematics teacher/instructor/professor, I find skills to be on the micro level and concepts on the macro level of understanding mathematics. I believe that too often skills are emphasized at the expense of conceptual understanding.

I have purposely separated *learning objectives* at the beginning of every section into two categories: *skills objectives*—what students should be able to do; and *conceptual objectives*—what students should understand. At the beginning of every class I discuss the learning objectives for the day—both skills and concepts. These are reinforced with both skills exercises and conceptual exercises.

SECTION
2.1 QUADRATIC FUNCTIONS

**SKILLS OBJECTIVES**

- Graph a quadratic function in standard form.
- Graph a quadratic function in general form.
- Find the equation of a parabola.
- Solve application problems that involve quadratic functions.

**CONCEPTUAL OBJECTIVES**

- Recognize characteristics of graphs of quadratic functions (parabolas):
  - whether the parabola opens up or down
  - whether the vertex is a maximum or minimum
  - the axis of symmetry

**CATCH THE MISTAKE**

Have you ever made a mistake (or had a student bring you his or her homework with a mistake) and you go over it and over it and can't find the mistake? It's often easier to simply take out a new sheet of paper and solve it from scratch again than it is to actually find the mistake. Finding the mistake demonstrates a higher level of understanding. I include a few *Catch the Mistake* exercises in each section that demonstrate a common mistake that I have seen in my experience. I use these in class (either as a whole or often in groups), which leads to student discussion and offers an opportunity for formative assessment in real time.

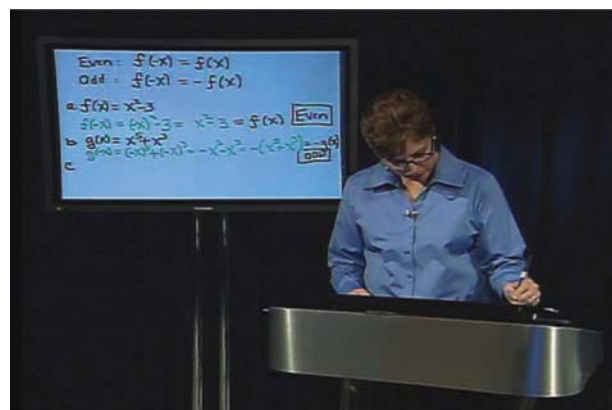
**CATCH THE MISTAKE**

In Exercises 89–92, explain the mistake that is made.

<p>89. Solve the equation: <math>4e^x = 9</math>.</p> <p><b>Solution:</b></p> <p>Take the natural log of both sides. <math>\ln(4e^x) = \ln 9</math></p> <p>Apply the property of inverses. <math>4x = \ln 9</math></p> <p>Solve for <math>x</math>. <math>x = \frac{\ln 9}{4} \approx 0.55</math></p> <p>This is incorrect. What mistake was made?</p>	<p>91. Solve the equation: <math>\log(x) + \log(x + 3) = 1</math> for <math>x</math>.</p> <p><b>Solution:</b></p> <p>Apply the product property (5). <math>\log(x^2 + 3x) = 1</math></p> <p>Exponentiate both sides (base 10). <math>10^{\log(x^2 + 3x)} = 10^1</math></p> <p>Apply the property of inverses. <math>x^2 + 3x = 10</math></p> <p>Factor. <math>(x + 5)(x - 2) = 0</math></p> <p>Solve for <math>x</math>. <math>x = -5</math> and <math>x = 2</math></p> <p>This is incorrect. What mistake was made?</p>
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**LECTURE VIDEOS BY THE AUTHOR**

To ensure consistency in the students' learning experiences, I authored the videos myself. Throughout the book wherever a student sees the video icon, that indicates a video. These videos provide a mini lecture in that the chapter openers and chapter summaries are more like class discussion and selected Examples. Your Turns throughout the book also have an accompanying video of me working out that exact problem.





## New to the Second Edition

The first edition was *our* book, and this second edition is *our even better* book. I've incorporated some specific line-by-line suggestions from reviewers throughout the exposition, added some new Examples, and added over 200 new Exercises. The three main global upgrades to the second edition are a new Chapter Map with Learning Objectives, End-of-chapter Inquiry-Based Learning Projects, and additional Applications Exercises in areas such as Business, Economics, Life Sciences, Health Sciences, and Medicine. A section (0.8\*) on Linear Regression was added, as well as some technology exercises on Quadratic, Exponential, and Logarithmic Regression.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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- Evaluate exponential functions for particular values and understand the characteristics of the graph of an exponential function.
- Evaluate logarithmic functions for particular values and understand the characteristics of the graph of a logarithmic function.
- Understand that logarithmic functions are inverses of exponential functions and derive the properties of logarithms.
- Solve exponential and logarithmic equations.
- Use the exponential growth, exponential decay, logarithmic, logistic growth, and Gaussian distribution models to represent real-world phenomena.

### INQUIRY-BASED LEARNING PROJECTS

#### CHAPTER 4 INQUIRY-BASED LEARNING PROJECT (A)

Dr. Parkinson has acquired two 30-foot sections of fence from her neighbor Mr. Wilson. She has decided to build a triangular corral for her animals. She plans to use a barn wall as the third side. (The barn wall is 100 feet long—see the diagram below.) As her contractor, you are expected to maximize the corral area. You have decided to approach this from a trigonometric viewpoint. Hence, you want to find the angle  $\theta$  that maximizes the area. To do this, follow the steps below. (As a side note: This problem is an example of optimization and you will revisit this type of problem in precalculus and/or calculus courses. The outline below is designed to give you an understanding of how to set up and solve this type of problem. Realize that this triangle is an isosceles triangle—two equal side lengths—and that its perpendicular bisector can be used to find the height of the triangle.)



1. Write out the general formula for the area of a triangle.
2. To get an understanding of what happens to the area of the triangle as the angle  $\theta$  changes, you will calculate the following dimensions using right triangle trigonometry. Do these calculations on a sheet of scratch paper. Since none of the triangles formed below are actually right triangles, you will need to construct a right triangle (using a perpendicular bisector) along with using the sine and cosine relationships to help you identify the base and height. (Use two decimals.)

$\theta$	$30^\circ$	$40^\circ$	$60^\circ$	$80^\circ$
$b(\theta)$ = base				
$h(\theta)$ = height				
$A(\theta)$ = area				

You don't need to do every example in the chart by hand. However, do as many as you need to see what patterns emerge for calculating each base, height, and area. When you see the pattern, you will hopefully then be able to write a function for each piece of information. You can then use the table in your graphing calculator to list all the answers. However, you are encouraged to do at least two by hand before jumping to the function writing. Also be sure to check that the results you get on your table agree with the numbers you get by hand.

3. Write the base  $b(\theta)$  of the triangle as a function of  $\theta$ . (Show how you arrived at this answer.) Describe what happens to the base values as the  $\theta$  values increase.

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### APPLICATIONS TO BUSINESS, ECONOMICS, HEALTH SCIENCES, AND MEDICINE

#### APPLICATIONS

109. **Business/Economics.** Annual cash flow of a stock fund (measured as a percentage of total assets) has fluctuated in cycles. The highs were roughly +12% of total assets and lows were roughly -8% of total assets. This cash flow can be modeled by the function
- $$C(t) = 12 - 20\sin t$$

Use a double-angle identity to express  $C(t)$  in terms of the cosine function.

