

Remeber problem solving in
Chapter 1?

Well, today we are going to be
using the same model to set up
problems.

Steps for Solving Problems with Mathematical Models

Step 1: Identify what you are looking for.

Step 2: Give Names to the Unknowns.

Step 3: Translate the Problem into the Language of Mathematics.

Step 4: Solve the Equation(s) Found in Step 3.

Step 5: Check the Reasonableness of your Answer.

Step 6: Answer the Question (in a complete sentence).

Lesson 4.2: Problem Solving with Systems of Equations

Ex 1: *On a 12-hour trip from Ohio to the Outer Banks, the Smith family stopped twice for snacks. In West Virginia they ordered 3 large drinks and 4 sub sandwiches for \$22.25. A few hours later they stopped again in North Carolina and ordered 2 large drinks and 3 sub sandwiches for \$16.25. How much did each large drink and each sub cost? (Assume that the cost of each is the same in both locations.)*

Step 1: Identify

We want to know the cost of each hot dog and the cost of each soda.

Step 2: Name

Let's have h represent each hot dog, and s represent the cost of each Sprite.

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Ex 2: *A recently retired couple needs \$12,000 per year to supplement their Social Security. They have \$150,000 to invest. They have decided on two investments: Bonds yielding 10%, and a CD yielding 5%. How much should be invested in each to realize exactly \$12,000?*

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Ex 5: Business is motivated by profit. A company's profit is the difference between the revenues and the cost. It is key that a company understand the number of units of their product they must manufacture and sell in order to be profitable.

A company sells its basic wood stove for \$475. The variable costs of manufacturing the stove are \$175 per stove. The fixed monthly costs are \$7500.

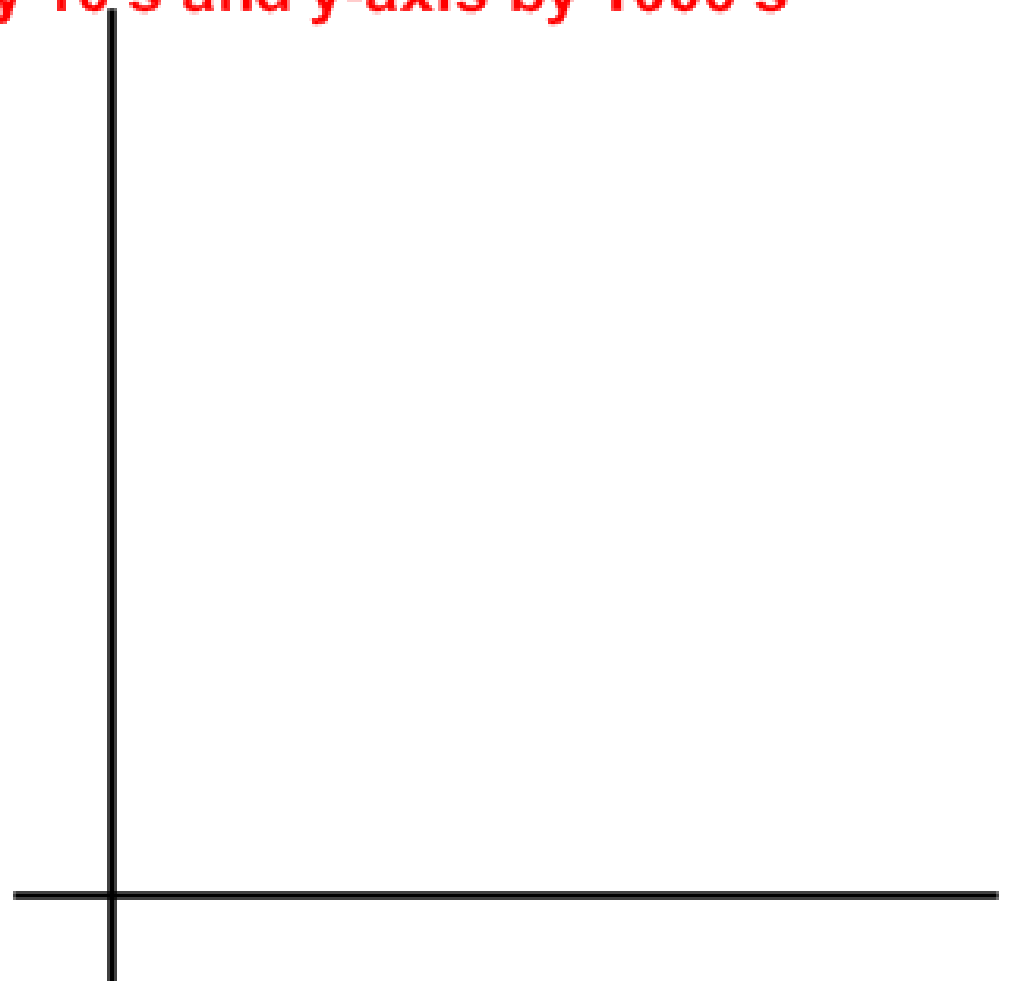
- a.) **Write revenue, R , as a function of the number of wood stoves sold, x .**

