

Final Exam Review

Complete the following exercises to help you review for the final exam. This review sheet is intended as a problem set for you to practice. The solution key is posted along with this document in our final module.

Part 1: No Calculator

Factoring and Solving Quadratic Equations by Factoring

1) Factor the following polynomials completely.

a) $x^2 - 25$ difference of squares
 $= (x+5)(x-5)$

b) $x^2 - 12x + 35$ monic quadratic trinomial
 $= (x-5)(x-7)$

c) $2y^3 - 6y^2 - 56y$ GCD first
 $= 2y(y^2 - 3y - 28)$
 $= 2y(y+4)(y-7)$

d) $p^2 + 12p + 36$ perfect square trinomial
 $= (p+6)^2$

2) Solve the following quadratic equations by factoring.

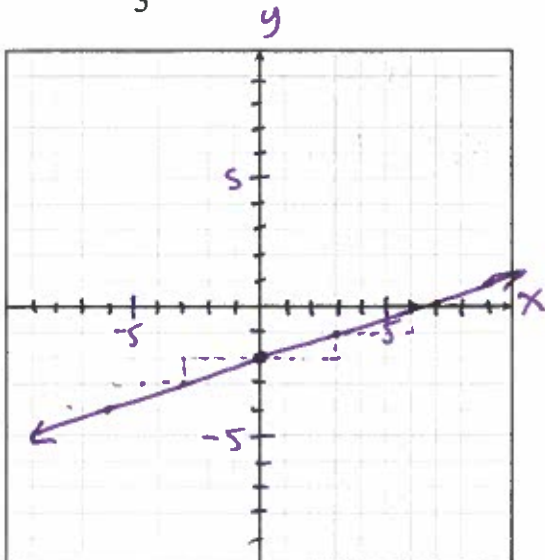
a) $2x^2 - 7x + 6 = 0$ A.C. = 12
 $2x^2 - 3x - 4x + 6 = 0$ $(-3)(-4) = 12$ ✓
 $(-3) + (-4) = -7$
 $x(2x-3) - 2(2x-3) = 0$
 $(2x-3)(x-2) = 0$
 $2x-3 = 0$ or $x-2 = 0$
 $2x = 3$
 $x = \frac{3}{2}$ or $x = 2$

b) $2(x+3) = x(x+1)$
 $2x+6 = x^2+x$
 $0 = x^2 - x - 6$
 $0 = (x+2)(x-3)$
 $x = -2$ or $x = 3$

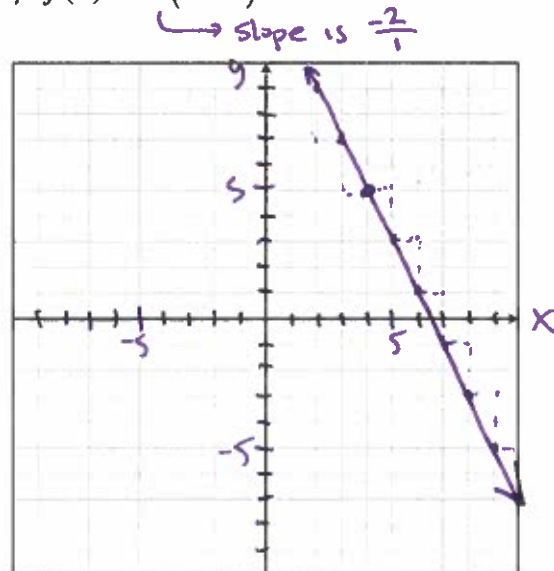
Sketching Graphs of Linear Functions by Hand

3) Sketch the graph of $y = f(x)$ for each of the following linear functions WITHOUT a calculator. Show at least two points.

a) $f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x - 2$



b) $f(x) = -2(x-4) + 5$



Evaluating Functions and Determining Their Domain and Range

The domain of a function is the set of all possible inputs, which are typically x-values. The range of a function is the set of all possible outputs, which are typically y-values.

When determining the domain of a function based on the formula:

- Exclude any numbers that cause **division by zero**.
- Exclude any numbers that cause the **square root of a negative number** to occur.

