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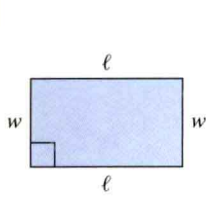
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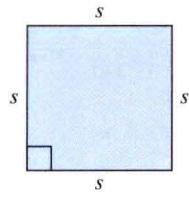
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Perimeter and Circumference



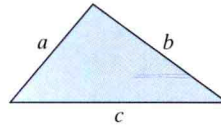
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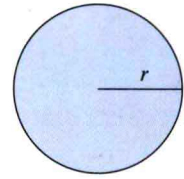
Square

$$P = 4s$$



Triangle

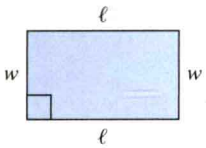
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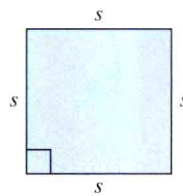
$$\text{Circumference: } C = 2\pi r$$

Area



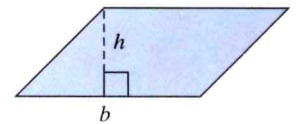
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$$A = lw$$



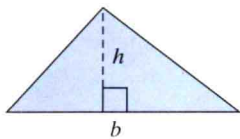
Square

$$A = s^2$$



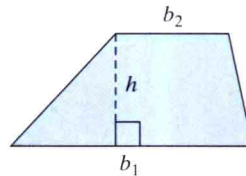
Parallelogram

$$A = bh$$



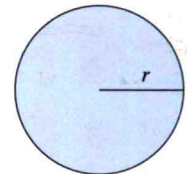
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$$A = \frac{1}{2}bh$$



Trapezoid

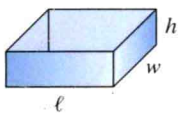
$$A = \frac{1}{2}(b_1 + b_2)h$$



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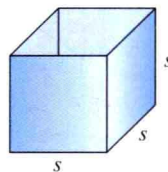
$$A = \pi r^2$$

Volume



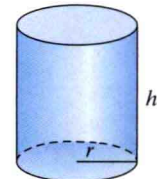
Rectangular Solid

$$V = lwh$$



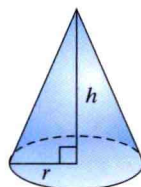
Cube

$$V = s^3$$



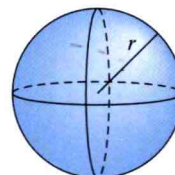
Right Circular Cylinder

$$V = \pi r^2 h$$



Right Circular Cone

$$V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$$



Sphere

$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

Linear Equations and Slope

The slope, m , of a line between two distinct points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) :

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}, \quad x_2 - x_1 \neq 0$$

Standard form: $ax + by = c$, a and b are not both zero

Horizontal line: $y = k$

Vertical line: $x = k$

Slope intercept form: $y = mx + b$

Point-slope formula: $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

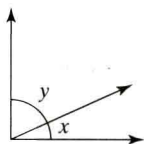
Midpoint Formula

Given two points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) , the midpoint is

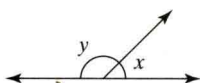
$$\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$$

Angles

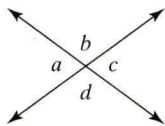
Two angles are **complementary** if the sum of their measures is 90° .



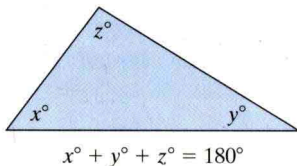
Two angles are **supplementary** if the sum of their measures is 180° .



In the figure below, $\angle a$ and $\angle c$ are vertical angles and $\angle b$ and $\angle d$ are vertical angles. The measures of vertical angles are equal.



The sum of the measures of the angles of a triangle is 180° .



