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2.1 Connecting the Dots:Piggies and Pools

A Develop Understanding Task



1. My little sister, Savannah, is three years old. She has a piggy bank that she wants to fill. She started with five pennies and each day when I come home from school, she is excited when I give her three pennies that are left over from my lunch money. Use a table, a graph, and an equation to create a mathematical model for the number of pennies in the piggy bank on day *n*.

2. Our family has a small pool for relaxing in the summer that holds 1500 gallons of water. I decided to fill the pool for the summer. When I had 5 gallons of water in the pool, I decided that I didn't want to stand outside and watch the pool fill, so I had to figure out how long it would take so that I could leave, but come back to turn off the water at the right time. I checked the flow on the hose and found that it was filling the pool at a rate of 2 gallons every minute. Use a table, a graph, and an equation to create a mathematical model for the number of gallons of water in the pool at *t* minutes.



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3. I'm more sophisticated than my little sister so I save my money in a bank account that pays me 3% interest on the money in the account at the end of each month. (If I take my money out before the end of the month, I don't earn any interest for the month.) I started the account with \$50 that I got for my birthday. Use a table, a graph, and an equation to create a mathematical model of the amount of money I will have in the account after *m* months.

4. At the end of the summer, I decide to drain the 1500 gallon swimming pool. I noticed that it drains faster when there is more water in the pool. That was interesting to me, so I decided to measure the rate at which it drains. I found that 3% was draining out of the pool every minute. Use a table, a graph, and an equation to create a mathematical model of the gallons of water in the pool at *t* minutes.

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