4) Algebraically determine the domain of the following functions. State each domain using set-builder notation AND interval notation. Then find $f(0)$ and $f(-2)$ for each function.

Function	Domain (SB Notation)	Domain (Interval Notation)	$f(0)$	$f(-2)$
$f(x) = -5x + 7$	$\{x x \text{ is a real \#}\}$	$(-\infty, \infty)$	7	17
$f(x) = \sqrt{-2x+3}$	Need $-2x+3 \geq 0$ $-2x \geq -3$ $x \leq 1.5$ $\{x x \leq 1.5\}$	$(-\infty, 1.5]$	$\sqrt{3}$	$\sqrt{7}$
$f(x) = -3(x-1)^2 - 4$	$\{x x \text{ is a real \#}\}$	$(-\infty, \infty)$	-7	-31
$f(x) = 3x-6 $	$\{x x \text{ is a real \#}\}$	$(-\infty, \infty)$	6	12
$f(x) = \frac{4x+1}{3x-6}$	Need $3x-6 \neq 0$ $3x \neq 6$ $x \neq 2$ $\{x x \neq 2\}$	$(-\infty, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$	$-\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{7}{12}$
$f(x) = \frac{x-6}{x^2+x-6}$	Need $x^2+x-6 \neq 0$ $(x+3)(x-2) \neq 0$ $x \neq -3 \text{ and } x \neq 2$ $\{x x \neq -3, x \neq 2\}$	$(-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$	1	2

5) State the domain and range of each function below (Figure 1 and Figure 2) using interval notation.

a) Domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$
Range: $[-4, \infty)$

b) Domain: $[-6, -4) \cup (-1, 1]$
Range: $(-3, -1] \cup (2, 6]$

FIGURE 1

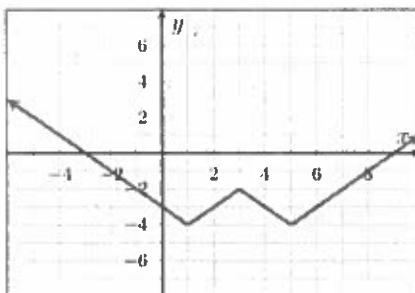
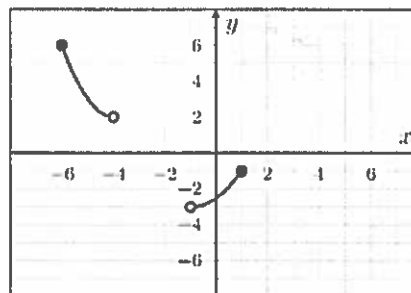


FIGURE 2



Evaluating, Solving, and Determining Domain and Range Using the Graph of a Function

6) For the following graph of f in Figure 3, determine

a) $f(2) = 3$ b) $f(0) = -5$

c) Any x -value(s) for which $f(x) = 0$

$x = 1$ or $x = 5$

d) Any x -value(s) for which $f(x) = -5$

$x = 0$ or $x = 6$

e) Any x -value(s) for which $f(x) = 4$

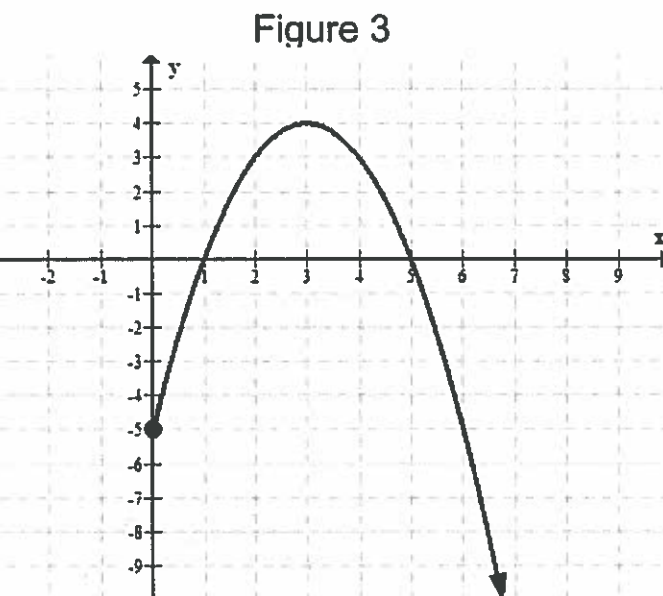
$x = 3$

f) Any x -value(s) for which $f(x) > 3$

$(2, 4)$

h) The domain of f in interval notation.

