

# Characteristics of Function Graphs

## Common Core Math Standards

The student is expected to:

**COMMON CORE** F-IF.B.4

For a function that models a relationship between two quantities, interpret key features ... and sketch graphs showing key features. . . . Also A-CED.A.2, F-IF.B.6, S-ID.B.6

## Mathematical Practices

**COMMON CORE** MP.7 Using Structure

## Language Objective

Explain to a partner where the local maximum and minimum values are on a graph of a function, and where the zero of a function is located on its graph.

## ENGAGE

**Essential Question:** What are some of the attributes of a function, and how are they related to the function's graph?

**Possible answer:** A function may have positive or negative values, indicating whether the graph lies above or below the  $x$ -axis. It may increase or decrease on an interval, indicating where the graph rises or falls. It may have local maximum or minimum values, which are the  $y$  coordinates of the graph's turning points. It may have zeros, which are the  $x$  coordinates of the points where the graph crosses the  $x$ -axis.

## PREVIEW: LESSON PERFORMANCE TASK

View the online Engage. Have students compare the historical variation in the area/extent of Arctic sea ice with current variation. Then preview the Lesson Performance Task.

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# 1.2 Characteristics of Function Graphs

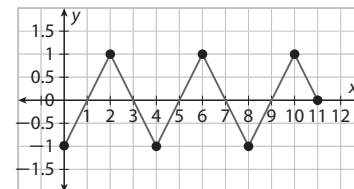


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**Essential Question:** What are some of the attributes of a function, and how are they related to the function's graph?

## Explore Identifying Attributes of a Function from Its Graph

You can identify several attributes of a function by analyzing its graph. For instance, for the graph shown, you can see that the function's domain is  $\{x|0 \leq x \leq 11\}$  and its range is  $\{y|-1 \leq y \leq 1\}$ . Use the graph to explore the function's other attributes.



- (A) The values of the function on the interval  $\{x|1 < x < 3\}$  are positive/negative.
- (B) The values of the function on the interval  $\{x|8 < x < 9\}$  are positive/negative.

A function is **increasing** on an interval if  $f(x_1) < f(x_2)$  when  $x_1 < x_2$  for any  $x$ -values  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  from the interval. The graph of a function that is increasing on an interval rises from left to right on that interval. Similarly, a function is **decreasing** on an interval if  $f(x_1) > f(x_2)$  when  $x_1 < x_2$  for any  $x$ -values  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  from the interval. The graph of a function that is decreasing on an interval falls from left to right on that interval.

- (C) The given function is increasing/decreasing on the interval  $\{x|2 < x < 4\}$ .
- (D) The given function is increasing/decreasing on the interval  $\{x|4 < x < 6\}$ .

For the two points  $(x_1, f(x_1))$  and  $(x_2, f(x_2))$  on the graph of a function, the **average rate of change** of the function is the ratio of the change in the function values,  $f(x_2) - f(x_1)$ , to the change in the  $x$ -values,  $x_2 - x_1$ . For a linear function, the rate of change is constant and represents the slope of the function's graph.

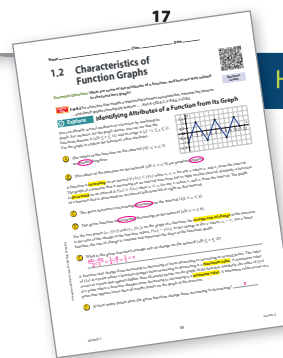
- (E) What is the given function's average rate of change on the interval  $\{x|0 \leq x \leq 2\}$ ?  

$$\frac{f(2) - f(1)}{2 - 1} = \frac{1 - 0}{2 - 1} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

A function may change from increasing to decreasing or from decreasing to increasing at **turning points**. The value of  $f(x)$  at a point where a function changes from increasing to decreasing is a **maximum value**. A maximum value occurs at a point that appears higher than all nearby points on the graph of the function. Similarly, the value of  $f(x)$  at a point where a function changes from decreasing to increasing is a **minimum value**. A minimum value occurs at a point that appears lower than all nearby points on the graph of the function.

- (F) At how many points does the given function change from increasing to decreasing? 3

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- G What is the function's value at these points? \_\_\_\_\_ **1** \_\_\_\_\_
- H At how many points does the given function change from decreasing to increasing? \_\_\_\_\_ **2** \_\_\_\_\_
- I What is the function's value at these points? \_\_\_\_\_ **-1** \_\_\_\_\_
- A **zero** of a function is a value of  $x$  for which  $f(x) = 0$ . On a graph of the function, the zeros are the  $x$ -intercepts.
- J How many  $x$ -intercepts does the given function's graph have? \_\_\_\_\_ **6** \_\_\_\_\_
- K Identify the zeros of the function. \_\_\_\_\_ **1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11** \_\_\_\_\_

### Reflect

1. **Discussion** Identify three different intervals that have the same average rate of change, and state what the rate of change is.  
**Possible answers: The intervals  $\{x|0 \leq x \leq 2\}$ ,  $\{x|4 \leq x \leq 6\}$ , and  $\{x|8 \leq x \leq 10\}$  all have a rate of change of 1. The intervals  $\{x|2 \leq x \leq 4\}$ ,  $\{x|6 \leq x \leq 8\}$ , and  $\{x|10 \leq x \leq 11\}$  all have a rate of change of  $-1$ .**
2. **Discussion** If a function is increasing on an interval  $\{x|a \leq x \leq b\}$ , what can you say about its average rate of change on the interval? Explain.  
**The average rate of change is positive, because the change in function values,  $f(b) - f(a)$ , must be positive. Since the change in  $x$ -values,  $b - a$ , is also positive, the ratio of  $f(b) - f(a)$  to  $b - a$  is positive.**