110. **Business.** Computer sales are generally subject to seasonal fluctuations. An analysis of the sales of a computer manufacturer during 2008–2010 is approximated by the function

$$s(t) = 0.098 \cos^2 t + 0.387 \quad 1 \leq t \leq 12$$

where  $t$  represents time in quarters ( $t = 1$  represents the end of the first quarter of 2008), and  $s(t)$  represents computer sales (quarterly revenues) in millions of dollars. Use a double-angle identity to express  $s(t)$  in terms of the cosine function.

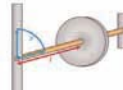
For Exercises 111 and 112, refer to the following:

An ore-crusher wheel consists of a heavy disk spinning on its axle. The normal (crushing) force  $F$ , in pounds, between the

wheel and the inclined track is determined by

$$F = W \sin \theta + \frac{1}{2} \phi^2 \left[ \frac{C}{R} (1 - \cos 2\theta) + \frac{A}{T} \sin 2\theta \right]$$

where  $W$  is the weight of the wheel in pounds,  $\theta$  is the angle of the axle,  $C$  and  $A$  are moments of inertia,  $R$  is the radius of the wheel,  $I$  is the distance from the wheel to the pin where the axle is attached, and  $\phi$  is the speed in rpm that the wheel is spinning. The optimum crushing force occurs when the angle  $\theta$  is between  $45^\circ$  and  $90^\circ$ .



111. **Ore-Crusher Wheel.** Find  $F$  if the angle is  $60^\circ$ ,  $W$  is 500 lb,  $\phi$  is 200 rpm,  $\frac{C}{R} = 750$ , and  $\frac{A}{T} = 3.75$ .

112. **Ore-Crusher Wheel.** Find  $F$  if the angle is  $75^\circ$ ,  $W$  is 500 lb,  $\phi$  is 200 rpm,  $\frac{C}{R} = 750$ , and  $\frac{A}{T} = 3.75$ .

113. **Area of an Isosceles Triangle.** Consider the triangle below, where the vertex angle measures  $\theta$ , the equal sides measure  $a$ , the height is  $h$ , and half the base is  $b$ . (In an isosceles triangle, the perpendicular dropped from the vertex angle divides the triangle into two congruent triangles.) The two triangles formed are right triangles.

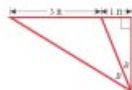


In the right triangles,  $\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \frac{h}{a}$  and  $\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \frac{b}{a}$ . Multiply each side of each equation by  $a$  to get  $h = a \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$ ,  $b = a \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$ .

The area of the entire isosceles triangle is  $A = \frac{1}{2}(2b)h = bh$ . Substitute the values for  $b$  and  $h$  into the area formula. Show that the area is equivalent to  $\left(\frac{a^2}{2}\right) \sin \theta$ .

114. **Area of an Isosceles Triangle.** Use the results from Exercise 113 to find the area of an isosceles triangle whose equal sides measure 7 inches and whose base angles each measure  $75^\circ$ .

115. With the information given in the diagram below, compute  $y$ .





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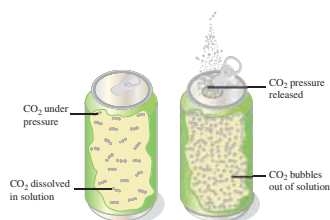
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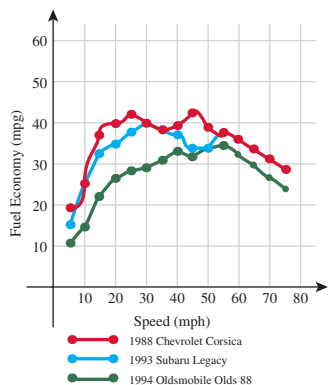
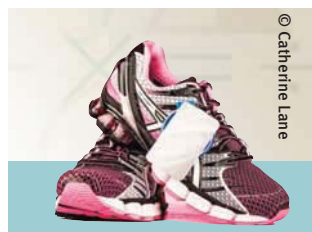
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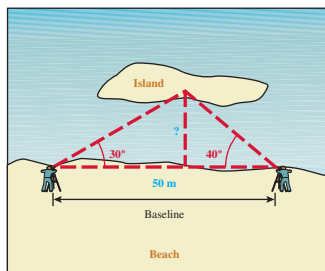
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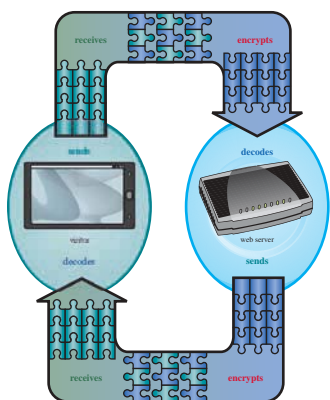




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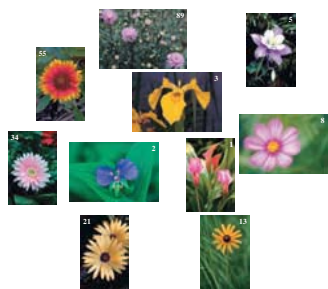
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# A Note from the Author to the Student

I wrote this text with careful attention to ways in which to make your learning experience more successful. If you take full advantage of the unique features and elements of this textbook, I believe your experience will be fulfilling and enjoyable. Let's walk through some of the special book features that will help you in your study of algebra and trigonometry.

## Prerequisites and Review (Chapter 0)

A comprehensive review of prerequisite knowledge (intermediate algebra topics) in Chapter 0 provides a brush up on knowledge and skills necessary for success in the course.

## Clear, Concise, and Inviting Writing

Special attention has been made to present an engaging, clear, precise narrative in a layout that is easy to use and designed to reduce any math anxiety you may have.

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### Review: Equations and Inequalities

Have you ever noticed when you open a can of soda that more messy fizz (carbonation) seems to be released if the soda is warm than if it has been refrigerated? Boyle's law in chemistry says that the pressure of a gas (cans of carbonated beverages contain carbon dioxide) is directly proportional to the temperature of the gas and inversely proportional to the volume of that gas. For example, if the volume stays the same (container of soda), and the temperature of the soda increases, the pressure also increases (more carbonation).\*

\*See Section 12.7 Exercise 53.

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## Exponential and Logarithmic Functions

Most populations initially grow exponentially, but then as resources become limited, the population reaches a carrying capacity. This exponential increase followed by a saturation at some carrying capacity is called logistic growth. Often when a particular species is placed on the endangered species list, it is protected from human predators and then its population size increases until naturally leveling off at some carrying capacity.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service removed the gray wolf (canis lupus) from the Wisconsin list of endangered and threatened species in 2016, and placed it on the list of protected wild animals. About 537 to 564 wolves existed in Wisconsin in the late winter of 2018.