$[0, \infty)$



g) Any x -value(s) for which $f(x) \leq 0$

$[0, 1] \cup [5, \infty)$

i) The range of f in interval notation.

$(-\infty, 4]$

Simplifying Expressions with Function Notation

7) Let $p(x) = 4x^2 - 9x + 7$. Find:

a) $p(x-3) = 4(x-3)^2 - 9(x-3) + 7$
 $= 4(x^2 - 6x + 9) - 9x + 27 + 7$
 $= 4x^2 - 24x + 36 - 9x + 34$
 $= 4x^2 - 33x + 70$

b) $p(-5x) = 4(-5x)^2 - 9(-5x) + 7$
 $= 4(25x^2) + 45x + 7$
 $= 100x^2 + 45x + 7$

c) $p(x) + 4 = 4x^2 - 9x + 7 + 4$
 $= 4x^2 - 9x + 11$

d) $8p(x) = 8(4x^2 - 9x + 7)$
 $= 32x^2 - 72x + 56$

Simplifying Rational Expressions

There are four important facts about rational expressions and equations:

- Only **factors** cancel.
- Restrictions occur when the original expression or function was undefined, but the simplified expression or function is not. These need to be stated in order for equivalence to hold.
- A rational **expression** is equivalent to another rational expression when BOTH the **numerator and denominator** are multiplied by the SAME expression.
- An **equation** with rational expressions is equivalent to another equation when BOTH sides of the equation are multiplied by the SAME expression.

8) Perform the indicated operation and simplify the expression as much as possible. Include any necessary restrictions.

Factor and flip divisor

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } \frac{4}{t^2+9t+8} \cdot \frac{t+8}{2t-6} &= \frac{\cancel{4}^2}{(t+8)(t+1)} \cdot \frac{(t+8)}{\cancel{2}(t-3)} \\ &= \frac{2}{(t+1)(t-3)}, t \neq -8 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } \frac{2x+4}{x^2-5x+6} \div \frac{x^2+4x+4}{4x-8} &= \frac{2(\cancel{x+2})}{(\cancel{x+2})(x-3)} \cdot \frac{4(\cancel{x-2})}{(x+2)^2} \\ &= \frac{8}{(x-3)(x+2)}, x \neq 2 \end{aligned}$$

*Need common denoms.
Start by clarifying factors*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } \frac{y+2}{y-3} - \frac{y+1}{y+4} &= \frac{(y+2)}{(y-3)} - \frac{(y+1)}{(y+4)} \\ &= \frac{(y+2)(y+4)}{(y-3)(y+4)} - \frac{(y+1)(y-3)}{(y+4)(y-3)} \\ &= \frac{y^2+6y+8}{(y-3)(y+4)} - \frac{y^2-2y-3}{(y-3)(y+4)} \\ &= \frac{8y+11}{(y-3)(y+4)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{d) } \frac{3}{x+9} + \frac{15}{x^2+13x+36} &= \frac{3}{(x+9)} + \frac{15}{(x+9)(x+4)} \\ &= \frac{3}{(x+9)} \cdot \frac{(x+4)}{(x+4)} + \frac{15}{(x+9)(x+4)} \\ &= \frac{3x+12}{(x+9)(x+4)} + \frac{15}{(x+9)(x+4)} \\ &= \frac{3x+27}{(x+9)(x+4)} \\ &= \frac{3(\cancel{x+9})}{(\cancel{x+9})(x+4)} \\ &= \frac{3}{x+4}, x \neq -9 \end{aligned}$$

9) Simplify the complex fractions below as much as possible. Include any necessary restrictions.