## Explain 1 Sketching a Function's Graph from a Verbal Description

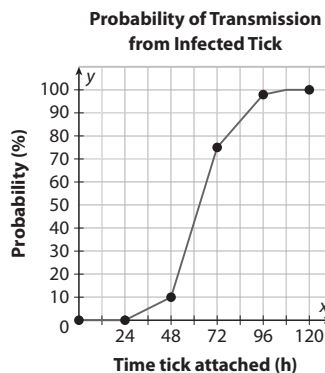
By understanding the attributes of a function, you can sketch a graph from a verbal description.

**Example 1** Sketch a graph of the following verbal descriptions.

- A Lyme disease is a bacterial infection transmitted to humans by ticks. When an infected tick bites a human, the probability of transmission is a function of the time since the tick attached itself to the skin. During the first 24 hours, the probability is 0%. During the next three 24-hour periods, the rate of change in the probability is always positive, but it is much greater for the middle period than the other two periods. After 96 hours, the probability is almost 100%. Sketch a graph of the function for the probability of transmission.

Identify the axes and scales.

The  $x$ -axis will be time (in hours) and will run from 0 to at least 96. The  $y$ -axis will be the probability of infection (as a percent) from 0 to 100.



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Lesson 2

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



### Integrate Mathematical Practices

This lesson provides an opportunity to address Mathematical Practice MP.7, which calls for students to find different ways of seeing situations by looking for patterns and making “use of structures.” Students learn how the attributes of functions are represented graphically. They also learn how the graph of a set of data can be used to generate a function that approximates the data and can be used to make predictions about additional data points. Through these processes, students learn to make connections between functions and the situations they represent.

## EXPLORE

### Identifying Attributes of a Function from its Graph

### INTEGRATE TECHNOLOGY

Students have the option of completing the Explore activity either in the book or online.

### QUESTIONING STRATEGIES

- ? What types of functions have no maximum or minimum values? **linear functions of the form  $f(x) = mx + b$**
- ? What types of functions have either a maximum value or a minimum value, but not both? **functions whose graphs are U-shaped (or  $\cap$ -shaped), such as quadratic functions**

## EXPLAIN 1

### Sketching a Function's Graph from a Verbal Description

### QUESTIONING STRATEGIES

- ? How does a graph depict an increase or decrease in the rate of change of a function?  
**If the rate of change increases, the graph becomes steeper. If it decreases, the graph becomes less steep.**

## AVOID COMMON ERRORS

When sketching a graph from a verbal description, students may erroneously use the information provided about the rate of change to label the vertical axis of the graph. Help them to see that the rate of change is neither a value of  $x$  nor a value of  $f(x)$ , but is instead the ratio of the change in  $f(x)$  values to the change in  $x$ -values over a given interval, which is reflected in the slope of the graph over that interval.

## INTEGRATE MATHEMATICAL PRACTICES

### Focus on Math Connections

**MP.1** Help students to see the relationship between rate of change and slope of a line. Lead them to recognize that for linear functions, the rate of change and slope are identical, and that for non-linear functions, the rate of change is the slope of the line that approximates the given curve over a certain interval.

### Identify key intervals.

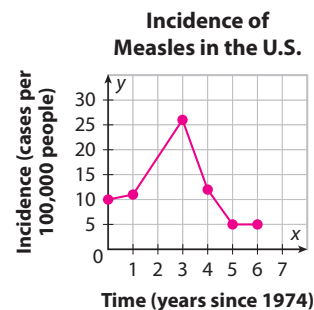
The intervals are in increments of 24 hours: 0 to 24, 24 to 48, 48 to 72, 72 to 96, and 96 to 120.

### Sketch the graph of the function.

Draw a horizontal segment at  $y = 0$  for the first 24-hour interval. The function increases over the next three 24-hour intervals with the middle interval having the greatest increase (the steepest slope). After 96 hours, the graph is nearly horizontal at 100%.

- B** The incidence of a disease is the rate at which a disease occurs in a population. It is calculated by dividing the number of new cases of a disease in a given time period (typically a year) by the size of the population. **To avoid small decimal numbers, the rate is often expressed in terms of a large number of people rather than a single person.** For instance, the incidence of measles in the United States in 1974 was about 10 cases per 100,000 people.

From 1974 to 1980, there were drastic fluctuations in the incidence of measles in the United States. In 1975, there was a slight increase in incidence from 1974. The next two years saw a substantial increase in the incidence, which reached a maximum in 1977 of about 26 cases per 100,000 people. From 1977 to 1979, the incidence fell to about 5 cases per 100,000 people. The incidence fell much faster from 1977 to 1978 than from 1978 to 1979. Finally, from 1979 to 1980, the incidence stayed about the same. **Sketch a graph of the function for the incidence of measles.**



### Identify the axes and scales.

The  $x$ -axis will represent time given by years and will run from

0 to 6. The  $y$ -axis will

represent incidence of measles, measured in cases per 100,000 people, and will run from 0 to 30.

### Identify key intervals.

The intervals are one-year increments from 0 to 6.

### Sketch the graph of the function.

The first point on the graph is (0, 10). The graph slightly rises/falls from  $x = 0$  to  $x = 1$ .

