

4.2 Linear Relations

Relation:

- An association between two quantities
- A connection (often a rule) between input values (x) and output values (y)

A relation can be presented in a variety of ways. For example,

Words

Three times the length of your ear, e , is equal to the length of your face, f , (from chin to hairline).

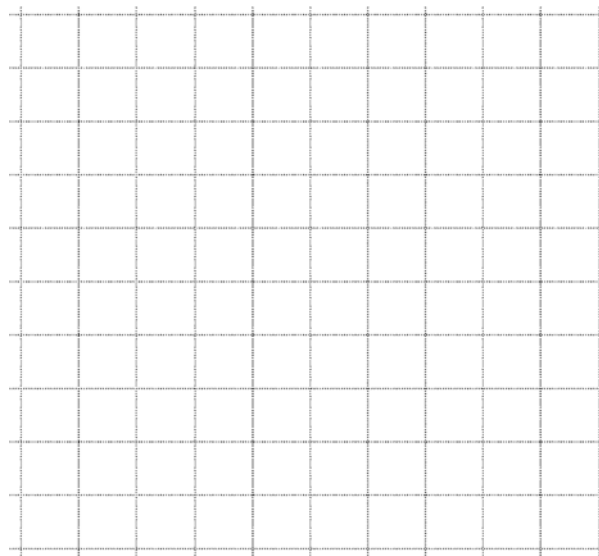
Equation

Ordered Pairs

Table of Values

Ear Length, e (cm)	Face Length, f (cm)

Graph



Independent Variable:

- The variable we control
- The input variable
- x
- Graphed on the x -axis
- First column in a table of values

Dependent Variable:

- The variable we do not control
- The output variable
- y
- Graphed on the y -axis
- Second column in a table of values

Linear Relation:

- Forms straight line when graphed
- One or two variable equation of degree 1
- Input (independent) & output (dependent) each change by their own constant amount

Non-linear Relation:

- Does NOT form straight line when graphed
- One or two variable equation of degree NOT 1
- Input (independent) & output (dependent) DO NOT change by their own constant amount

Ex. Table of Values

Linear

x	y

Non-Linear

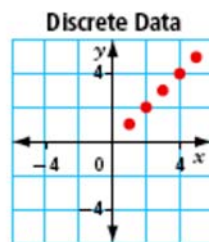
x	y

Ex. Equations

Linear

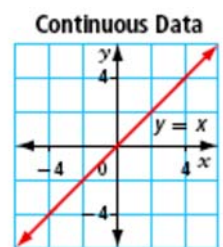
Non-Linear

Discrete Data:



- Data values that are NOT connected
- For data that CANNOT have values between

Continuous Data:



- Data values that ARE connected
- For data that CAN have values between

Ex. In a frog jumping championship there is a frog named George who jumps a distance of 2m in a single leap. George maintains a distance of 2m every jump; the total distance travelled is measured after every jump. Consider the relationship between the number of jumps and the total distance travelled.

- a) Create a variable to represent each quantity in the relation. Which is the dependent variable? Which is the independent variable?

- b) Create a table of values for this relation. What are appropriate values for the independent variable?

- c) Identify the relationship as linear or non-linear. Explain how you know.

- d) Create a graph for the relation. Is the data discrete or continuous?