**EXponential AND LOGarithmic FUNCTIONS**

3.1 Exponential Functions and Their Graphs	3.2 Logarithmic Functions and Their Graphs	3.3 Properties of Logarithms	3.4 Exponential and Logarithmic Equations	3.5 Exponential and Logarithmic Models*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Evaluating Exponential Functions</li><li>Graphs of Exponential Functions</li><li>The Natural Base <math>e</math></li><li>Applications of Exponential Functions</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Evaluating Logarithms</li><li>Common and Natural Logarithms</li><li>Lengths of Logarithmic Functions</li><li>Applications of Logarithms</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Properties of Logarithms</li><li>Change of Base Formula</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Solving Exponential Equations</li><li>Solving Logarithmic Equations</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Exponential Growth Models</li><li>Exponential Decay Models</li><li>Gaussian (Normal) Distribution Models</li><li>Logistic Growth Models</li><li>Logarithmic Models</li></ul>

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- Evaluate exponential functions for particular values and understand the characteristics of the graph of an exponential function.
- Evaluate logarithmic functions for particular values and understand the characteristics of the graph of a logarithmic function.
- Understand that logarithmic functions are inverses of exponential functions and derive the properties of logarithms.
- Solve exponential and logarithmic equations.
- Use the exponential growth, exponential decay, logarithmic, logistic growth, and Gaussian distribution models to represent real-world phenomena.

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## Chapter Introduction, Flow Chart, Section Headings, and Objectives

An opening vignette, flow chart, list of chapter sections, and chapter learning objectives give you an overview of the chapter.

**SECTION 4.2 RIGHT TRIANGLE TRIGONOMETRY**

**SKILLS OBJECTIVES**

- Learn the trigonometric functions as ratios of sides of a right triangle.
- Evaluate trigonometric functions exactly for special angles.
- Evaluate trigonometric functions using a calculator.

**CONCEPTUAL OBJECTIVES**

- Understand that right triangle ratios are based on the properties of similar triangles.
- Understand the difference between evaluating trigonometric functions exactly and using a calculator.

## Skills and Conceptual Objectives

For every section, objectives are further divided by skills *and* concepts so you can see the difference between solving problems and truly understanding concepts.

### Examples

Examples pose a specific problem using concepts already presented and then work through the solution. These serve to enhance your understanding of the subject matter.

### Your Turn

Immediately following many examples, you are given a similar problem to reinforce and check your understanding. This helps build confidence as you progress in the chapter. These are ideal for in-class activity or for preparing for homework later. Answers are provided in the margin for a quick check of your work.

#### EXAMPLE 9 Using the Change-of-Base Formula

Use the change-of-base formula to evaluate  $\log_4 17$ . Round to four decimal places.

**Solution:**

We will illustrate this in two ways (choosing common and natural logarithms) using a scientific calculator.

##### Common Logarithms

Use the change-of-base formula with base 10.  $\log_4 17 = \frac{\log 17}{\log 4}$

Approximate with a calculator.  $\approx 2.043731421$

$\approx 2.0437$

##### Natural Logarithms

Use the change-of-base formula with base  $e$ .  $\log_4 17 = \frac{\ln 17}{\ln 4}$

Approximate with a calculator.  $\approx 2.043731421$

$\approx 2.0437$

**YOUR TURN** Use the change-of-base formula to approximate  $\log_7 34$ . Round to four decimal places.

#### COMMON MISTAKE

A common mistake is to write the sum of the logs as a log of the sum.

$$\log_b M + \log_b N \neq \log_b(M + N)$$

#### CORRECT

Use the power property (7).

$$2 \log_b 3 + 4 \log_b u = \log_b 3^2 + \log_b u^4$$

Simplify.

$$\log_b 9 + \log_b u^4 \neq \log_b(9 + u^4) \quad \text{ERROR}$$

Use the product property (5).

$$= \log_b(9u^4)$$

#### INCORRECT

### Common Mistake/Correct vs. Incorrect

In addition to standard examples, some problems are worked out both correctly and incorrectly to highlight common errors students make. Counter examples like these are often an effective learning approach for many students.

### Parallel Words and Math

This text reverses the common textbook presentation of examples by placing the explanation in words *on the left* and the mathematics in parallel *on the right*. This makes it easier for students to read through examples as the material flows more naturally from left to right and as commonly presented in class.

#### WORDS

For a point  $(x, y)$  that lies on the unit circle,  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ .

Since  $(x, y) = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$ , the following holds.

State the **domain and range of the cosine and sine functions**.

Since  $\cot \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$  and  $\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$ , the values for  $\theta$  that make  $\sin \theta = 0$

#### MATH

$$-1 \leq x \leq 1 \text{ and } -1 \leq y \leq 1$$

$$-1 \leq \cos \theta \leq 1 \text{ and } -1 \leq \sin \theta \leq 1$$

Domain:  $(-\infty, \infty)$  Range:  $[-1, 1]$

### Study Tips and Caution Notes

These marginal reminders call out important hints or warnings to be aware of related to the topic or problem.

### Technology Tips

These marginal notes provide problem solving instructions and visual examples using graphing calculators.

#### Study Tip

Both the initial side (initial ray) and the terminal side (terminal ray) of an angle are rays.

#### CAUTION

$$\log_b M - \log_b N = \log_b \left( \frac{M}{N} \right)$$

$$\log_b M - \log_b N \neq \frac{\log_b M}{\log_b N}$$

#### Technology Tip

Use the TI to evaluate the expression for  $s$ .

$$s = (6800 \text{ km})(45^\circ) \left( \frac{\pi}{180^\circ} \right)$$

Press **2nd** **Δ** for  $\pi$ . Type **6800** **\*** **45** **\*** **2nd** **Δ** **=** **180** **ENTER**.

**6800\*45\*π/180**  
**5348.787511**



**IN THIS CHAPTER** we will discuss exponential functions and their inverses, logarithmic functions. We will graph these functions and use their properties to solve exponential and logarithmic equations. We will then discuss particular exponential and logarithmic models that represent phenomena such as compound interest, world populations, conservation biology models, carbon dating, pH values in chemistry, and the bell curve that is fundamental in statistics for describing how quantities vary in the real world.

**SECTION 3.2 SUMMARY**

In this section, logarithmic functions were defined as inverses of exponential functions.

$$y = \log_b x \text{ is equivalent to } x = b^y$$

NAME	EXPLICIT BASE	IMPLICIT BASE
Common logarithm	$f(x) = \log_{10} x$	$\log x$
Natural logarithm	$f(x) = \log_e x$	$\ln x$

**Evaluating Logarithms**

- *Exact:* Convert to exponential form first, then evaluate.
- *Approximate:* Natural and common logarithms with calculators.



**EXAMPLE 2 Graphing Exponential Functions for  $b > 1$**

Graph the function  $f(x) = 5^x$ .

**Solution:**

**STEP 1:** Label the y-intercept  $(0, 1)$ .

$$f(0) = 5^0 = 1$$

**STEP 2:** Label the point  $(1, 5)$ .

$$f(1) = 5^1 = 5$$

**Video icons**

Video icons appear on all chapter introductions, as well as selected examples throughout the chapter to indicate that the author has created a video segment for that element. These video clips help you work through the selected examples with the author as your “private tutor.”

**CHAPTER 3 REVIEW**

SECTION	CONCEPT	KEY IDEAS/FORMULAS
3.1	Exponential functions and their graphs	
	Evaluating exponential functions	$f(x) = b^x \quad b > 0, b \neq 1$
	Graphs of exponential functions	y-intercept $(0, 1)$ and $(-1, 1/b)$ ; Horizontal asymptote: $y = 0$ ; the points $(1, b)$
	The natural base $e$	$f(x) = e^x$
	Applications of exponential	Doubling time: $P = P_0 2^{t/d}$

**SECTION 3.5 EXERCISES**

**SKILLS**

In Exercises 1–6, match the function with the graph (a to f) and the model name (i to vi).