From  $x = 1$  to  $x = 3$ , the graph rises falls to a maximum  $y$ -value of 26. The graph rises/falls steeply from  $x = 3$  to  $x = 4$  and then rises/falls less steeply from  $x = 4$  to  $x = 5$ . The graph is horizontal from  $x = 5$  to  $x = 6$ .

### Reflect

- 3.** In Part B, the graph is horizontal from 1979 to 1980. What can you say about the rate of change for the function on this interval?

**There is no change in the function's values, so the rate of change is 0.**

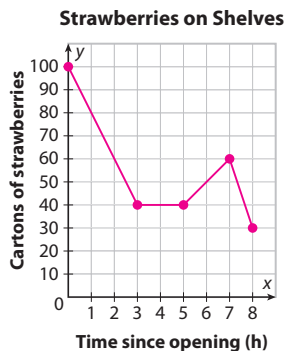
## COLLABORATIVE LEARNING

### Peer-to-Peer Activity

Have students work in pairs. Instruct each student to graph a function similar to that shown in Example 1, keeping the graph hidden from the partner. Have students describe the graph's attributes to their partners, and have the partners attempt to graph the function from the verbal description. Students should then compare graphs, and use the results to refine their descriptions (if necessary) to more accurately reflect the attributes of the functions.

### Your Turn

4. A grocery store stocks shelves with 100 cartons of strawberries before the store opens. For the first 3 hours the store is open, the store sells 20 cartons per hour. Over the next 2 hours, no cartons of strawberries are sold. The store then restocks 10 cartons each hour for the next 2 hours. In the final hour that the store is open, 30 cartons are sold. Sketch a graph of the function.



## Explain 2 Modeling with a Linear Function

When given a set of paired data, you can use a scatter plot to see whether the data show a linear trend. If so, you can use a graphing calculator to perform linear regression and obtain a linear function that models the data. You should treat the least and greatest  $x$ -values of the data as the boundaries of the domain of the linear model.

When you perform linear regression, a graphing calculator will report the value of the *correlation coefficient*  $r$ . This variable can have a value from  $-1$  to  $1$ . It measures the direction and strength of the relationship between the variables  $x$  and  $y$ . If the value of  $r$  is negative, the  $y$ -values tend to decrease as the  $x$ -values increase. If the value of  $r$  is positive, the  $y$ -values tend to increase as the  $x$ -values increase. The more linear the relationship between  $x$  and  $y$  is, the closer the value of  $r$  is to  $-1$  or  $1$  (or the closer the value of  $r^2$  is to  $1$ ).

You can use the linear model to make predictions and decisions based on the data. Making a prediction within the domain of the linear model is called *interpolation*. Making a prediction outside the domain is called *extrapolation*.

### Example 2 Perform a linear regression for the given situation and make predictions.

- A A photographer hiked through the Grand Canyon. Each day she stored photos on a memory card for her digital camera. When she returned from the trip, she deleted some photos from each memory card, saving only the best. The table shows the number of photos she kept from all those stored on each memory card. Use a graphing calculator to create a scatter plot of the data, find a linear regression model, and graph the model. Then use the model to predict the number of photos the photographer will keep if she takes 150 photos.

Grand Canyon Photos	
Photos Taken	Photos Kept
117	25
128	31
140	39
157	52
110	21
188	45
170	42

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## DIFFERENTIATE INSTRUCTION

### Technology

Encourage students to try performing regression analysis using an online calculator. Finding online linear calculators is not difficult; a quick browser search will turn up several. Make sure that students adhere to the format in which ordered pairs are entered. Most online regression calculators require that data for points  $(a, b)$ ,  $(c, d)$ ,  $(e, f)$ ,  $(g, h)$  be entered as follows:

$$\begin{array}{l} a \ c \ e \ g \\ b \ d \ f \ h \end{array}$$

Programs typically plot the data points, show the line of best fit, and provide an equation for the line.

## EXPLAIN 2

### Modeling with a Linear Function

#### AVOID COMMON ERRORS

Students may think that they've made an error if their regression lines do not pass through many of the points on their graphs. Tell them that this does not indicate an error, and encourage them to think about the line of regression as a line about which the data clusters, not necessarily a line that connects the points.

#### CONNECT VOCABULARY **EL**

Relate the prefixes *inter* and *extra* in *interpolation* and *extrapolation* to their meanings in this context and in general English usage.

## QUESTIONING STRATEGIES

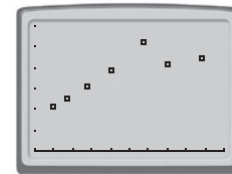
**?** When using interpolation to make a prediction from a linear regression model, the function may produce a value for a particular value of the domain that differs from the actual value given in the data set. How can this be justified? **The value produced by the model is a more likely value than the value in the actual data point, but other values are possible, as indicated by the points in the scatterplot.**

## INTEGRATE TECHNOLOGY

**📱** Students can also use the table function on the graphing calculator to find additional values of the linear regression model.

### Step 1: Create a scatter plot of the data.

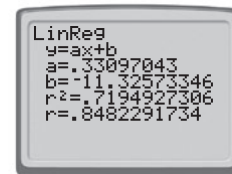
Let  $x$  represent the number of photos taken, and let  $y$  represent the number of photos kept. Use a viewing window that shows  $x$ -values from 100 to 200 and  $y$ -values from 0 to 60.



Notice that the trend in the data appears to be roughly linear, with  $y$ -values generally increasing as  $x$ -values increase.