LCM of intenal denoms is $(x-3)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } & \frac{\frac{3}{x-3}}{\frac{x}{x-3} + 2} \cdot \frac{(x-3)}{(x-3)} \\ & = \frac{3}{\frac{x}{\cancel{(x-3)}} + 2(x-3)} \\ & = \frac{3}{x + 2x - 6} \\ & = \frac{3}{3x - 6} \\ & = \frac{3}{3(x-2)} \\ & = \frac{1}{x-2}, x \neq 3 \end{aligned}$$

LCM of intenal denoms is $t(t+4)(t-4)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } & \frac{\frac{t}{t^2-16}}{\frac{4t-16}{t^2+4t}} = \frac{\frac{t}{\cancel{(t+4)}\cancel{(t-4)}}}{\frac{4(t-4)}{\cancel{t}\cancel{(t+4)}}} \cdot \frac{t\cancel{(t+4)}\cancel{(t-4)}}{t\cancel{(t+4)}(t-4)} \\ & = \frac{t^2}{4(t-4)^2}, t \neq 0, -4 \end{aligned}$$

Completing the Square

10) Write the quadratic function $q(x) = x^2 + 12x + 5$ in vertex form by completing the square. Identify the vertex.

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{12}{2}\right)^2 &= 6^2 \\ &= 36 \\ &= x^2 + 12x + 36 - 36 + 5 \\ &= (x+6)^2 - 31 \end{aligned}$$

The vertex is at $(-6, -31)$.

11) Solve the quadratic equation $x^2 - 6x + 1 = -5$ using completing the square. Clearly state all solutions in a solution set.

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{-6}{2}\right)^2 &= (-3)^2 \\ &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 - 6x &= -6 \\ x^2 - 6x + 9 &= -6 + 9 \\ (x-3)^2 &= 3 \\ x-3 &= \pm\sqrt{3} \\ x &= 3 \pm \sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

The solution set is $\{3-\sqrt{3}, 3+\sqrt{3}\}$

12) Graph $f(x) = -x^2 + 4x - 7$ by algebraically determining its key features. Then state the domain and range of the function.

$$h = \frac{-4}{2(-1)} = \frac{-4}{-2} = 2$$

$$k = -2^2 + 4(2) - 7 = -4 + 8 - 7 = -3$$

Vertex: (2, -3)

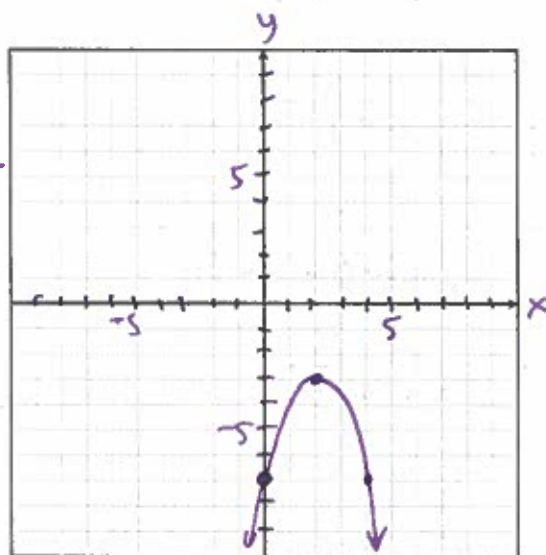
x-intercepts: NONE

y-intercept: (0, -7)

Domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range: $(-\infty, -3]$

$$\begin{aligned} -x^2 + 4x - 7 &= 0 \\ x^2 - 4x + 7 &= 0 \\ x^2 - 4x &= -7 \\ x^2 - 4x + 4 &= -3 \\ (x-2)^2 &= -3 \\ \text{Not possible!} \\ \text{There are no} \\ \text{x-intercepts.} \end{aligned}$$



Solving Equations and Inequalities Algebraically

13) Algebraically solve the following equations. Check solutions and state the solutions in a solution set.

