

4.8 Problem Solving

Ex. 1



Ayesha has a membership at a local studio. She had to pay a monthly membership fee and then pays an additional amount per class. In October she attended 5 classes and paid \$150. In November she attended 11 classes and paid \$222.

(b)

a) Determine the monthly fee and the price per class.

initial value $(5, 150)$ or $(150, 5)$ *rate of change (slope)*

$(11, 222)$

x	y
5	150
11	222

$m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{72}{6} = 12$

$y = 12x + b$
Sub $(5, 150)$
 $150 = 12(5) + b$
 $150 = 60 + b$
 $90 = b$

\therefore Monthly fee is \$90
Each class is \$12

b) Write an equation to model the monthly cost of yoga classes.

$$y = mx + b$$

$$y = 12x + 90$$

c) How much would it cost if she attended 15 classes in one month?

$$y = 12x + 90$$

Sub $x = 15$

$$y = 12(15) + 90$$

$$= 270$$

\therefore It would cost \$270

d) If the monthly cost was \$174 how many classes did she attend?

$$174 = 12x + 90$$

$$174 - 90 = 12x$$

$$\frac{84}{12} = \frac{12x}{12}$$

$$7 = x$$

\therefore She attended 7 classes

Ex. 2

A 9-ounce cup of freshly squeezed orange juice costs \$1.25. A 12-ounce cup costs \$1.60. Assuming that cost vs. volume is linear, how much would a 16-ounce cup cost?

x	y
9	1.25
12	1.60
15	1.95
16	2.07

$$m = \frac{0.35}{3}$$

$$m = 0.12$$

$$y = 0.12x + b$$

Sub (12, 1.60)

$$1.60 = 0.12(12) + b$$

$$1.60 = 1.44 + b$$

$$0.16 = b$$

$$y = 0.12x + 0.16$$

16 ounce cup?
x = 16

$$y = 0.12(16) + 0.16$$

$$= 2.08$$

∴ It would cost
\$2.08



Explain the meaning of the slope and y-intercept.

Slope is cost/ounce

y-int is initial cost
(maybe cost of the cup?)

Ex. 3

Vishva decides to buy his mom some roses. The roses always come with a vase in this store. He is given the choice to buy 12 roses with a vase which costs \$48 and to buy 18 roses with the vase which costs \$64.50.



a) How much is the vase?

x	y	
0	15	\therefore The vase cost \$15
6	31.50	
12	48	
18	64.50	

\uparrow 0 \uparrow 6 $+6$ \downarrow 12 \downarrow 18
 (Red arrows indicate the constant difference of 6 in x and 16.50 in y)

b) How much would 2 dozen roses (24) cost?

\downarrow 24 81 \downarrow
 (Green arrow indicates the next step in the pattern)

\therefore 24 roses with a vase
 would cost \$81