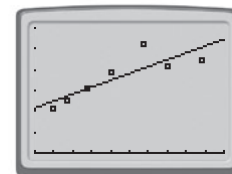
### Step 2: Perform linear regression. Write the linear model and its domain.

The linear regression model is  $y = 0.33x - 11.33$ . Its domain is  $\{x | 110 \leq x \leq 188\}$ .



### Step 3: Graph the model along with the data to obtain a visual check on the goodness of fit.

Notice that one of the data points is much farther from the line than the other data points are. The value of the correlation coefficient  $r$  would be closer to 1 without this data point.



### Step 4: Predict the number of photos this photographer will keep if she takes 150 photos.

Evaluate the linear function when  $x = 150$ :  $y = 0.33(150) - 11.33 \approx 38$ . So, she will keep about 38 photos if she takes 150 photos.

- B** As a science project, Shelley is studying the relationship of car mileage (in miles per gallon) and speed (in miles per hour). The table shows the data Shelley gathered using her family's vehicle. Use a graphing calculator to create a scatter plot of the data, find a linear regression model, and graph the model. Then use the model to predict the gas mileage of the car at a speed of 20 miles per hour.

Speed (mi/h)	30	40	50	60	70
Mileage (mi/gal)	34.0	33.5	31.5	29.0	27.5

### Step 1: Create a scatter plot of the data.

What do  $x$  and  $y$  represent?

**Let  $x$  represent the car's speed, and let  $y$  represent the car's gas mileage.**



What viewing window will you use?

**Sample answer: Use a window that shows  $x$ -values from 0 to 80 and  $y$ -values from 0 to 40.**

What trend do you observe?

**Sample answer: The trend in the data appears to be quite linear, with  $y$ -values generally decreasing as  $x$ -values increase.**

## LANGUAGE SUPPORT **EL**

### Connect Vocabulary

Have students work in pairs. Provide each pair with two or three graphs of a function. Have one student ask, "Where is the *local maximum value* of this function?" The other student should indicate the point on the graph where the function changes from increasing to decreasing. The first student asks, "How do you know?" The second student should explain why that point is the local maximum value. If both agree, they should label that point. They switch places, the second student asks about the local minimum value, and they repeat the procedure. By the end, each graph should be labeled with the local minimum and maximum values, and the zero of the function.

Step 2: Perform linear regression. Write the linear model and its domain.

The linear regression model is  $y = -0.175x + 39.85$ . Its domain

is  $\{x | 30 \leq x \leq 70\}$ .

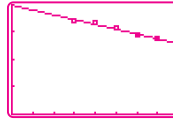
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LinReg
y=ax+b
a=-.175
b=39.85
r2=.9660883281
r=-.9828979235
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Step 3: Graph the model along with the data to obtain a visual check on the goodness of fit.

What can you say about the goodness of fit?

Sample answer: As expected from the fact that the value of  $r$  from

Step 2 is very close to  $-1$ , the line passes through or comes close to passing through all the data points.



Step 4: Predict the gas mileage of the car at a speed of 20 miles per hour.

Evaluate the linear function when  $x = 20$ :

$y = -0.175(20) + 39.85 \approx 36.4$ . So, the car's gas

mileage should be about 36.4 mi/gal at a speed of 20 mi/h.

#### Reflect

5. Identify whether each prediction in Parts A and B is an interpolation or an extrapolation.

In Part A, the prediction is an interpolation. In Part B, the prediction is an extrapolation.

#### Your Turn

6. Vern created a website for his school's sports teams. He has a hit counter on his site that lets him know how many people have visited the site. The table shows the number of hits the site received each day for the first two weeks. Use a graphing calculator to find the linear regression model. Then predict how many hits there will be on day 15.

Day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Hits	5	10	21	24	28	36	33	21	27	40	46	50	31	38

The linear regression model is  $y = 2.4x + 11$  where  $x$  represents the day and  $y$  represents the number of hits. The model predicts that on day 15 there will be  $y = 2.4(15) + 11 = 47$  hits.

# ELABORATE

## INTEGRATE MATHEMATICAL PRACTICES

### Focus on Critical Thinking

**MP.3** Discuss with students the fact that not all data is suitable for representation by a linear regression model. Ask them to tell how they might go about determining the best type of regression model to use for a particular set of data.

## QUESTIONING STRATEGIES

**?** When are values found through extrapolation most accurate? **when the values of  $x$  are close in value to the values of the given domain**

## SUMMARIZE THE LESSON

**?** What are some of the attributes of a function that you can determine from its graph? **You can tell whether the function has a maximum value, a minimum value, and local maximum and minimum values. You can tell over which intervals the function increases or decreases. You can find the zeros of the function, and also determine the average rate of change.**