a) $|2x - 9| - 4 = 7$

$$|2x - 9| = 11$$

$$2x - 9 = 11 \quad \text{or} \quad 2x - 9 = -11$$

$$2x = 20 \quad \text{or} \quad 2x = -2$$

$$x = 10 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -1$$

b) $2x^2 = -11x - 5$

$$2x^2 + 11x + 5 = 0$$

$$A \cdot C = 10$$

$$2x^2 + 10x + x + 5 = 0$$

$$(10)(1) = 10$$

$$(10) + (1) = 11$$

$$2x(x+5) + 1(x+5) = 0$$

$$(x+5)(2x+1) = 0$$

$$x+5 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 2x+1 = 0$$

$$x = -5 \quad \text{or} \quad 2x = -1$$

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

c) $\frac{x}{x^2 - 10x + 25} = \frac{-4}{x^2 - x - 20}$

$$\frac{x}{(x-5)^2} = \frac{-4}{(x-5)(x+4)}$$

LCM of denominators is $(x-5)^2(x+4)$

$$\frac{x}{\cancel{(x-5)^2} (x+4)} = \frac{-4}{\cancel{(x-5)} \cancel{(x+4)}} (x-5) \cancel{(x+4)}$$

$$x(x+4) = -4(x-5)$$

$$x^2 + 4x = -4x + 20$$

$$x^2 + 8x - 20 = 0$$

$$(x+10)(x-2) = 0$$

$$x = -10 \quad \text{or} \quad x = 2$$

d) $\sqrt{2x+18}+3=x$

$$\sqrt{2x+18} = x-3$$

$$2x+18 = (x-3)^2$$

$$2x+18 = x^2-6x+9$$

$$0 = x^2-8x-9$$

$$0 = (x-9)(x+1)$$

$$x=9 \text{ or } x=-1$$

✓ doesn't check out!

Solution set is $\{9\}$.

f) $x(x+4)=-4(x-5)$

$$x^2+4x = -4x+20$$

$$x^2+8x-20=0$$

$$(x+10)(x-2)=0$$

$$x=-10 \text{ or } x=2$$

e) $2(x+3)=3(x-7)$

$$2x+6 = 3x-21$$

$$27 = x$$

$$x=27$$

g) $\frac{1}{x+2} + \frac{1}{x-2} = \frac{4}{x^2-4}$

$$(x+2)(x-2) \left(\frac{1}{(x+2)} + \frac{1}{(x-2)} \right) = (x+2)(x-2) \cdot \frac{4}{(x+2)(x-2)}$$

$$x-2 + x+2 = 4$$

$$2x = 4$$

$$x = 2$$

But $x=2$ doesn't check!
So there are no solutions!

h) $|-3+3x| = |-2x-6|$

$$-3+3x = -2x-6 \quad \text{or} \quad -3+3x = -(-2x-6)$$

$$5x = -3$$

$$x = -3/5$$

$$-3+3x = 2x+6$$

$$x = 9$$

14) Solve $R = \frac{gs}{g+s}$ for s .

$$R \cdot (g + \overset{\downarrow}{s}) = g \cdot \overset{\downarrow}{s}$$

$$R \cdot g + R \cdot \overset{\downarrow}{s} = g \cdot \overset{\downarrow}{s}$$

$$R \cdot \overset{\downarrow}{s} - g \cdot \overset{\downarrow}{s} = -R \cdot g$$

$$\overset{\downarrow}{s} (R - g) = -Rg$$

$$s = \frac{-Rg}{R-g}$$

15) Algebraically solve the following compound inequalities and state the solution set in interval notation.

a) $-8 < -4x + 12 \leq 16$

$$\begin{aligned} -8 < -4x + 12 & \text{ and } -4x + 12 \leq 16 \\ -20 < -4x & \quad -4x \leq 4 \\ 5 > x & \quad x \geq -1 \\ x < 5 & \end{aligned}$$



$[1, 5)$

b) $2x + 5 < -17$ or $-4x + 10 \leq 34$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x &< -22 & -4x &\leq 24 \\ x &< -11 & \text{ or } & x \geq -6 \end{aligned}$$



$(-\infty, -11) \cup [-6, \infty)$

c) $2 - 4t \leq 10$ and $4 + 2t \leq 10$

$$\begin{aligned} -4t &\leq 8 & 2t &\leq 6 \\ t &\geq -2 & \text{ and } & t \leq 3 \end{aligned}$$



$[-2, 3]$

d) $1 - 3x \geq -5$ or $x - 5 \leq -8$

$$\begin{aligned} -3x &\geq -6 & x &\leq -3 \\ x &\leq 2 & \text{ or } & x \leq -3 \end{aligned}$$



$(-\infty, 2]$

Solving Equations and Inequalities Graphically

16) The equations $y = \left| \frac{3}{4}x + 3 \right|$ and $y = 3$ are plotted in Figure 4. Solve the equation and inequalities graphically. State the solution set using interval notation where applicable.

