

Show that the equation $2xa^2 - \sqrt{by} + (2 + \sqrt{a})z = b^2$ is linear.

1) x means x^1 and z means z^1 , so this equation is linear in these variables.

2) The 2 , a^2 , $-\sqrt{by}$, $(2 + \sqrt{a})$ and b^2 are just fancy ways of writing constants.

2a) For example, you could set $a=1$, $b=1$, $y=1$, you'd have a linear equation.

$$2x(1)^2 - \sqrt{(1)(1)} + (2 + \sqrt{1})z = 1^2$$

$$2x - 1 + 3z = 1$$

$$2x + 3z = 2$$