

A1 Algebra I End-of-Course

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 TOOLS FOR EXPLOSIVE LEARNING

Category 1 – Functional Relationships

FUNCTIONS

function: relation such that each x -value (input) has just one y -value (output); for the set of ordered pairs (x, y) belonging to a function, no x -coordinate is repeated
Example: $\{(2, 2), (3, 2)\}$ is a function, but $\{(2, 2), (2, 3)\}$ is not.

vertical line test: a vertical line drawn on a function's graph only crosses at one point; if a vertical line crosses at more than one point, it is not a function

independent quantity: amount that can be changed or manipulated
Example: A room has four chairs, c , for each table, t , and 1 chair for a teacher. Function $c = 4t + 1$ shows the value of c (dependent) depends on t (independent).

dependent quantity: amount that changes because of another quantity

equation: describes 2 equal expressions; uses = sign; graph with solid line (—)

inequality: describes 2 unequal expressions

Symbol	<	>	≤	≥
Line	dashed	dashed	solid	solid
Shading	below	above	below/above	below/above

REPRESENTING RELATIONSHIPS

Relationships can be represented in many ways.

Example: $y = -2x$

Function Notation: $f(x) = -2x$

Verbal Description: A function in which the y -values equal the opposite of twice the x -values.

List: $\{(-2, 4), (0, 0), (2, -4)\}$

Table:

x	y
-2	4
0	0
2	-4

Map:

Graph:

FUNCTION INTERPRETATION AND ANALYSIS

Analyze and interpret functional relationships to make logical judgments and mathematical predictions.

Example: $y = x^2 + 1$ is a quadratic function because it has the form $y = ax^2 + bx + c$. It is graphed using a solid line. A vertical line test shows $y = x^2 + 1$ is a function. Point $(0, 1)$ is a possible solution, but point $(-2, 2)$ is not.

Category 2 – Properties and Attributes

LINEAR AND QUADRATIC PARENT FUNCTIONS

Function	Equation Notation	Function Notation	Parent Function
linear	$y = mx + b$	$f(x)$	$f(x) = x$
quadratic	$y = ax^2 + bx + c$	$f(x)$	$f(x) = x^2$

variable: value that can change
independent variable: x is independent variable
dependent variable: y is dependent variable
constant: quantity or number that does not change
degree: largest exponent of variable
coefficient: number before the variable; if there is no number, the coefficient is 1

DOMAIN AND RANGE

domain: x -values; independent variable's values; "input"
range: y -values; dependent variable's values; "output"
closed interval: includes endpoints
open interval: does not include endpoints
half-closed interval: includes one endpoint and excludes the other
all real numbers: $x \in \mathbb{R}$
range: $y \geq -1$

DATA ORGANIZATION AND INTERPRETATION

Analyze data to interpret and understand problems. Graphs and equations describe relationships.

Example 1: $c = 2b$, for domain $0 \leq b \leq 8$ and range $0 \leq c \leq 16$

Example 2: If the cost of a book is $\$4$, then how much will it cost for $n > 4$, then how much will it cost for $n = 25$?

Answer: $c = 2b$, for domain $0 \leq b \leq 8$ and range $0 \leq c \leq 16$

scatterplot: a graph showing the relationship between two variables. Trend Direction: upward, downward, no trend.

SYMBOLS AND PATTERNS

sequence: ordered list of quantities
pattern: relationship between quantities; can use symbols to represent them
symbol: represents a variable or unknown
Example: $3n + 2$ describes the relationship between the position, n , in sequence 3, 6, 9, 12, ...

PROPERTIES

Property	Addition	Multiplication	Example
commutative	$a + b = b + a$	$ab = ba$	$3xy = 3yx$
associative	$a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$	$a(bc) = (ab)c$	$5r(y) = 5(ry)$
distributive	$a(b + c) = ab + ac$	$a(bc) = (ab)c$	$x(x + 4) = x^2 + 4x$

EXPRESSION SIMPLIFICATION AND EVALUATION

To simplify an expression, use the order of operations: Parentheses, Exponents, Multiplication and Division, Addition and Subtraction.

Example: Simplify $3(x + 5) - 2x^2 + 15$

Example: Factor $6x + 3x^2 = 3x(2 + x)$

Example: Multiply the binomials $(x + 2)(x + 3) = x^2 + 5x + 6$

FOIL: First, Outer, Inner, Last

To solve an equation for one variable, use the properties:

- Simplify each side. **Example:** Solve for x : $4(x + 2) = 2x + 8$
- Add or subtract terms on both sides to isolate the variable. $4x + 8 = 2x + 8$
- Simplify both sides. $4x + 8 - 8 = 2x + 8 - 8$

LINEAR FUNCTIONS

Linear functions can be represented in many ways.

Example: $y = x + 1$

Verbal Description: A function in which the y -values are one more than their corresponding x -values.

List: $\{(0, 1), (3, 4)\}$

Table:

x	y
-1	0
0	1
3	4

Map:

Graph:

SLOPE AND INTERCEPT

slope: a measure of change; as the absolute value of the slope increases, the line gets steeper.

parallel lines: lines that never intersect; same distance apart; slopes are the same.

perpendicular lines: two lines that cross to form a right angle; slopes are opposite reciprocals.

y-intercept, b : point at which the line crosses the y -axis; to find the y -intercept look at its graph or substitute $x = 0$ into the equation and solve for y ; changing the y -intercept changes the initial condition of a problem.

x-intercept: point at which the line crosses the x -axis; to find the x -intercept look at its graph or substitute $y = 0$ into the equation and solve for x .

CHARACTERISTICS OF LINEAR FUNCTIONS

Form	Linear Equation	Example
slope-intercept	$y = mx + b$	The table shows x -intercept and zero at $(-3, 0)$ and y -intercept at $(0, 6)$.
point-slope	$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$	$\text{slope} = m = \frac{12 - 6}{3 - 0} = \frac{6}{3} = 2$
standard	$Ax + By = C$	

Example: Find line's equation. **Example:** Find line's equation.

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