Properties and Definitions of Exponents

Let a and b ($b \neq 0$) represent real numbers and m and n represent positive integers.

$$b^m b^n = b^{m+n}; \quad \frac{b^m}{b^n} = b^{m-n}; \quad (b^m)^n = b^{mn};$$

$$(ab)^m = a^m b^m; \quad \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^m = \frac{a^m}{b^m}; \quad b^0 = 1; \quad b^{-n} = \left(\frac{1}{b} \right)^n$$

Difference of Squares:

$$a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)$$

Difference of Cubes:

$$a^3 - b^3 = (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$$

Sum of Cubes:

$$a^3 + b^3 = (a + b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$$

Perfect Square Trinomials:

$$a^2 + 2ab + b^2 = (a + b)^2$$

$$a^2 - 2ab + b^2 = (a - b)^2$$

The Quadratic Formula

The solutions to $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ ($a \neq 0$) are given by

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

The Vertex Formula

For $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ ($a \neq 0$), the vertex is

$$\left(\frac{-b}{2a}, \frac{4ac - b^2}{4a} \right) \quad \text{or} \quad \left(\frac{-b}{2a}, f\left(\frac{-b}{2a}\right) \right)$$

The Distance Formula

The distance between two points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) is

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

The Standard Form of a Circle

$(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$ with center (h, k) and radius r

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Properties of Real Numbers

Commutative Property of Addition	$a + b = b + a$
Commutative Property of Multiplication	$ab = ba$
Associative Property of Addition	$(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$
Associative Property of Multiplication	$(ab)c = a(bc)$
Distributive Property of Multiplication over Addition	$a(b + c) = ab + ac$
Identity Property of Addition	0 is the identity element for addition because $a + 0 = 0 + a = a$
Identity Property of Multiplication	1 is the identity element for multiplication because $a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot a = a$
Inverse Property of Addition	a and $(-a)$ are additive inverses because $a + (-a) = 0$ and $(-a) + a = 0$
Inverse Property of Multiplication	a and $\frac{1}{a}$ are multiplicative inverses because $a \cdot \frac{1}{a} = 1$ and $\frac{1}{a} \cdot a = 1$ (provided $a \neq 0$)

Sets of Real Numbers

Natural numbers: $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

Whole numbers: $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

Integers: $\{\dots -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

Rational numbers: $\{\frac{p}{q} | p \text{ and } q \text{ are integers and } q \text{ does not equal } 0\}$

Irrational numbers: $\{x | x \text{ is a real number that is not rational}\}$

Application Formulas

Sales tax = (cost of merchandise)(tax rate)

Commission = (dollars in sales)(commission rate)

Simple interest = (principal)(rate)(time): $I = Prt$

Distance = (rate)(time): $d = rt$

Compound interest: $A(t) = P\left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$

Continuous compound interest: $A(t) = Pe^{rt}$,

where $A(t)$ = balance of account after t years,
 P = principal, r = annual interest rate, t = time in years,
 n = number of compound periods per year

Proportions

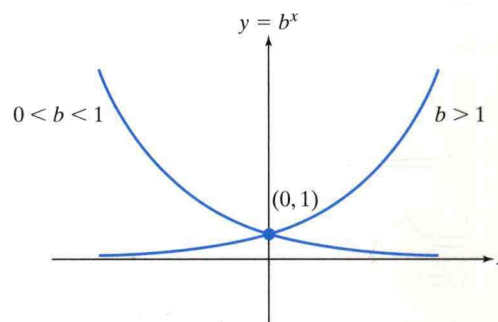
An equation that equates two ratios is called a proportion:

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} \quad (b \neq 0, d \neq 0)$$

The cross products are equal: $ad = bc$.

Exponential Functions

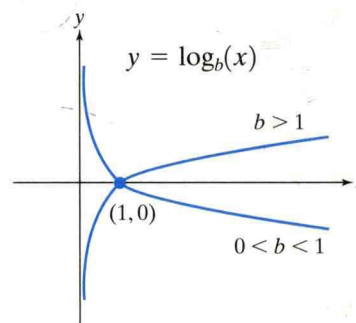
A function defined by $y = b^x$ ($b > 0, b \neq 1$) is an exponential function.



Logarithmic Functions

A function defined by $y = \log_b(x)$ is a logarithmic function.

$$y = \log_b(x) \Leftrightarrow b^y = x \quad (x > 0, b > 0, b \neq 1)$$



Direct Variation:

y varies directly as x.

$$y = kx$$

y is directly proportional to x.

