

Unit 7: Linear Relations

1. Representing Patterns

→ Create a table of values for a pattern.

x	y
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→ Create a linear equation.

$$y = mx + b$$

• solve for m using:

$$m = \frac{(y_2 - y_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)}$$

y_1, y_2 are y -coordinates

x_2, x_1 are x -coordinates

• solve for b by substitution using a third x & y coordinate.

Example equation: $y = 3x + 5$ * leave x & y as variables.
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 m b

→ Verify the equation.

↳ Substitute for x and y then perform a "check".

Examples:

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Fig.

a) Make a table of values for the pattern above.

Figure (x)	1	2	3	4
# of sides (y)	5	9	13	17

"Touching" sides count only as 1 side.

b) Describe the relationship between the number of pentagons and the number of sides.

of pentagons: 1, 2, 3, 4 (increase by 1)

of sides: 5, 9, 13, 17 (increase by 4)

As the number of pentagons increase by 1, the number of sides increase by 4.

c) Find a linear equation for this pattern.

	x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4
x	1	2	3	4
y	5	9	13	17
	y_1	y_2	y_3	y_4

$$m = \frac{(y_2 - y_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)}$$

$$= \frac{(9 - 5)}{(2 - 1)}$$

$$= \frac{4}{1}$$

$$= 4$$

$$\boxed{m = 2}$$

* BEDMAS
Brackets 1st!

$$y = mx + b$$

$$y = 2x + b$$

Use a third point.
(x_3, y_3) or
(x_4, y_4)

$$13 = 2(3) + b$$

$$13 = 6 + b$$

$$\boxed{7 = b}$$

$$y = mx + b$$

$$\boxed{y = 2x + 7}$$

← equation.

x - Figure #
 y - # of sides

← "x" statement.

d) How many sides would a shape with 18 pentagons have?

Sides = y

pentagons = $x = 18$

$$y = 2x + 7 \quad (\text{from c})$$

$$y = 2(18) + 7$$

$$y = 36 + 7$$

$$\boxed{y = 43}$$

18 pentagons would have 43 sides.

e) How many pentagons would yield 33 sides?

pentagons = x

sides = $y = 33$

$y = 2x + 7$

$33 = 2x + 7$

$$\begin{array}{r} 33 = 2x + 7 \\ -7 \quad -7 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$26 = 2x$

$\frac{26}{2} = \frac{2x}{2}$

$13 = x$

13 pentagons would have 33 sides.

2. 5, 11, 17, ...

a) Make a table of values for the 1st 5 terms.

x (term)	1	2	3	4	5
y (value of term)	5	11	17	23	29

$\overset{+1}{\curvearrowright}$ $\overset{+1}{\curvearrowright}$
 $\overset{+6}{\curvearrowright}$ $\overset{+6}{\curvearrowright}$

b) Find the equation for the pattern.

$y = mx + b$

$m = \frac{(y_2 - y_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)}$

$= \frac{(29 - 5)}{(5 - 1)}$

$= \frac{24}{4}$

$= 6$

$y = 6x + b$

$11 = 6(2) + b$

$11 = 12 + b$

$11 = 12 + b$

$-12 \quad -12$

$-1 = b$

$y = 6x + b$

$y = 6x + (-1)$

$y = 6x - 1$

y - value of term
 x - term number



c) What is the value of the 106th term?

$$y = 6x - 1$$

$$y = 6(106) - 1$$

$$y = 636 - 1$$

$$\boxed{y = 635}$$

The 106th term would be 635.

d) Which term would equal 311?

$$y = 6x - 1$$

$$311 = 6x - 1$$

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+1 +1

$$312 = 6x$$

$$\frac{312}{6} = \frac{6x}{6}$$

$$\boxed{52 = x}$$

The 52nd term would be 311.

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