

# Unit 6: Linear Functions

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## Transfer

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### Big Idea: Linear Functions

## Essential Questions

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What does y-intercept form of a linear equations tell me about its graph?

How do you use an equation to make predictions about data?

How do you use scatter plots to find correlations between variables?

## Enduring Understandings

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A function is a relationship between variables in which each value of the input variable is associated with a unique value of the output variable

Functions can be represented in a variety of ways, such as graphs, tables, equations, or words. Each representation is particularly useful in certain situations

A function that models a real-world situation can then be used to make estimates or predictions about future occurrences

## Standards in Mathematics

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MA.F-BF.B

Build new functions from existing functions

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Solve an equation of the form  $f(x) = c$  for a simple function  $f$  that has an inverse and write

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|              | an expression for the inverse.  |
| MA.F-IF.A    | Understand the concept of a function and use function notation  |
| MA.F-IF.A.3  | Recognize that sequences are functions, sometimes defined recursively, whose domain is a subset of the integers.  |
| MA.F-IF.C.7a | Graph linear and quadratic functions and show intercepts, maxima, and minima.   |
| MA.F-LE.A    | Construct and compare linear and exponential models and solve problems  |
| MA.F-LE.A.2  | Construct linear and exponential functions, including arithmetic and geometric sequences, given a graph, a description of a relationship, or two input-output pairs (include reading these from a table).               |
| MA.F-LE.A.1b | Recognize situations in which one quantity changes at a constant rate per unit interval relative to another.  |
| MA.K-12.2    | Reason abstractly and quantitatively.   |
| MA.K-12.3    | Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.  |
| MA.K-12.4    | Model with mathematics.   |
| MA.K-12.5    | Use appropriate tools strategically.  |
| MA.K-12.7    | Look for and make use of structure.   |
| MA.K-12.8    | Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.  |
| MA.S-ID.B    | Summarize, represent, and interpret data on two categorical and quantitative variables  |
| MA.S-ID.B.6  | Represent data on two quantitative variables on a scatter plot, and describe how the variables are related.   |
| MA.S-ID.C    | Interpret linear models   |
| MA.S-ID.C.7  | Interpret the slope (rate of change) and the intercept (constant term) of a linear model in the context of the data.  |
| MA.S-ID.C.8  | Compute (using technology) and interpret the correlation coefficient of a linear fit.   |
| MA.S-ID.C.9  | Distinguish between correlation and causation.  |
| MA.A-CED.A   | Create equations that describe numbers or relationships   |
| MA.A-CED.A.2 | Create equations in two or more variables to represent relationships between quantities; graph equations on coordinate axes with labels and scales.   |
| MA.G-GPE.B   | Use coordinates to prove simple geometric theorems algebraically  |
| MA.G-GPE.B.5 | Prove the slope criteria for parallel and perpendicular lines and use them to solve geometric problems (e.g., find the equation of a line parallel or perpendicular to a given line that passes through a given point). |

## **Critical Knowledge and Skills**

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### **Vocabulary**

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Arithmetic Sequence, Common Difference, Function, Direct Variation, Explicit Formula, Inverse Function, Linear Equation, Opposite Reciprocals, Parallel Lines, Perpendicular Lines, Point-Slope Form, Rate of Change, Recursive formula, Sequence, Slope, Slope-Intercept Form, Standard Form of a Linear Equation, Term of a Sequence, X-Intercept, Y-Intercept

## **Learning Objectives**

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Find rates of change from tables (F.LE.1.b)

Find slope (F.LE.1.b)

Write linear equations using slope-intercept form (F.IF.7.a)

Graph linear equations in slope-intercept form (F.IF.7.a)

Write and graph an equation of a direct variation (A.CED.2)

Represent arithmetic sequences using function notation (F.IF.3, F.LE.2)

Write and graph linear equations using point-slope form (F.LE.2)

Graph linear equations using intercepts (A.CED.2)

Write linear equations in standard form (A.CED.2)

Determine whether lines are parallel, perpendicular, or neither (G.GPE.5)

Write equations of parallel lines and perpendicular lines (G.GPE.5)

Find the inverse of a function (F.BF.4.a)

Recognize possible associations and trends in data (S.ID.5)

Represent data on two quantitative variables on a scatter plot and describe how the variables are related (S.ID.6)

Fit a function to the data of a scatter plot (S.ID.6)

Plot and analyze residuals of the fit of a function (S.ID.6)

Interpret the slope (rate of change) and the intercept (constant term) of a linear model in the context of the data (S.ID.7)

Compute (using technology) and interpret the correlation coefficient of a linear fit (S.ID.7)

Distinguish between correlation and causation (S.ID.9)

## **Resources**

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[Desmos Linear Bundle](#)

[Khan Academy: Linear Equations & Graphs](#)

[Khan Academy: Linear Word Problems](#)

[NCTM: Barbie Bungee Activity](#)

[3 Act Math: Turbo Texting](#)