## Elaborate

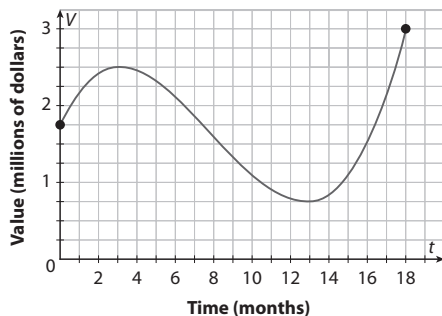
- How are the attributes of increasing and decreasing related to average rate of change? How are the attributes of maximum and minimum values related to the attributes of increasing and decreasing?  
**If a function is increasing on an interval, then the average rate of change will be positive.**  
**If a function is decreasing on an interval, then the average rate of change will be negative.**  
**A maximum value occurs when the function changes from increasing to decreasing.**  
**A minimum value occurs when the function changes from decreasing to increasing.**  
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- How can line segments be used to sketch graphs of functions that model real-world situations?  
**Line segments can be used to connect known data points. Connecting the points will provide a rough sketch of the function represented.**  
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- When making predictions based on a linear model, would you expect interpolated or extrapolated values to be more accurate? Justify your answer.  
**Interpolated values would be more accurate because they are within the domain of the model. Extrapolated values assume that the model still applies outside its domain, but that assumption may be incorrect.**  
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- Essential Question Check-In** What are some of the attributes of a function?  
**Possible answer: A function may have positive or negative values on specific intervals. It also may be increasing or decreasing on specific intervals. A function may have maximum or minimum values as well as zeros.**  
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## ★ Evaluate: Homework and Practice



- Online Homework
- Hints and Help
- Extra Practice

The graph shows a function that models the value  $V$  (in millions of dollars) of a stock portfolio as a function of time  $t$  (in months) over an 18-month period.



- On what interval is the function decreasing?  $\{t \mid 3 \leq t \leq 13\}$   
On what intervals is the function increasing?  $\{t \mid 0 \leq t \leq 3\}$  and  $\{t \mid 13 \leq t \leq 18\}$
- Identify any maximum values and minimum values.  
**A maximum value of 2.5 occurs at  $x = 3$ . A minimum value of 0.75 occurs at  $x = 13$ .**
- What are the function's domain and range?  
**Domain:  $\{t \mid 0 \leq t \leq 18\}$ ; Range: The least  $V(t)$ -value is 0.75 (at  $t = 13$ ) and the greatest  $V(t)$ -value is 3 (at  $t = 18$ ), so the range is  $\{V(t) \mid 0.75 \leq V(t) \leq 3\}$ .**

The table of values gives the probability  $P(n)$  for getting all 5's when rolling a number cube  $n$  times.

$n$	1	2	3	4	5
$P(n)$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{36}$	$\frac{1}{216}$	$\frac{1}{1296}$	$\frac{1}{7776}$

- Is  $P(n)$  increasing or decreasing? Explain the significance of this.  
**As the number of rolls increases,  $P(n)$  is always decreasing. This implies that the more times a number cube is rolled, the less likely it is that every roll is a 5.**
- What is the end behavior of  $P(n)$ ? Explain the significance of this.  
**As  $n$  increases without bound,  $P(n)$  approaches 0. This implies that as  $n$  increases without bound, the probability that every roll is a 5 approaches 0, that is, it becomes an impossible event.**

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## EVALUATE



### ASSIGNMENT GUIDE

Concepts and Skills	Practice
<b>Explore</b> Identifying Attributes of a Function from its Graph	Exercise 1–10
<b>Example 1</b> Sketching a Function's Graph from a Verbal Description	Exercises 11–13
<b>Example 2</b> Modeling with a Linear Function	Exercises 14–18

### INTEGRATE MATHEMATICAL PRACTICES

#### Focus on Math Connections

**MP.1** Students should recognize that it is the nature of the algebraic expression used to define a function that determines the nature, and thus the attributes, of the related graph. Have students use their graphing calculators to explore how different types of functions produce graphs with differing attributes.

### Exercise Depth of Knowledge (D.O.K.) COMMON CORE Mathematical Practices

1–5	<b>1</b> Recall of Information	<b>MP.4</b> Modeling
6	<b>1</b> Recall of Information	<b>MP.6</b> Precision
7–10	<b>1</b> Recall of Information	<b>MP.2</b> Reasoning
11–14	<b>2</b> Skills/Concepts	<b>MP.5</b> Using Tools
15–16	<b>2</b> Skills/Concepts	<b>MP.4</b> Modeling
17–18	<b>2</b> Skills/Concepts <b>H.O.T.</b>	<b>MP.5</b> Using Tools
19	<b>3</b> Strategic Thinking <b>H.O.T.</b>	<b>MP.4</b> Modeling
20	<b>3</b> Strategic Thinking <b>H.O.T.</b>	<b>MP.6</b> Precision



## AVOID COMMON ERRORS

Some students may, in error, interpret the phrase *increasing rate of change* as meaning a positive rate of change, thus drawing a line (or line segment) with a positive slope. Help them to see that if the rate of change is increasing, the *slope* is increasing, (that is, not simply the values of  $f(x)$ ), and the resulting graph is a curve.

## CONNECT VOCABULARY EL

Have students “match” the graphs of different functions to descriptions of the highlighted vocabulary for this lesson, such as “This function is increasing/decreasing on an interval” or “The local minimum/maximum value of this function is at point  $(3, -2)$ ” or “The average rate of change of this function is \_\_\_\_\_.”

6. The table shows some values of a function. On which intervals is the function's average rate of change positive? Select all that apply.