1.  $f(x) = 5e^{2x}$       2.  $h(x) = 28e^{-0.12x}$       3.  $T(x) = 4e^{-0.012x}$   
 4.  $P(t) = \frac{200}{1 + 5e^{-0.4t}}$       5.  $D(x) = 4 + \log_{10}(x - 1)$       6.  $h(x) = 2 + \ln(x + 3)$

- Model Name  
 i. Logarithmic  
 Graphs

**APPLICATIONS**

47. **Population Doubling Time.** In 2002 there were 7.1 million people living in London, England. If the population is expected to double by 2050, what is the expected population in London in 2050?  
 48. **Population Doubling Time.** In 2004 the population in Morganton, Georgia, was 43,000. The population in Morganton doubled by 2010. If the growth rate remains the same, what is the expected population in Morganton in 2020?  
 49. **Investments.** Suppose an area for \$1500 an acre and \$3000 an acre and \$6000. Write a function that area, assuming it would be expected to double in 10 years.  
 55. **Depreciation of Furniture.** A couple buy a new bedroom set for \$8000 and 10 years later sell it for \$4000. If the depreciation continues at the same rate, how much would the bedroom set be worth in 4 more years?  
 56. **Depreciation of a Computer.** A student buys a new laptop for \$1500 when she arrives as a freshman. A year later, the computer is worth approximately \$750. If the depreciation continues at the same rate, how much would she expect to pay for a new laptop 4 years later?

**CATCH THE MISTAKE**

In Exercises 105–108, explain the mistake that is made.

105. Evaluate the logarithm  $\log_4 4$ .  
**Solution:**  
 Set the logarithm equal to  $x$ .  $\log_4 4 = x$   
 Write the logarithm in exponential form.  $x = 2^x$   
 Simplify.  $x = 16$   
**Answer:**  
 This is incorrect. What went wrong?  
 106. Evaluate the logarithm  $\log_{10} 10$ .  
**Solution:**  
 Set the logarithm equal to  $x$ .  $\log_{10} 10 = x$   
 Express the equation in exponential form.  $10^x = 100$   
 Solve for  $x$ .  $x = 3$   
**CONCEPTUAL**  
 In Exercises 73–76, determine whether each statement is true or false.  
 73. The function  $f(x) = -e^x$  has the y-intercept  $(0, 1)$ .      74. The function  $f(x) = -e^{-x}$  has a horizontal asymptote along the  $x$ -axis.  
 75. The functions  $y = 3^x$  and  $y = (\frac{1}{3})^x$  have the same graphs.      76.  $e = 2.718$ .

**CHALLENGE**

113. State the domain, range, and  $x$ -intercept of the function  $f(x) = -\ln(x - a) + b$  for  $a$  and  $b$  real positive numbers.      114. State the domain, range, and  $x$ -intercept of the function  $f(x) = \log_a(x - a) - b$  for  $a$  and  $b$  real positive numbers.  
 115. Graph the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \ln(-x) & x < 0 \\ \ln(x) & x > 0 \end{cases}$       116. Graph the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} -\ln(-x) & x < 0 \\ -\ln(x) & x > 0 \end{cases}$

**TECHNOLOGY**

117. Apply a graphing utility to graph  $y = e^x$  and  $y = \ln x$  in the same viewing screen. What line are these two graphs symmetric about?  
 118. Apply a graphing utility to graph  $y = 10^x$  and  $y = \log x$  in the same viewing screen. What line are these two graphs symmetric about?  
 119. Apply a graphing utility to graph  $y = \log x$  and  $y = \ln x$  in the same viewing screen. What are the two common characteristics?  
 120. Using a graphing utility, graph  $y = \ln|x|$ . Is the function defined everywhere?

**Six Different Types of Exercises**

Every text section ends with **Skills, Applications, Catch the Mistake, Conceptual, Challenge, and Technology** exercises. The exercises gradually increase in difficulty and vary in skill and conceptual emphasis. Catch the Mistake exercises increase the depth of understanding and reinforce what you have learned. Conceptual and Challenge exercises specifically focus on assessing conceptual understanding. Technology exercises enhance your understanding and ability using scientific and graphing calculators.



## Inquiry-Based Learning Projects

These end of chapter projects enable you to discover mathematical concepts on your own!

**CHAPTER 3 INQUIRY-BASED LEARNING PROJECT**

Among other ideas, in Chapters 1 and 2 you studied functions and their inverses. For instance, you worked with this familiar quadratic function:  $y = x^2$ . In words, this means "squaring  $x$  equals  $y$ ." The equation of its inverse function can be written  $x = y^2$ , "squaring  $y$  equals  $x$ ." Of course, we call  $y$  the "square root of  $x$ ." In order to write this relationship with  $y$  in terms of  $x$ , mathematicians devised the symbol for square root, and so we write  $y = \sqrt{x}$ . Keep these ideas in mind as you look now at an exponential function and the need to define a new function and new symbol for its inverse.

1. Let  $f$  be the base 10 exponential function,  $f(x) = 10^x$ .

- Graph the exponential function  $y = 10^x$  by plotting points.

x	y
-3	
-2	
-1	
0	
1	
2	
3	

- Discuss whether or not  $f(x) = 10^x$  has an inverse function. How did you determine this?
- Using the definition of inverse function, complete the table below for the function  $y = f^{-1}(x)$ . Then plot the points to make a graph.

x	y

## Modeling Our World

These unique end-of-chapter exercises provide a fun and interesting way to take what you have learned and model a real world problem. By using climate change as the continuous theme, these exercises can help you to develop more advanced modeling skills with each chapter while seeing how modeling can help you better understand the world around you.

**MODELING OUR WORLD**

The following table summarizes the average yearly temperature in degrees Fahrenheit ( $^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) and carbon dioxide emissions in parts per million (ppm) for Mauna Loa, Hawaii.

Year	1960	1965	1970	1975	1980	1986	1990	1995	2000	2005
Temperature	44.45	43.29	43.61	43.35	46.66	45.71	45.53	47.53	45.86	46.23
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions (ppm)	316.9	320.0	325.7	331.1	338.7	345.9	354.2	360.6	369.4	379.7

In the Modeling Our World in Chapters 1 and 2, the temperature and carbon emissions were modeled with linear functions and polynomial functions, respectively. Now, let us model these same data using exponential and logarithmic functions.

- Plot the temperature data, with time on the horizontal axis and temperature on the vertical axis. Let  $t = 1$  correspond to 1960.
- Find a logarithmic function with base  $e$ ,  $f(t) = A \ln(Bt)$ , that models the temperature in Mauna Loa.
  - Apply data from 1965 and 2005.
  - Apply data from 2000 and 2005.
  - Apply regression and all data given.