Inverse Variation:

y varies inversely as x.

$$y = \frac{k}{x}$$

y is inversely proportional to x.

Joint Variation:

y varies jointly as w and z.

$$y = kwz$$

y is jointly proportional to w and z.

Properties of Logarithms

Let b , x , and y be positive real numbers where $b \neq 1$, and let p be a real number. Then the following properties are true.

- $\log_b(1) = 0$
- $\log_b(b) = 1$
- $\log_b(b^p) = p$
- $b^{\log_b(x)} = x$
- $\log_b(xy) = \log_b(x) + \log_b(y)$
- $\log_b\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \log_b(x) - \log_b(y)$
- $\log_b(x^p) = p \log_b(x)$

Change-of-Base Formula:

$$\log_b(x) = \frac{\log_a(x)}{\log_a(b)} \quad a > 0, a \neq 1, b > 0, b \neq 1$$

Properties and Definitions of Radicals

Let a be a real number and n be an integer such that $n > 1$. If $\sqrt[n]{a}$ exists, then

$$a^{1/n} = \sqrt[n]{a}; \quad a^{m/n} = (\sqrt[n]{a})^m = \sqrt[n]{a^m}$$

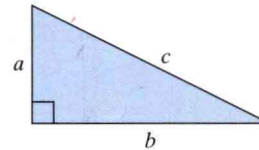
Let a and b represent real numbers such that $\sqrt[n]{a}$ and $\sqrt[n]{b}$ are both real. Then

$$\sqrt[n]{ab} = \sqrt[n]{a} \cdot \sqrt[n]{b} \quad \text{Multiplication property}$$

$$\sqrt[n]{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt[n]{a}}{\sqrt[n]{b}} \quad \text{Division property}$$

The Pythagorean Theorem:

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$



Measure Abbreviations

Length

in. inch
 ft foot
 yd yard
 mm millimeter
 cm centimeter
 m meter
 km kilometer

Volume/Capacity

pt pint
 gal gallon
 mL milliliter
 L liter
 cc cubic centimeter
 (also written as cm^3)

Mass

mg milligram
 g gram
 kg kilogram
 oz ounce

Force

lb pound

Measure Conversion

Length	Area	Volume	Mass/Force
1 mile = 5280 ft	1 in. ² = 6.452 cm ²	1 pt = 2 c	1 g = 1000 mg
1 mile = 1.609 km	1 yd ² = 9 ft ²	1 qt = 2 pt	1 kg = 1000 g
1 in. = 2.54 cm	1 m ² = 10.76 ft ²	1 gal = 4 qt	1 kg = 2.2 lb*
1 m = 3.281 ft	1 mile ² = 640 acres	1 L = 1000 cm ³	1 lb = 16 oz
1 light-year = 9.46×10^{15} m		1 gal = 3.785 L	
1 m = 1000 mm		1 ft ³ = 7.481 gal	
1 m = 100 cm		1 L = 1000 mL	
1 km = 1000 m		1 mL = 1 cc	


*1 kg = 2.2 lbs on Earth



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To my parents, Kent and Joanne Miller
—Julie Miller

In memory of my husband, T. Patrick O'Neill
—Molly O'Neill



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KEY FEATURES

To get the most use out of your textbook, take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with its features.

Chapter Openers

Each chapter opens with an application relating to topics presented in the chapter. The Chapter Openers also contain website references for **Technology Connections**, Internet activities found in the Student Learning Site of the Online Learning Center, which further the scope of the application.

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POLYNOMIALS



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To plan a vacation overseas, an understanding of currency exchange rates is important. For example, if you visit Frankfurt, Germany, you will need to know how many Euros (the main unit of currency in Germany as well as 11 other European countries) may be exchanged for \$1. If you visit Japan, you will need to know how many Yen may be exchanged for \$1.