$x$	0	1	2	3
$f(x)$	50	75	40	65

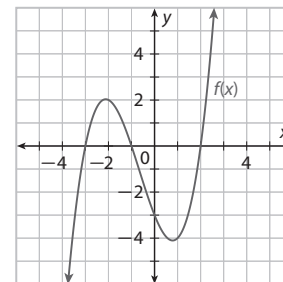
- a. From  $x = 0$  to  $x = 1$   
 $\frac{f(1) - f(0)}{1 - 0} = \frac{75 - 50}{1 - 0} = 25$
- b. From  $x = 0$  to  $x = 2$   
 $\frac{f(2) - f(0)}{2 - 0} = \frac{40 - 50}{2 - 0} = -5$
- c. From  $x = 0$  to  $x = 3$   
 $\frac{f(3) - f(0)}{3 - 0} = \frac{65 - 50}{3 - 0} = 5$
- d. From  $x = 1$  to  $x = 2$   
 $\frac{f(2) - f(1)}{2 - 1} = \frac{40 - 75}{2 - 1} = -35$
- e. From  $x = 1$  to  $x = 3$   
 $\frac{f(3) - f(1)}{3 - 1} = \frac{65 - 75}{3 - 1} = -5$
- f. From  $x = 2$  to  $x = 3$   
 $\frac{f(3) - f(2)}{3 - 2} = \frac{65 - 40}{3 - 2} = 25$

So, choices a, c, and f all have positive average rates of change.

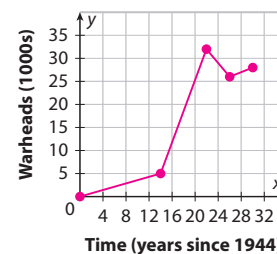
Use the graph of the function  $f(x)$  to identify the function's specified attributes.

7. Find the function's average rate of change over each interval.

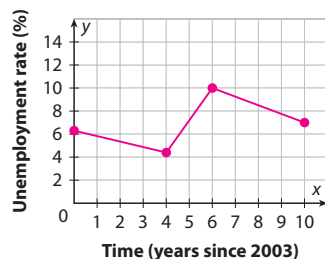
- a. From  $x = -3$  to  $x = -2$   
 $\frac{f(-2) - f(-3)}{-2 - (-3)} = \frac{2 - 0}{-2 - (-3)} = 2$
- b. From  $x = -2$  to  $x = 1$   
 $\frac{f(1) - f(-2)}{1 - (-2)} = \frac{-4 - 2}{1 - (-2)} = -2$
- c. From  $x = 0$  to  $x = 1$   
 $\frac{f(1) - f(0)}{1 - 0} = \frac{-4 - (-3)}{1 - 0} = -1$
- d. From  $x = 1$  to  $x = 2$   
 $\frac{f(2) - f(1)}{2 - 1} = \frac{0 - (-4)}{2 - 1} = 4$
- e. From  $x = -1$  to  $x = 0$   
 $\frac{f(0) - f(-1)}{0 - (-1)} = \frac{-3 - 0}{0 - (-1)} = -3$
- f. From  $x = -1$  to  $x = 2$   
 $\frac{f(2) - f(-1)}{2 - (-1)} = \frac{0 - 0}{2 - (-1)} = 0$



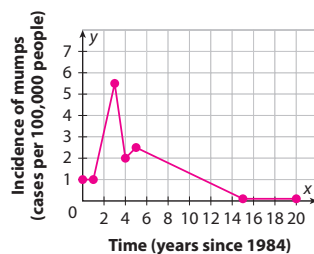
8. On what intervals are the function's values positive?  $\{x | -3 < x < -1\}$  and  $\{x | x > 2\}$ .
9. On what intervals are the function's values negative?  $\{x | x < -3\}$  and  $\{x | -1 < x < 2\}$ .
10. What are the zeros of the function?  $-3, -1,$  and  $2$ .
11. The following describes the United States nuclear stockpile from 1944 to 1974. From 1944 to 1958, there was a gradual increase in the number of warheads from 0 to about 5000. From 1958 to 1966, there was a rapid increase in the number of warheads to a maximum of about 32,000. From 1966 to 1970, there was a decrease in the number of warheads to about 26,000. Finally, from 1970 to 1974, there was a small increase to about 28,000 warheads. Sketch a graph of the function.



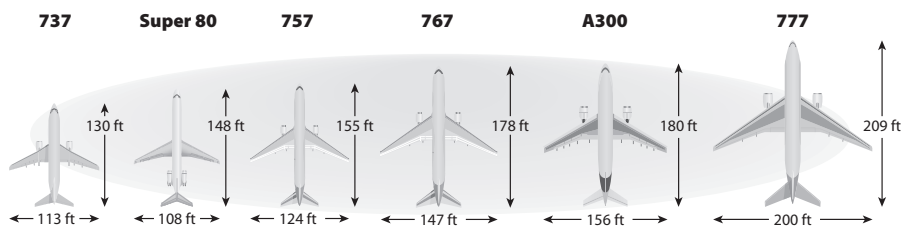
12. The following describes the unemployment rate in the United States from 2003 to 2013. In 2003, the unemployment rate was at 6.3%. The unemployment rate began to fall over the years and reached a minimum of about 4.4% in 2007. A recession that began in 2007 caused the unemployment rate to increase over a two-year period and reach a maximum of about 10% in 2009. The unemployment rate then decreased over the next four years to about 7.0% in 2013. Sketch a graph of the function.



13. The following describes the incidence of mumps in the United States from 1984 to 2004. From 1984 to 1985, there was no change in the incidence of mumps, staying at about 1 case per 100,000 people. Then there was a spike in the incidence of mumps, which reached a peak of about 5.5 cases per 100,000 in 1987. Over the next year, there was a sharp decline in the incidence of mumps, to about 2 cases per 100,000 people in 1988. Then, from 1988 to 1989, there was a small increase to about 2.5 cases per 100,000 people. This was followed by a gradual decline, which reached a minimum of about 0.1 case per 100,000 in 1999. For the next five years, there was no change in the incidence of mumps. Sketch a graph of the function.