Figure 4

a) $\left| \frac{3}{4}x + 3 \right| = 3$

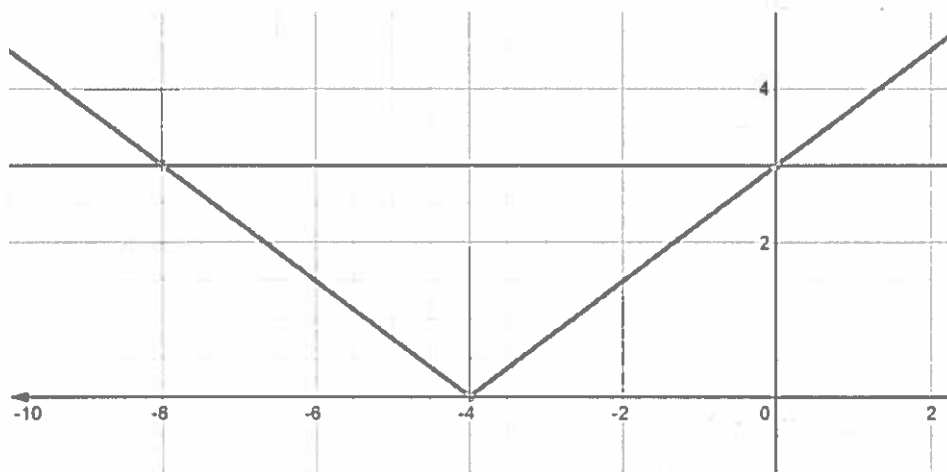
$x = -8$ or $x = 0$

b) $\left| \frac{3}{4}x + 3 \right| > 3$

$(-\infty, -8) \cup (0, \infty)$

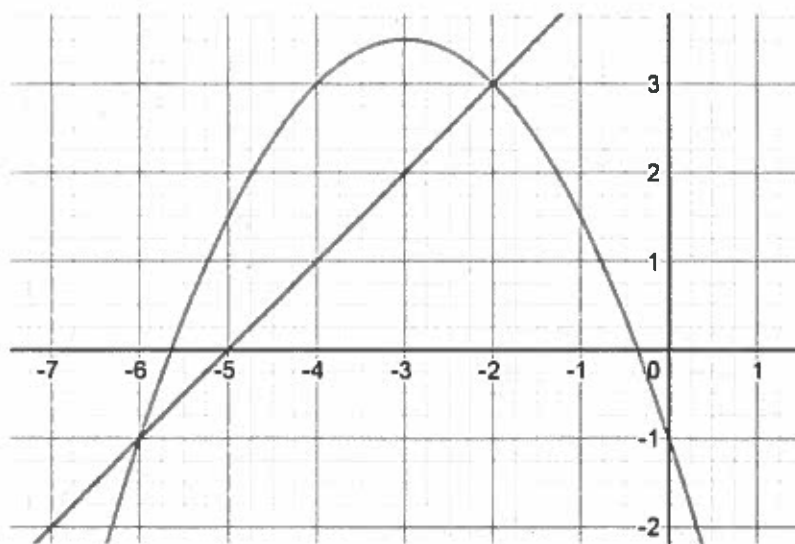
c) $\left| \frac{3}{4}x + 3 \right| \leq 3$

$[-8, 0]$



17) The equations $y = -0.5x^2 - 3x - 1$ and $y = x + 5$ are plotted in Figure 5. Solve the equation and inequalities graphically.

Figure 5



a) $-0.5x^2 - 3x - 1 = x + 5$

$x = -6$ or $x = -2$

b) $-0.5x^2 - 3x - 1 \geq x + 5$

$[-6, -2]$

c) $-0.5x^2 - 3x - 1 < x + 5$

$(-\infty, -6) \cup (-2, \infty)$

Part 2: Calculator Permitted

Applications

18) Because of startup expenses, suppose that it costs \$100 to make the first specialty cookie and \$1 for each cookie after that. The average cost, in dollars per cookie, to make x cookies is given by $C(x) = \frac{x+99}{x}$.

a) Find $C(1)$ and interpret the result. Use a whole sentence and include units.