- b.) **Write cost, C , as a function of the number of stoves manufactured, x .**

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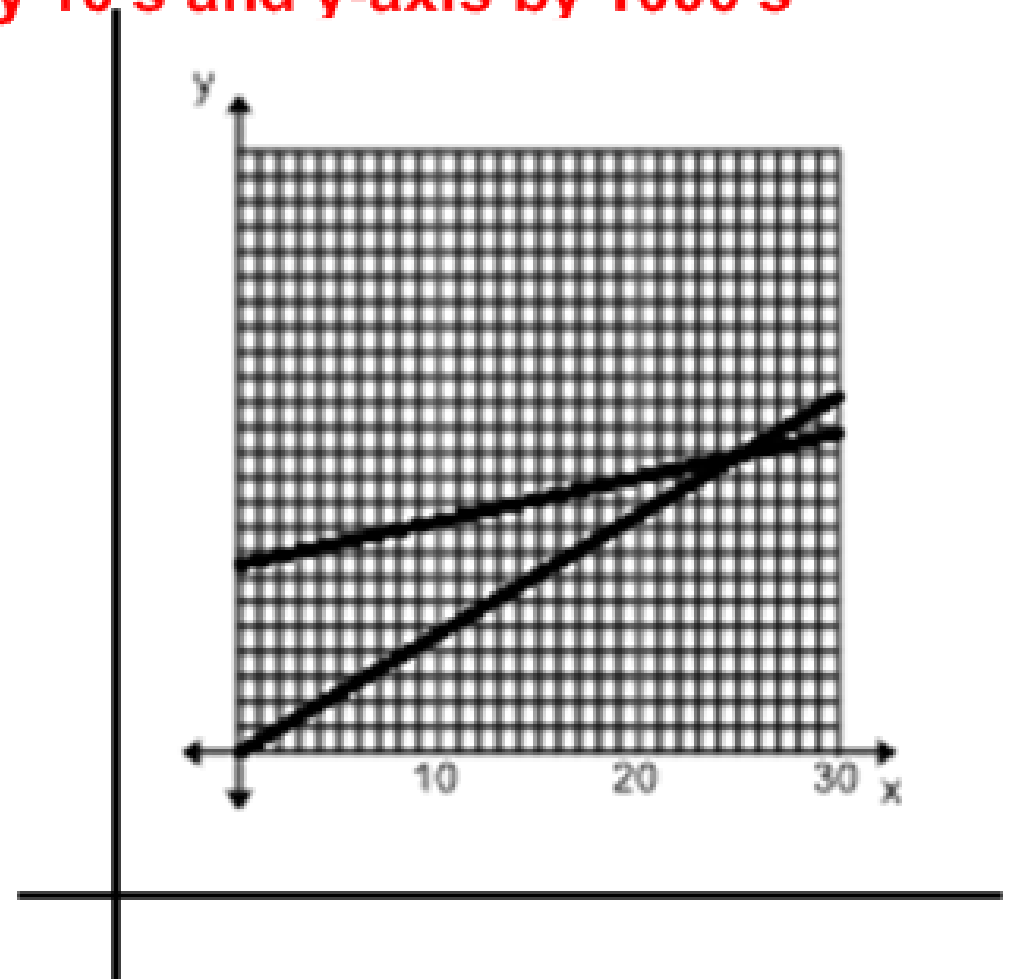


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*(about (25, 11,875) -
so 25 wood stoves made,
\$11,875 revenue)*



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d.) *The break-even point is the point where revenue equals cost. Tell the number of wood stoves made and the revenue at this point.*

**For more examples,
go to pgs. 271-280.**

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Homework:

**Pg 280-284: # 3, 7, 9, 11, 15, 23, 25,
29, 31, 39**

AND

Pg 330-331: # 1, 5, 7, 11, 14, 19

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