**CHAPTER 3 REVIEW**

Section	Concept	Key Ideas/Formulas
3.1	Exponential functions and their graphs Evaluating exponential functions Graph of exponential function and $(-1, 10)$ The natural base $e$ Applications of exponential functions Compound interest Compounded continuously: $A = Pe^{rt}$	$f(x) = b^x \quad b > 0, b \neq 1$ $y$ -intercept $(0, 1)$ Horizontal asymptote: $y = 0$ ; the points $(1, b)$ and $(-1, 1/b)$ $f(x) = e^x$ Doubling time: $P \rightarrow P_2 = P \cdot 2$ $A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$ $A = Pe^{rt}$
3.2	Logarithmic functions and their graphs Evaluating logarithms Common and natural logarithms Graphs of logarithmic functions Applications of logarithms Decibel scale Richter scale $M = \frac{2}{3} \log \left(\frac{I}{I_0}\right)$	$y = \log_b x \quad x > 0, b > 0, b \neq 1$ $y = \log_b x$ and $x = b^y$ Common (base 10) Natural (base $e$ ) $x$ -intercept $(1, 0)$ the points $(b, 1)$ and $(1/b, -1)$ $D = 10 \log \left(\frac{I}{I_0}\right)$ $M = \frac{2}{3} \log \left(\frac{I}{I_0}\right)$
3.3	Properties of logarithms Properties of logarithms	1. $\log_b 1 = 0$ 2. $\log_b b = 1$ 3. $\log_b b^x = x$ 4. $b^{\log_b x} = x$ Product proper 5. $\log_b MN = \log_b M + \log_b N$ Quotient proper 6. $\log_b \left(\frac{M}{N}\right) = \log_b M - \log_b N$ Power property

**CHAPTER 3 REVIEW EXERCISES**

**3.1 Exponential Functions and Their Graphs**

Approximate each number using a calculator and round your answer to two-decimal places.

1.  $8^{1/2}$  2.  $e^{-0.5}$  3.  $4 \cdot 5^{1/3}$  4.  $12^{1/4}$

Approximate each number using a calculator and round your answer to two-decimal places.

5.  $e^{1/2}$  6.  $e^2$  7.  $e^{1/3}$  8.  $e^{1/4}$

Evaluate each exponential function for the given values.

9.  $f(x) = 2^{x-1}$   $f(-2)$   
10.  $f(x) = -2^{x+4}$   $f(3)$   
11.  $f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x-6}$   $f(5)$   
12.  $f(x) = (1/10)^{x-1}$   $f(1)$

**3.2 Logarithmic Functions and Their Graphs**

State the  $y$ -intercept and the horizontal asymptote, and graph the exponential function.

15.  $y = e^{-x}$  18.  $y = 4 - 3^x$   
19.  $y = 1 + 10^{-x}$  20.  $y = 4^x - 4$

State the  $y$ -intercept and horizontal asymptote, and graph the exponential function.

21.  $y = e^{x-1}$  22.  $y = e^{x+1}$   
23.  $y = 3 \cdot 2^{x-3}$  24.  $y = 2 - e^{x-4}$

**Applications**

25. Compound Interest. If \$4300 is deposited into an account paying a 5% compounding semiannually, how much will you have in the account in 7 years?

26. Compound Interest. How much money should be put in a savings account now that earns 4.0% a year compounded annually if you want \$25,000 in 8 years?

27. Compound Interest. If \$13,450 is put in a money market account that pays 3.6% a year compounded continuously, how much will be in the account in 15 years?

28. Compound Interest. How much money should be invested by a money market account that pays 2.3% a year compounded continuously if you desire \$15,000 in 10 years?

**Logarithmic Functions and Their Graphs**

Graph each logarithmic equation in its equivalent basic form.

29.  $\log_4 x = 3$  30.  $\log_2 2 = \frac{1}{2}$   
31.  $\log_3 9 = -2$  32.  $\log_5 4 = \frac{1}{2}$

Graph each exponential equation in its equivalent basic form.

33.  $y = 216$  34.  $10^{-x} = 0.0001$   
35.  $\left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^x = 3$  36.  $\sqrt[3]{125} = 5$

## Chapter Review, Review Exercises, Practice Test, Cumulative Test

At the end of every chapter, a summary review chart organizes the key learning concepts in an easy to use one or two-page layout. This feature includes key ideas and formulas, as well as indicating relevant pages and review exercises so that you can quickly summarize a chapter and study smarter. Review Exercises, arranged by section heading, are provided for extra study and practice. A Practice Test, without section headings, offers even more self-practice before moving on. A new Cumulative Test feature offers study questions based on all previous chapters' content, thus helping you build upon previously learned concepts.

**CHAPTER 4 PRACTICE TEST**

1. A 5-foot girl is standing in the Grand Canyon, and she wants to estimate the depth of the canyon. The sun casts her shadow 4 inches along the ground. To measure the shadow cast by the top of the canyon, she walks the length of the shadow. She takes 200 steps and estimates that each step is roughly 3 feet. Approximately how tall is the Grand Canyon?

2. Fill in the values in the table.

$\theta$	$\sin \theta$	$\cos \theta$	$\tan \theta$	$\csc \theta$	$\sec \theta$	$\cot \theta$
$30^{\circ}$						
$45^{\circ}$						
$60^{\circ}$						

3. What is the difference between  $\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}$ ?

4. Fill in the table with exact values for the trigonometric angles and the algebraic signs for the quadrants.

	$0^{\circ}$	$30^{\circ}$	$45^{\circ}$	$60^{\circ}$	$90^{\circ}$	$180^{\circ}$	$270^{\circ}$	$360^{\circ}$
$\sin \theta$								
$\cos \theta$								

5. If  $\cos \theta < 0$  and  $\sec \theta > 0$ , in which quadrant does the terminal side of  $\theta$  lie?

6. Evaluate  $\sin 210^{\circ}$  exactly.

7. Convert  $\frac{13\pi}{4}$  to degree measure.

**CHAPTERS 1-4 CUMULATIVE TEST**

- Find the average rate of change for  $f(x) = \frac{3}{x}$  from  $x = 2$  to  $x = 4$ .
- Use interval notation to express the domain of the function  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 25}$ .
- Using the function  $f(x) = 5 - x^2$ , evaluate the difference quotient  $\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ .
- Given the piecewise-defined function
 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & x < 0 \\ 2x - 1 & 0 \leq x < 3 \\ 5 - x & x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$
 find:
  - $f(0)$ ,  $f(4)$ ,  $f(1)$ ,  $f(3)$ ,  $f(-4)$ .
  - State the domain and range in interval notation.
  - Determine the intervals where the function is increasing, decreasing, or constant.
- Evaluate  $g(f(-1))$  for  $f(x) = \sqrt{x-7}$  and  $g(x) = \frac{5}{x-3}$ .
- Find the inverse of the function  $f(x) = \frac{3x+2}{x-3}$ .
- Find the quadratic function that has the vertex  $(5, 7)$  and goes through the point  $(2, -1)$ .
- Find all of the real zeros and state the multiplicity of each for the function  $f(x) = 4x^3 + 3x^2$ .
- Graph the rational function  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 2}{x - 2}$ . Give all asymptotes.
- Factor the polynomial  $F(x) = 4x^2 - 4x^3 + 13x^2 + 18x + 3$  as a product of linear factors.
- In a  $45^{\circ}$ - $45^{\circ}$ - $90^{\circ}$  triangle, if the two legs have a length of 15 feet, how long is the hypotenuse?
- Height of a tree. The shadow of a tree measures 13 feet. At the same time of day the shadow of a 6-foot pole measures 2.5 feet. How tall is the tree?
- Convert  $432^{\circ}$  to radians.
- Convert  $\frac{5\pi}{9}$  to degrees.
- Find the exact value of  $\tan\left(\frac{4\pi}{3}\right)$ .
- Find the exact value of  $\sec\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$ .
- Use a calculator to find the value of  $\csc 37^{\circ}$ . Round your answer to four decimal places.
- In the right triangle below, find  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ . Round each to the nearest tenth.
- Solve the triangle below. Round the side lengths to the nearest centimeter.