Because many countries outside the United States use the metric system, it is also helpful to know unit conversions for some common units of measurement. For example, 1 kilometer (km) is approximately 0.622 miles. Therefore, the distance of 305 km between Frankfurt, Germany, and Munich, Germany, is approximately 190 miles.

A linear function can be used to perform unit conversions. If x is a distance measured in kilometers, then the function defined by

$$m(x) = 0.622x$$

gives the corresponding distance in miles.

For more information about currency exchange and unit conversion, visit [currencyexch](http://currencyexch.com) and [unitconv](http://unitconv.com) at

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28 Chapter 1 Review of Basic Algebraic Concepts

section

1.3 SIMPLIFYING EXPRESSIONS

Concepts

1. Recognizing Terms, Factors, and Coefficients
2. Properties of Real Numbers
3. Distributive Property and Clearing Parentheses
4. Combining Like Terms
5. Simplifying Expressions

1. Recognizing Terms, Factors, and Coefficients

An algebraic expression is the sum of one or more terms. A **term** is a constant or the product of a constant and one or more variables. For example, the expression

$$-6x^2 + 5xyz - 11 \quad \text{or} \quad -6x^2 + 5xyz + -11$$

consists of the terms $-6x^2$, $5xyz$, and -11 .

The terms $-6x^2$ and $5xyz$ are **variable terms**, and the term -11 is called a **constant term**. It is important to distinguish between a term and the **factors** within a term. For example, the quantity $5xyz$ is one term, but the values 5, x , y , and z are factors within the term. The constant factor in a term is called the numerical coefficient (or simply **coefficient**) of the term. In the terms $-6x^2$, $5xyz$, and -11 , the coefficients are -6 , 5 , and -11 , respectively.

Terms are called **like terms** if they each have the same variables, and the corresponding variables are raised to the same powers. For example:

Like Terms	Unlike Terms
$-6t$ and $4t$	$-6t$ and $4r$ (different variables)
$1.8ab$ and $-3ab$	$1.8xy$ and $-3x$ (different variables)
$\frac{1}{2}z^3$ and z^2	$\frac{1}{2}z^3$ and z^2d (different powers)
4 and 6	$4p$ and 6 (different variables)

example 1

Identifying Terms, Factors, Coefficients, and Like Terms

- a. List the terms of the expression $-4x^2 - 7x + \frac{1}{3}$
- b. Identify the coefficient of the term yz^3
- c. Identify the pair of like terms: $16b$, $4b^2$ or $\frac{1}{2}c$, $-\frac{1}{2}c$

Solution:

- a. The terms of the expression $-4x^2 - 7x + \frac{1}{3}$ are $-4x^2$, $-7x$, and $\frac{1}{3}$.
- b. The term yz^3 can be written as $1yz^3$; therefore, the coefficient is 1.
- c. $\frac{1}{2}c$, $-\frac{1}{2}c$ are like terms because they have the same variable raised to the same power.

2. Properties of Real Numbers

Simplifying algebraic expressions requires several important properties of real numbers that are stated in Table 1-3. Assume that a , b , and c represent real numbers or real-valued algebraic expressions:

Concepts

A list of important concepts is provided at the beginning of each section. Each concept corresponds to a heading within the section, making it easy to locate topics as you study or work through homework exercises.

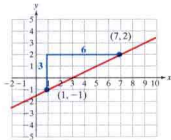


Figure 2-14

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{2 - (-1)}{7 - 1} \quad \text{Apply the slope formula.}$$

$$= \frac{3}{6} \quad \text{or} \quad m = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{Simplify and reduce.}$$

The slope of the line can be verified from the graph (Figure 2-14).

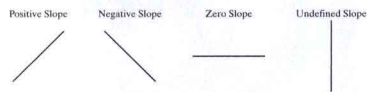
Tip: The slope formula does not depend on which point is labeled (x_1, y_1) and which point is labeled (x_2, y_2) . For example, reversing the order in which the points are labeled in Example 1 results in the same slope.