$C(1) = \frac{100}{1} = 100$

The average cost per cookie to make 1 cookie is \$100 per cookie.

b) Find $C(200)$ and interpret the result. Use a whole sentence and include units.

$C(200) = \frac{299}{200} = 1.495$

The average cost per cookie to make 200 cookies is \$1.495 per cookie.

c) Solve $C(x) = 1.19$ algebraically, and interpret the result. Use a whole sentence and include units.

$\frac{x+99}{x} = 1.19$

$x + 99 = 1.19x$
 $99 = 0.19x$

$\frac{99}{0.19} = x$

$x \approx 521.05...$

In order to get the cost per cookie down to \$1.19, you would have to make 521 or 522 cookies.

19) Georgia bicycles 12 mph with no wind. Against the wind, she bikes 8 mi in the same time that it takes to bike 14 mi with the wind. What is the speed of the wind? State your final solution using a complete sentence.

Let x be this, in mph.

	distance (mi)	speed	time
with wind	14	$12 + x$	$\frac{14}{12+x}$
against wind	8	$12 - x$	$\frac{8}{12-x}$

Supposed to be equal

$$\frac{14}{12+x} = \frac{8}{12-x}$$

$$14(12-x) = 8(12+x)$$

$$168 - 14x = 96 + 8x$$

$$-22x = -72$$

$$x = \frac{72}{22} = \frac{36}{11} \approx 3.27$$

The wind speed is about 3.27 mph.

20) Suppose one painter can paint an entire house in twelve hours, and a second painter takes eight hours. How long would it take the two painters working together to paint the house? State your final solution using a complete sentence.

Let this be x , in hrs.

	Amount (houses)	time (hr)	rate
one painter	1	12	$\frac{1}{12}$
another	1	8	$\frac{1}{8}$
together	1	x	$\frac{1}{x}$

should add up to this

$$\frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{x}$$

LCM of denominators is $24x$

$$24x \left(\frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{8} \right) = 24x \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

$$2x + 3x = 24$$

$$5x = 24$$

$$5x = 24$$

$$x = \frac{24}{5} = 4.8$$

Together it would take them 4.8 hours to paint the house.

21) You drive 90 miles along the Pacific Coast Highway and then take a 5-mile run along a hiking trail. Your driving rate is nine times that of your running rate. If the total time for driving and running is 3 hours, find the average rate of running and the average rate of driving. Write your final answer using a complete sentence including units.

Let x be
your running
rate (mph).

	distance (mi)	rate	time
drive	90	$9x$	$\frac{90}{9x}$
hike/run	5	x	$\frac{5}{x}$

in total, was 3 hours

$$\frac{90}{9x} + \frac{5}{x} = 3$$

$$\frac{10}{x} + \frac{5}{x} = 3$$

$$\frac{15}{x} = 3$$

$$15 = 3x$$

$$5 = x$$

You run at 5 mph,
and drive at 45 mph.

22) Working together, Erica and Shawna can answer a day's worth of technical support questions in 4 hr. Working alone, Erica takes 6 hr longer than Shawna. How long would it take Shawna to answer the questions alone?

Let this be x

	amount (days worth of questions)	time	rate
Erica	1	$x+6$	$\frac{1}{x+6}$
Shawna	1	x	$\frac{1}{x}$
together	1	4	$\frac{1}{4}$

Shawna
add -p
to

$$\frac{1}{x+6} + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$4x(x+6) \left(\frac{1}{x+6} + \frac{1}{x} \right) = 4x(x+6) \frac{1}{4}$$

$$4x + 4(x+6) = x(x+6)$$

$$4x + 4x + 24 = x^2 + 6x$$

$$0 = \cancel{4x + 4x + 24}$$

$$x^2 - 2x - 24$$

$$0 = (x-6)(x+4)$$

$$x=6 \text{ or } x=-4$$

In context only $x=6$
makes sense. It takes

Shawna 6 hours
to answer the questions
if she works alone.