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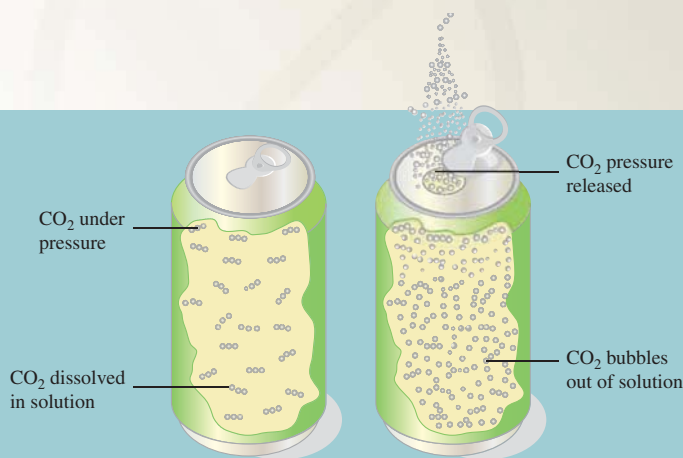
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## Review: Equations and Inequalities

Have you ever noticed when you open a can of soda that more messy fizz (carbonation) seems to be released if the soda is warm than if it has been refrigerated? Boyle's law in chemistry says that the pressure of a gas (cans of carbonated beverages contain carbon dioxide) is directly proportional to the temperature of the gas and inversely proportional to the volume of that gas. For example, if the volume stays the same (container of soda), and the temperature of the soda increases, the pressure also increases (more carbonation).\*

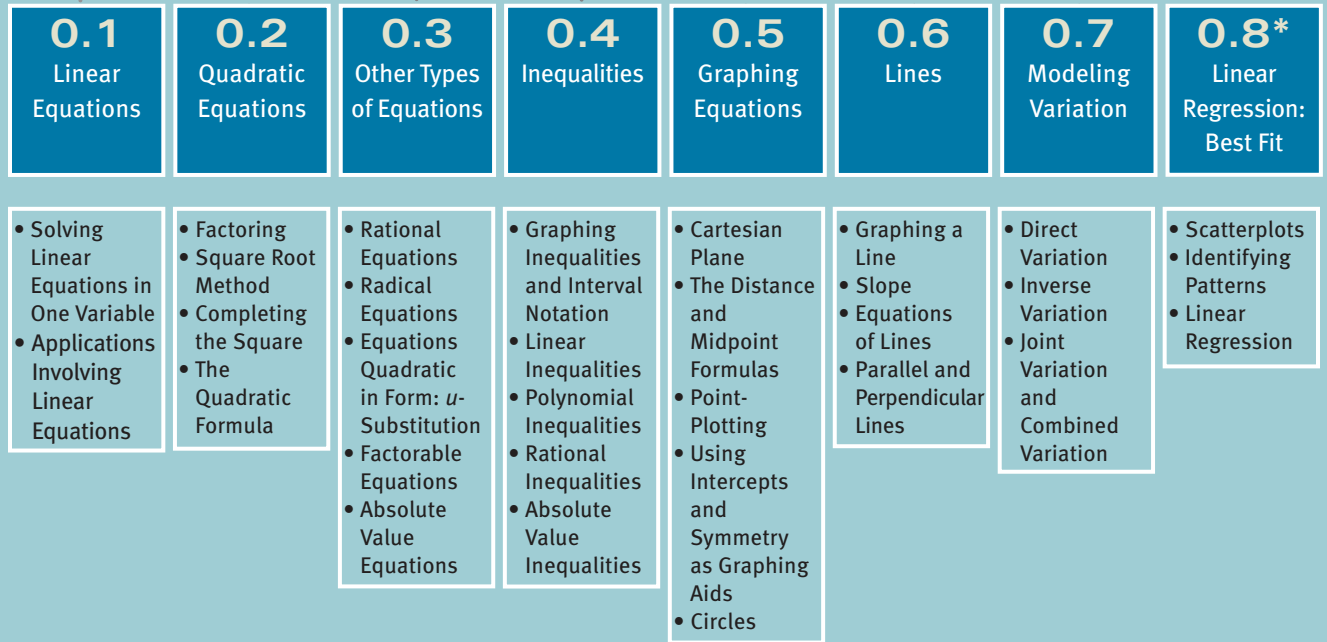


\*See Section 0.7 Exercise 53.



**IN THIS CHAPTER** we will review solving equations in one variable. We will start with linear and quadratic equations and then move on to other types of equations. We will review solving linear, polynomial, rational, and absolute value inequalities in one variable. We will discuss how to graph equations in two variables in the Cartesian plane and specifically discuss circles. Lastly, we will use equations to model variation.

## REVIEW: EQUATIONS AND INEQUALITIES



### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Solve linear equations in one variable.
- Solve quadratic equations in one variable.
- Solve other types of equations that can be transformed into linear or quadratic equations.
- Solve inequalities in one variable.
- Graph equations in two variables in the Cartesian plane.
- Find the equation of a line.
- Use equations to model variation.
- Find the line of best fit for a given data set.\*

\*Optional Technology Required Section.

## SECTION 0.1 LINEAR EQUATIONS

### SKILLS OBJECTIVES

- Solve linear equations in one variable.
- Solve application problems involving linear equations.

### CONCEPTUAL OBJECTIVE

- Understand the mathematical modeling process.

## Solving Linear Equations in One Variable

An **algebraic expression** (see Appendix) consists of one or more terms that are combined through basic operations such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division; for example,

$$3x + 2 \quad 5 - 2y \quad x + y$$

An **equation** is a statement that says two expressions are equal. For example, the following are all equations in one variable,  $x$ :

$$x + 7 = 11 \quad x^2 = 9 \quad 7 - 3x = 2 - 3x \quad 4x + 7 = x + 2 + 3x + 5$$

To **solve** an equation in one variable means to find all the values of that variable that make the equation true. These values are called **solutions**, or **roots**, of the equation. The first of these statements shown above,  $x + 7 = 11$ , is true when  $x = 4$  and false for any other values of  $x$ . We say that  $x = 4$  is the solution to the equation. Sometimes an equation can have more than one solution, as in  $x^2 = 9$ . In this case, there are actually two values of  $x$  that make this equation true,  $x = -3$  and  $x = 3$ . We say the **solution set** of this equation is  $\{-3, 3\}$ . In the third equation,  $7 - 3x = 2 - 3x$ , no values of  $x$  make the statement true. Therefore, we say this equation has **no solution**. And the fourth equation,  $4x + 7 = x + 2 + 3x + 5$ , is true for any values of  $x$ . An equation that is true for any value of the variable  $x$  is called an **identity**. In this case, we say the solution set is the **set of all real numbers**.