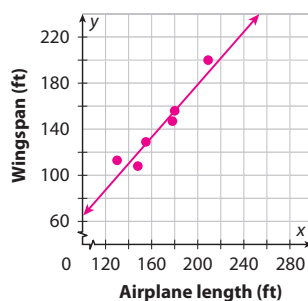


14. **Aviation** The table gives the lengths and wingspans of airplanes in an airline's fleet.



- Make a scatter plot of the data with  $x$  representing length and  $y$  representing wingspan.
- Sketch a line of fit.
- Use the line of fit to predict the wingspan of an airplane with a length of 220 feet.

**about 200 feet**



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## CURRICULUM INTEGRATION

Students with a particular interest in a topic in science, economics, or social science can be encouraged to find research papers in which data is collected and linear regression analysis is performed. For example, a medical drug trial might show data for the efficacy of a particular medicine and use linear regression to find a relationship between dosage and efficacy, or time and activity.

## KINESTHETIC EXPERIENCE

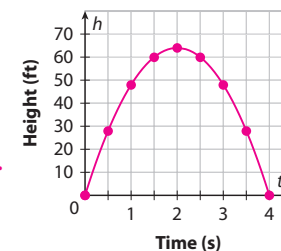
Students may want to test their estimation skills by using a piece of uncooked spaghetti to approximate a line of best fit for a scatterplot of a set of data. They can then use a graphing calculator to find the regression line, and compare it to the estimate.

15. **Golf** The table shows the height (in feet) of a golf ball at various times (in seconds) after a golfer hits the ball into the air.

Time (s)	0	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Height (ft)	0	28	48	60	64	60	48	28	0



- a. Graph the data in the table. Then draw a smooth curve through the data points. (Because the golf ball is a projectile, its height  $h$  at time  $t$  can be modeled by a quadratic function whose graph is a parabola.)
- b. What is the maximum height that the golf ball reaches?  
**The ball reaches a maximum height of 64 feet in 2 seconds.**
- c. On what interval is the golf ball's height increasing?  
**The height is increasing on the interval  $\{t \mid 0 \leq t \leq 2\}$ .**
- d. On what interval is the golf ball's height decreasing?  
**The height is decreasing on the interval  $\{t \mid 2 \leq t \leq 4\}$ .**



16. The model  $a = 0.25t + 29$  represents the median age  $a$  of females in the United States as a function of time  $t$  (in years since 1970).
- a. Predict the median age of females in 1995.  
**1995 is 25 years after 1970, so  $a = 0.25(25) + 29 \approx 35.3$ .**
- b. Predict the median age of females in 2015 to the nearest tenth.  
**2015 is 45 years after 1970, so  $a = 0.25(45) + 29 \approx 40.3$ .**



**H.O.T. Focus on Higher Order Thinking**

- 17. Make a Prediction** Anthropologists who study skeletal remains can predict a woman's height just from the length of her humerus, the bone between the elbow and the shoulder. The table gives data for humerus length and overall height for various women.



Humerus Length (cm)	35	27	30	33	25	39	27	31
Height (cm)	167	146	154	165	140	180	149	155

Using a graphing calculator, find the linear regression model and state its domain. Then predict a woman's height from a humerus that is 32 cm long, and tell whether the prediction is an interpolation or an extrapolation.

**The linear regression model is  $h = 2.75\ell + 71.97$  where  $\ell$  is the length of a woman's humerus (in centimeters) and  $h$  is her overall height (in centimeters). The shortest length of a humerus given in the table is 25 centimeters, and the longest is 39 centimeters, so the domain of regression model is  $\{\ell | 25 \leq \ell \leq 39\}$ . When  $\ell = 32$ ,  $h = 2.75(32) + 71.97 \approx 160$ , so the woman's height would be about 160 centimeters. Because 32 is in the domain of the regression model, the prediction is an interpolation.**

- 18. Make a Prediction** Hummingbird wing beat rates are much higher than those in other birds. The table gives data about the mass and the frequency of wing beats for various species of hummingbirds.



Mass (g)	3.1	2.0	3.2	4.0	3.7	1.9	4.5
Frequency of Wing Beats (beats per second)	60	85	50	45	55	90	40

- a. Using a graphing calculator, find the linear regression model and state its domain.

**The linear regression model is  $f = -19.14m + 121.97$  where  $m$  is a hummingbird's mass (in grams) and  $f$  is the frequency of wing beats (in beats per second). The least mass given in the table is 1.9 grams, and the greatest mass is 4.5 grams, so the domain of the regression model is  $\{m | 1.9 \leq m \leq 4.5\}$ .**

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**PEER-TO-PEER DISCUSSION**

Ask students to discuss the real-world relevance and importance of knowing the attributes of a function that models a given situation. Have them use some of the situations provided in the exercises to illustrate their explanations.

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Have students describe how the attributes of increasing, decreasing, maximum values, and minimum values of a function are related, and how information about these attributes is helpful in drawing the graph of a function.

b. Predict the frequency of wing beats for a Giant Hummingbird with a mass of 19 grams.

**When  $m = 19$ ,  $f = -19.14(19) + 121.97 \approx -242$ , so the frequency of the wing beats is about  $-242$  beats per second.**

c. Comment on the reasonableness of the prediction and what, if anything, is wrong with the model.