$(1, -1)$ and $(7, 2)$
 (x_2, y_2) (x_1, y_1)

$$\text{then } m = \frac{-1 - 2}{1 - 7} = \frac{-3}{-6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

3. Positive, Negative, Zero, and Undefined Slopes

The value of the slope of a line may be positive, negative, zero, or undefined. Lines that “increase,” or “rise,” from left to right have a **positive slope**. Lines that “decrease,” or “fall,” from left to right have a **negative slope**. Horizontal lines have a **zero slope**. Vertical lines have an **undefined slope**.



example 2 Finding the Slope of a Line Between Two Points

Find the slope of the line passing through the points $(3, -4)$ and $(-5, -1)$.

Solution:

$(3, -4)$ and $(-5, -1)$

(x_1, y_1) (x_2, y_2) Label points.

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{-1 - (-4)}{-5 - 3} \quad \text{Apply the slope formula.}$$

$$= \frac{3}{-8} = -\frac{3}{8} \quad \text{Simplify.}$$

Special Elements

Tips

Tip boxes appear throughout the text and offer helpful hints and insight.

Avoiding Mistakes

Through marginal notes labeled Avoiding Mistakes you are alerted to common errors and are shown methods to avoid them.

Avoiding Mistakes

The process of adding like radicals with the distributive property is similar to adding like terms. The end result is that the numerical coefficients are added and the radical factor is unchanged.

$$\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{5} = 1\sqrt{5} + 1\sqrt{5} = 2\sqrt{5} \quad \text{(correct)}$$

Be careful! $\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{5} \neq \sqrt{10}$

In general: $\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} \neq \sqrt{x+y}$

Solution:

a. $6\sqrt{11} + 2\sqrt{11}$
 $= (6 + 2)\sqrt{11}$ Apply the distributive property.
 $= 8\sqrt{11}$ Simplify.

b. $\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{3}$
 $= 1\sqrt{3} + 1\sqrt{3}$ Note that $\sqrt{3} = 1\sqrt{3}$.
 $= (1 + 1)\sqrt{3}$ Apply the distributive property.
 $= 2\sqrt{3}$ Simplify.

c. $-2\sqrt{ab} + 7\sqrt{ab} - \sqrt{ab}$
 $= (-2 + 7 - 1)\sqrt{ab}$ Apply the distributive property.
 $= 4\sqrt{ab}$ Simplify.

d. $\frac{1}{4}x\sqrt{3y} - \frac{3}{2}x\sqrt{3y}$
 $= \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{2}\right)x\sqrt{3y}$ Apply the distributive property.
 $= \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{6}{4}\right)x\sqrt{3y}$ Get a common denominator.
 $= -\frac{5}{4}x\sqrt{3y}$ Simplify.

Sometimes it is necessary to simplify radicals before adding or subtracting.

example 2 Adding and Subtracting Radicals

Simplify the radicals and add or subtract as indicated.

a. $3\sqrt{8} + \sqrt{2}$ b. $8\sqrt{x^3y^2} - 3y\sqrt{x^3}$

c. $\sqrt{50x^2y^3} - 13y\sqrt{2x^2y^3} + xy\sqrt{98y^3}$

Solution:

a. $3\sqrt{8} + \sqrt{2}$ The radicands are different. Try simplifying the radicals first.
 $= 3 \cdot 2\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}$ Simplify: $\sqrt{8} = 2\sqrt{2}$
 $= 6\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}$
 $= (6 + 1)\sqrt{2}$ Apply the distributive property.
 $= 7\sqrt{2}$ Simplify.

Graphing Calculator Boxes

Optional Graphing Calculator Boxes appear throughout the text. These boxes appear for your reference and may be included as part of your reading assignment, depending on the amount of emphasis your instructor places on the graphing calculator in your course. The boxes include screen captures and show how various techniques, such as analyzing and evaluating functions, can be performed.