Two equations that have the same solution set are called **equivalent equations**. For example,

$$3x + 7 = 13 \quad 3x = 6 \quad x = 2$$

are all equivalent equations because each of them has the solution set  $\{2\}$ . Note that  $x^2 = 4$  is not equivalent to these three equations because it has the solution set  $\{-2, 2\}$ .

When solving equations, it helps to find a simpler equivalent equation in which the variable is isolated (alone). The following table summarizes the procedures for generating equivalent equations.

### Generating Equivalent Equations

ORIGINAL EQUATION	DESCRIPTION	EQUIVALENT EQUATION
$3(x - 6) = 6x - x$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Eliminate the parentheses.</li> <li>■ Combine like terms on one or both sides of the equation.</li> </ul>	$3x - 18 = 5x$
$7x + 8 = 29$	Add (or subtract) the same quantity to (from) <i>both</i> sides of the equation. $7x + 8 - 8 = 29 - 8$	$7x = 21$
$5x = 15$	Multiply (or divide) both sides of the equation by the same nonzero quantity: $\frac{5x}{5} = \frac{15}{5}$ .	$x = 3$
$-7 = x$	Interchange the two sides of the equation.	$x = -7$



You probably already know how to solve simple linear equations. Solving a linear equation in one variable is done by finding an equivalent equation. In generating an equivalent equation, remember that whatever operation is performed on one side of an equation must also be performed on the other side of the equation.

### EXAMPLE 1 Solving a Linear Equation

Solve the equation  $3x + 4 = 16$ .

**Solution:**

Subtract 4 from both sides of the equation.

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x + 4 = 16 \\ -4 \quad -4 \\ \hline 3x = 12 \end{array}$$

Divide both sides by 3.

$$\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{12}{3}$$

The solution is  $x = 4$ .

$$x = 4$$

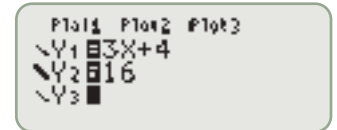
The solution set is  $\{4\}$ .

■ **YOUR TURN** Solve the equation  $2x + 3 = 9$ .

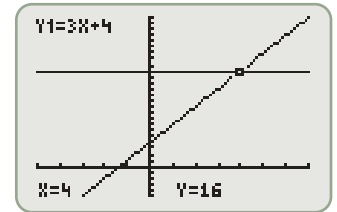


### Technology Tip

Use a graphing utility to display graphs of  $y_1 = 3x + 4$  and  $y_2 = 16$ .



The  $x$ -coordinate of the point of intersection is the solution to the equation  $3x + 4 = 16$ .



■ **Answer:** The solution is  $x = 3$ . The solution set is  $\{3\}$ .

Example 1 illustrates solving linear equations in one variable. What is a linear equation in one variable?

### DEFINITION Linear Equation

A **linear equation in one variable**,  $x$ , can be written in the form

$$ax + b = 0$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers and  $a \neq 0$ .

What makes this equation linear is that  $x$  is raised to the first power. We can also classify a linear equation as a **first-degree** equation.

Equation	Degree	General Name
$x - 7 = 0$	First	Linear
$x^2 - 6x - 9 = 0$	Second	Quadratic
$x^3 + 3x^2 - 8 = 0$	Third	Cubic

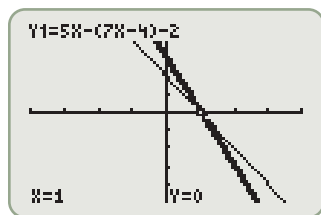
**Technology Tip**

Use a graphing utility to display graphs of  $y_1 = 5x - (7x - 4) - 2$  and  $y_2 = 5 - (3x + 2)$ .

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P1ot1 P1ot2 P1ot3
Y1=5X-(7X-4)-2
Y2=5-(3X+2)
  
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The  $x$ -coordinate of the point of intersection is the solution to the equation  $5x - (7x - 4) - 2 = 5 - (3x + 2)$ .



- **Answer:** The solution is  $x = 2$ . The solution set is  $\{2\}$ .

**Study Tip**

Prime Factors

$$2 = 2$$

$$6 = 2 \cdot 3$$

$$5 = \quad \cdot 5$$

$$\text{LCD} = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 = 30$$

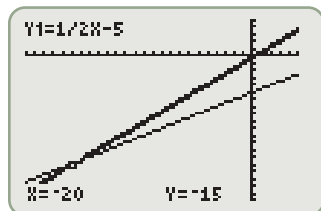
**Technology Tip**

Use a graphing utility to display graphs of  $y_1 = \frac{1}{2}p - 5$  and  $y_2 = \frac{3}{4}p$ .