**A negative wing beat frequency makes no physical sense, so the prediction isn't reasonable. There is nothing wrong with the model. The prediction, which is an extrapolation, is based on a value of  $m$  that is far outside the domain of the model. The model simply doesn't account for a hummingbird with such an extreme mass.**

19. **Explain the Error** A student calculates a function's average rate of change on an interval and finds that it is 0. The student concludes that the function is constant on the interval. Explain the student's error, and give an example to support your explanation.

**The average rate of change on an interval uses only the endpoints of the interval in the calculation. If the endpoints happen to have the same  $y$ -coordinate, the average rate of change will be 0, but that doesn't mean the function remains constant throughout the interval. For example, the average rate of change for  $f(x) = x^2$  on the interval  $\{x | -1 \leq x \leq 1\}$  is  $\frac{f(1) - f(-1)}{1 - (-1)} = \frac{1 - 1}{1 - (-1)} = \frac{0}{2} = 0$ , but the function is decreasing from  $(-1, 1)$  to  $(0, 0)$  and then increasing from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(1, 1)$ , so the function is clearly not constant on the interval.**

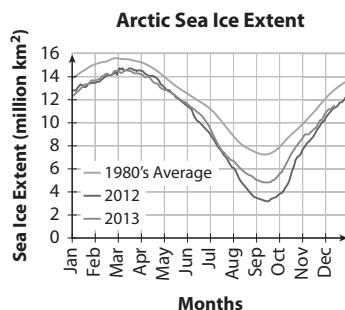
20. **Communicate Mathematical Ideas** Describe a way to obtain a linear model for a set of data without using a graphing calculator.

**After making a scatter plot of the data, draw a line that appears to pass as close to the data points as possible. (It may pass through some of them, or it may not pass through any of them.) Choose two points on the line to calculate its slope  $m$ , and then substitute one of the points and the value of  $m$  into  $y = mx + b$  to find the value of  $b$ , the line's  $y$ -intercept. Knowing the values  $m$  and  $b$ , write the model as  $y = mx + b$ .**

## Lesson Performance Task

Since 1980 scientists have used data from satellite sensors to calculate a daily measure of Arctic sea ice extent. Sea ice extent is calculated as the sum of the areas of sea ice covering the ocean where the ice concentration is greater than 15%. The graph here shows seasonal variations in sea ice extent for 2012, 2013, and the average values for the 1980s.

- According to the graph, during which month does sea ice extent usually reach its maximum? During which month does the minimum extent generally occur? What can you infer about the reason for this pattern?
- Sea ice extent reached its lowest level to date in 2012. About how much less was the minimum extent in 2012 compared with the average minimum for the 1980s? About what percentage of the 1980s average minimum was the 2012 minimum?
- How does the maximum extent in 2012 compare with the average maximum for the 1980s? About what percentage of the 1980s average maximum was the 2012 maximum?
- What do the patterns in the maximum and minimum values suggest about how climate change may be affecting sea ice extent?
- How do the 2013 maximum and minimum values compare with those for 2012? What possible explanation can you suggest for the differences?



- The maximum sea ice extent usually occurs in March and the minimum in September. We can infer that sea ice extent increases during the cold winter months, begins to decrease as ice melts in the spring, and reaches its minimum at the end of the summer.**
- The 2012 minimum was about 3.4 million km<sup>2</sup> compared with the 1980s average minimum of about 7.3 million km<sup>2</sup>. Thus the 2012 minimum was about 3.9 million km<sup>2</sup> less, or about 47% of the 1980s average. Student answers should be within a reasonable range of these values given the scale of the graph.**
- The 2012 maximum is less than the average 1980s maximum, but the difference is less than with the minimum values. The 2012 maximum is about 92% of the 1980s average maximum.**
- The warmer temperatures associated with global climate change have drastically reduce the extent of sea ice during the summer but have had a much less significant effect on the extent during the winter.**
- The 2013 maximum was about the same as in 2012, but the 2013 minimum was actually about 1.5 million km<sup>2</sup> greater than in 2012. Students may suggest that while the overall trend is for decreasing minimum values, variations in specific climate conditions from year to year mean that minimum values may fluctuate.**

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## EXTENSION ACTIVITY

Have students research the National Snow and Ice Data Center to learn more about the cryosphere, sea ice in general, the current condition of arctic sea ice, and changes that have occurred over the past year. Note that during 2013, summer weather patterns were very different from previous summers, as it was considerably cooler in 2013 than in prior years. Ask students to use the information they find to discuss any pattern of changes that are reflected in the maximum and minimum extent values.

## AVOID COMMON ERRORS

Have students read the labels on the graph to ensure they understand that the values in the scale of the sea ice extent are to be multiplied by  $10^6$  (one million) and that the units are kilometers squared, because the sea ice extent is calculated as an area of ice.

## INTEGRATED MATHEMATICAL PRACTICES

### Focus on Modeling

**MP.4** Note that the graph of the Arctic Sea Ice Extent shows several sets of data that do not follow smooth curves. It may be helpful to begin analysis by placing a straightedge parallel to the  $x$ -axis (*Months*). The straightedge can be moved up slowly to determine the minimums and maximums for each set of data. A ruler can also be placed along the line that approximates the given curve of data between March and September for each year to help students compare their rates of change.

### Scoring Rubric

- 2 points:** Student correctly solves the problem and explains his/her reasoning.  
**1 point:** Student shows good understanding of the problem but does not fully solve or explain his/her reasoning.  
**0 points:** Student does not demonstrate understanding of the problem.