

Lesson 20

Applications of Linear Systems

System Models:

Substitution Method

Set both equations up in Slope – Intercept Form

$$y = mx + b$$

$$\text{Cost}(x) = mx + b$$

$$y = mx + b$$

$$\text{Revenue}(x) = mx$$

When the Revenue (Income) and the Cost are the same, you break even!

Examples: Set up the system of equations and solve the system.

1. Suppose a model airplane club publishes a newsletter. Expenses are \$0.90 for printing and mailing each copy, plus \$600 total for research and writing. The price of the newsletter is \$1.50 per copy. How many copies of the newsletter must the club sell to break even?
2. Suppose an antique car club publishes a newsletter. Expenses are \$0.35 for printing and mailing each copy, plus \$770 total for research and writing. The price of the newsletter is \$0.55 per copy. How many copies of the newsletter must the club sell to break even?