

Question: When soda is sold for \$0.8 dollars per can, approximately 6500 cans are sold. After the price is raised to \$1.00 dollar, the demand drops to 4000 cans.

a) To find the demand as a function of price, find the rate at which the demand changes versus price. This means find the slope.

$$\text{slope} = \frac{\text{change in demand}}{\text{change in price}} = \frac{4000-6500}{1.00-0.80} = \frac{-2500}{0.2} = -12500$$

You can write a function now. $D(p) = -12500(p) + 6500$

This is of the form $y = mx + b$, where $m = -12500$, x is p and 6500 is b

b) According to this equation, a price of \$1.05 per can yields a demand of 3375

Be sure to plug in the difference between 1.05 and 0.8. That's 0.25

$$D(0.25) = -12500(0.25) + 6500 = -3125 + 6500 = 3375 \text{ cans}$$