Graphing Calculator Box

Consider the equation $x(x + 7) + 4 = 0$ from Example 2. In standard form, this equation is written as $x^2 + 7x + 4 = 0$. Using the quadratic formula, we have

$$x = \frac{-(-7) \pm \sqrt{(-7)^2 - 4(1)(4)}}{2(1)}$$

A calculator can be used to apply the quadratic formula directly; however, each solution must be entered separately. The solution can be checked on the calculator by using the *Ans* variable. This contains the result of the calculator's most recent computation.

$$x = \frac{-(-7) + \sqrt{(-7)^2 - 4(1)(4)}}{2(1)} \approx -0.6277186767$$

← Solution
← Check

$$x = \frac{-(-7) - \sqrt{(-7)^2 - 4(1)(4)}}{2(1)} \approx -6.372281323$$

← Solution
← Check

example 3 Solving a Quadratic Equation Using the Quadratic Formula

Solve the quadratic equation using the quadratic formula.

$$\frac{1}{4}z^2 + \frac{1}{4}z = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Solution:

$$\frac{1}{4}z^2 + \frac{1}{4}z = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$4\left(\frac{1}{4}z^2 + \frac{1}{4}z\right) = 4\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

Multiply by 4 to clear fractions.

$$z^2 + z = -2$$

section 2.4 PRACTICE EXERCISES

- True or false. If an answer is false, explain why.
 - The graph of a linear equation always has an x -intercept.
 - The graph of a linear equation always has a y -intercept.
- True or false. If an answer is false, explain why.
 - The x - and y -intercepts of a linear equation are always different points.
 - Every graph of a line must have an x -intercept or a y -intercept or both.
- Find an equation of the line passing through the two points. Write the answer in slope-intercept form and graph the line.
 - Find an equation of any line parallel to the line found in part (b). (Answers may vary.)
 - Find an equation of any line perpendicular to the line found in part (b). (Answers may vary.)
- Find an equation of the line parallel to the y -axis and passing through the point $(-2, -3)$. Graph

EXPANDING YOUR SKILLS

37. Loraine is enrolled in an algebra class that meets 5 days per week. Her instructor gives a test every Friday. Loraine has a study plan and keeps a portfolio with notes, homework, test corrections, and vocabulary. She also records the amount of time per day that she studies and does homework. The following data represent the amount of time she studied per day and her weekly test grades.

Time Studied per Day (minutes)	Weekly Test Grade (percent)
x	y
60	69
70	74
80	79
90	84
100	89

Table for Exercise 37

- Graph the points on a rectangular coordinate system. Use appropriate scaling for the x - and y -axes. Do the data points appear to follow a linear trend?
- Find a linear equation that relates Loraine's

- If Loraine is only able to spend $\frac{1}{2}$ h day studying her math, predict her test score for that week.

Points are *collinear* if they lie on the same line. For Exercises 38–41, use the slope formula to determine if the points are collinear.

- $(3, -4)$, $(0, -5)$, $(9, -2)$
- $(4, 3)$, $(-4, -1)$, $(2, 2)$
- $(0, 2)$, $(-2, 12)$, $(-1, 6)$
- $(-2, -2)$, $(0, -3)$, $(-4, -1)$

GRAPHING CALCULATOR EXERCISES

- Graph the equation $y = 0.2x$ (*Hint*: Use a window defined by $0 \leq x \leq 25$ and $0 \leq y \leq 5$).
 - Use an *Eval* or *Table* feature to confirm your answers to Exercise 15.
- Graph the equation $y = 2.5x$ (*Hint*: Use a window defined by $0 \leq x \leq 12$ and $0 \leq y \leq 30$).
 - Use an *Eval* or *Table* feature to confirm your answers to Exercise 16.

Practice Exercises

The Practice Exercises contain a variety of problem types.

- Applications** are based on real-world facts and figures. Working through these problems will help you improve your problem-solving skills.
- Exercises keyed to video** are labeled with an icon to help you identify those exercises that appear in the video series that accompanies this text.
- Calculator Exercises** cover situations when a calculator can be used to help you perform calculations that might be overly time-consuming if done by hand. They are designed for use with either a scientific or a graphing calculator.
- Expanding Your Skills**, found near the end of most Practice Exercise sets, are exercises that challenge your knowledge of the concepts presented.
- Graphing Calculator Exercises**, also found at the end of appropriate exercise sets, offer you an opportunity to use a graphing calculator to explore concepts.