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P1ot1 P1ot2 P1ot3
Y1=1/2X-5
Y2=3/4X
  
```

The  $x$ -coordinate of the point of intersection is the solution.



- **Answer:** The solution is  $m = -18$ . The solution set is  $\{-18\}$ .

**EXAMPLE 2 Solving a Linear Equation**

Solve the equation  $5x - (7x - 4) - 2 = 5 - (3x + 2)$ .

**Solution:**

Eliminate the parentheses.

$$5x - (7x - 4) - 2 = 5 - (3x + 2)$$

Don't forget to distribute the negative sign through *both* terms inside the parentheses.

$$5x - 7x + 4 - 2 = 5 - 3x - 2$$

Combine like terms on each side.

$$-2x + 2 = 3 - 3x$$

Add  $3x$  to both sides.

$$\frac{+3x}{x + 2} = \frac{+3x}{3}$$

Subtract 2 from both sides.

$$\frac{-2}{x} = \frac{-2}{1}$$

Check to verify that  $x = 1$  is a solution to the original equation.

$$\begin{aligned} 5 \cdot 1 - (7 \cdot 1 - 4) - 2 &= 5 - (3 \cdot 1 + 2) \\ 5 - (7 - 4) - 2 &= 5 - (3 + 2) \\ 5 - (3) - 2 &= 5 - (5) \\ 0 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since the solution  $x = 1$  makes the equation true, the solution set is  $\{1\}$ .

- **YOUR TURN** Solve the equation  $4(x - 1) - 2 = x - 3(x - 2)$ .

To solve a linear equation involving fractions, find the least common denominator (LCD) of all terms and multiply both sides of the equation by the LCD. We will first review how to find the LCD.

To add the fractions  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{2}{5}$ , we must first find a common denominator. Some people are taught to find the lowest number that 2, 6, and 5 all divide evenly into. Others prefer a more systematic approach in terms of prime factors.

**EXAMPLE 3 Solving a Linear Equation Involving Fractions**

Solve the equation  $\frac{1}{2}p - 5 = \frac{3}{4}p$ .

**Solution:**

Write the equation.

$$\frac{1}{2}p - 5 = \frac{3}{4}p$$

Multiply each term in the equation by the LCD, 4.

$$(4)\frac{1}{2}p - (4)5 = (4)\frac{3}{4}p$$

The result is a linear equation with no fractions.

$$2p - 20 = 3p$$

Subtract  $2p$  from both sides.

$$\frac{-2p}{-20} = \frac{-2p}{p}$$

$$p = -20$$

Since  $p = -20$  satisfies the original equation, the solution set is  $\{-20\}$ .

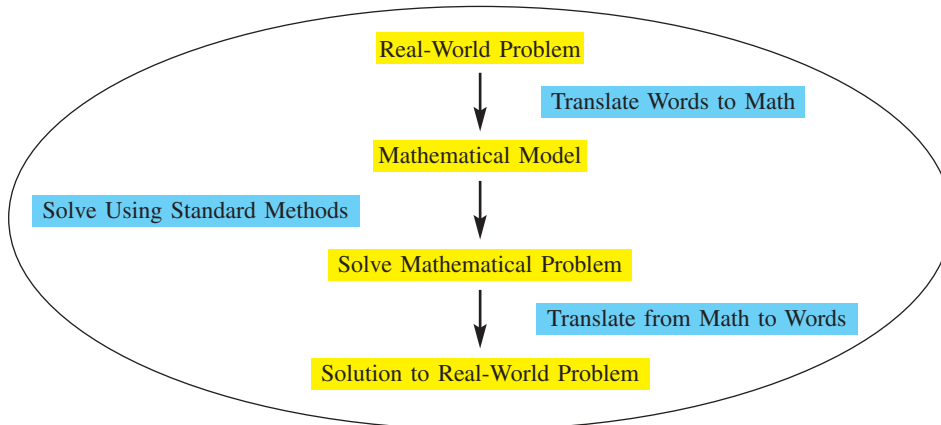
- **YOUR TURN** Solve the equation  $\frac{1}{4}m = \frac{1}{12}m - 3$ .

## Solving a Linear Equation in One Variable

STEP	DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLE
1	Simplify the algebraic expressions on both sides of the equation.	$\begin{aligned} -3(x - 2) + 5 &= 7(x - 4) - 1 \\ -3x + 6 + 5 &= 7x - 28 - 1 \\ -3x + 11 &= 7x - 29 \end{aligned}$
2	Gather all variable terms on one side of the equation and all constant terms on the other side.	$\begin{array}{r} -3x + 11 = 7x - 29 \\ +3x \quad +3x \\ \hline 11 = 10x - 29 \\ +29 \quad +29 \\ \hline 40 = 10x \end{array}$
3	Isolate the variable.	$10x = 40$ $x = 4$

## Applications Involving Linear Equations

We now use linear equations to solve problems that occur in our day-to-day lives. You typically will read the problem in words, develop a mathematical model (equation) for the problem, solve the equation, and write the answer in words.



You will have to come up with a unique formula to solve each kind of word problem, but there is a universal *procedure* for approaching all word problems.

### PROCEDURE FOR SOLVING WORD PROBLEMS

- Step 1: Identify the question.** Read the problem *one* time and note what you are asked to find.
- Step 2: Make notes.** Read until you can note something (an amount, a picture, anything). Continue reading and making notes until you have read the problem a second\* time.
- Step 3: Assign a variable to whatever is being asked for.** If there are two choices, then let it be the smaller of the two.
- Step 4: Set up an equation.** Assign a variable to represent what you are asked to find.
- Step 5: Solve the equation.**
- Step 6: Check the solution.** Substitute the solution for the variable in the equation, and also run the solution past the “common sense department” using estimation.

\*Step 2 often requires multiple readings of the problem.

**EXAMPLE 4** How Long Was the Trip?

During a camping trip in North Bay, Ontario, a couple went one-third of the way by boat, 10 miles by foot, and one-sixth of the way by horse. How long was the trip?

**Solution:**

**STEP 1** Identify the question.

How many miles was the trip?

**STEP 2** Make notes.

**Read**  
 ... one-third of the way by boat  
 ... 10 miles by foot  
 ... one-sixth of the way by horse

**Write**  
 BOAT:  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the trip  
 FOOT: 10 miles  
 HORSE:  $\frac{1}{6}$  of the trip

**STEP 3** Assign a variable.

Distance of total trip in miles =  $x$

**STEP 4** Set up an equation.

The total distance of the trip is the sum of all the distances by boat, foot, and horse.

**Distance by boat + Distance by foot + Distance by horse = Total distance of trip**

$$\text{Distance by boat} = \frac{1}{3}x$$

$$\text{Distance by foot} = 10 \text{ miles}$$

$$\text{Distance by horse} = \frac{1}{6}x$$

$$\overbrace{\frac{1}{3}x}^{\text{boat}} + 10 + \overbrace{\frac{1}{6}x}^{\text{horse}} = \overbrace{x}^{\text{total}}$$

**STEP 5** Solve the equation.

Multiply by the LCD, 6.

Collect  $x$  terms on the right.

Divide by 3.

The trip was 20 miles.

$$\frac{1}{3}x + 10 + \frac{1}{6}x = x$$

$$2x + 60 + x = 6x$$

$$60 = 3x$$

$$20 = x$$

$$x = 20$$

**STEP 6** Check the solution.

*Estimate:* The boating distance,  $\frac{1}{3}$  of 20 miles, is approximately 7 miles; the riding distance on horse,  $\frac{1}{6}$  of 20 miles, is approximately 3 miles. Adding these two distances to the 10 miles by foot gives a trip distance of 20 miles.

■ **Answer:** The distance from their car to the gate is 1.5 miles.

■ **YOUR TURN** A family arrives at the Walt Disney World parking lot. To get from their car in the parking lot to the gate at the Magic Kingdom, they walk  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile, take a tram for  $\frac{1}{3}$  of their total distance, and take a monorail for  $\frac{1}{2}$  of their total distance. How far is it from their car to the gate of the Magic Kingdom?

## Geometry Problems

Some problems require geometric formulas in order to be solved.

### EXAMPLE 5 Geometry

A rectangle 24 meters long has the same area as a square with 12-meter sides. What are the dimensions of the rectangle?

**Solution:**

#### STEP 1 Identify the question.

What are the dimensions (length and width) of the rectangle?

#### STEP 2 Make notes.

**Read**

A rectangle 24 meters long

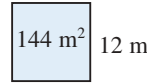
**Write/Draw**



$$l = 24$$

$$\text{area of rectangle} = l \cdot w = 24w$$

A square with 12-meter sides



$$12 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{area of square} = 12 \cdot 12 = 144$$

#### STEP 3 Assign a variable.

Let  $w$  = width of the rectangle.

#### STEP 4 Set up an equation.

The area of the rectangle is equal to the area of the square.

$$\text{rectangle area} = \text{square area}$$

Substitute in known quantities.

$$24w = 144$$

#### STEP 5 Solve the equation.

Divide by 24.

$$w = \frac{144}{24} = 6$$

The rectangle is 24 meters long and 6 meters wide.

#### STEP 6 Check the solution.

A 24 meter by 6 meter rectangle has an area of 144 square meters.

■ **YOUR TURN** A rectangle 3 inches wide has the same area as a square with 9-inch sides. What are the dimensions of the rectangle?

■ **Answer:** The rectangle is 27 in. long and 3 in. wide.

## Interest Problems

In our personal or business financial planning, a particular concern we have is interest. **Interest** is money paid for the use of money; it is the cost of borrowing money. The total amount borrowed is called the **principal**. The principal can be the price of our new car; we pay the bank interest for loaning us money to buy the car. The principal can also be the amount we keep in a CD or money market account; the bank uses this money and pays us