Student Task Statements

## Lesson 10: Combining Functions

### 10.1: Notice and Wonder: Are Book Sales Improving?

What do you notice? What do you wonder?

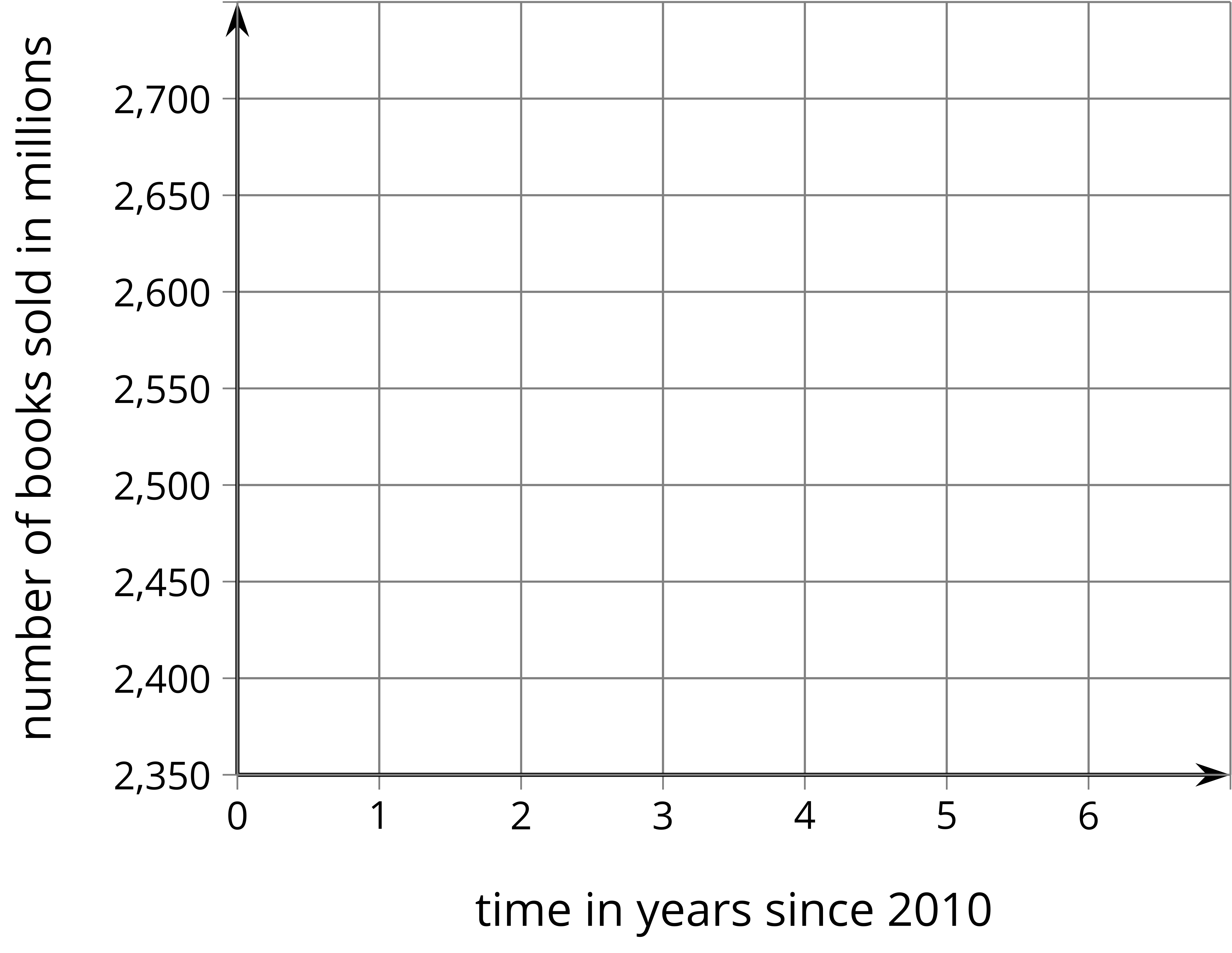
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### 10.2: How Many Books Can One Person Have?

The table shows the values of two functions, and , where is the population of the US, in millions, years after 2010, and is the number of books sold per year, in millions, years after 2010.

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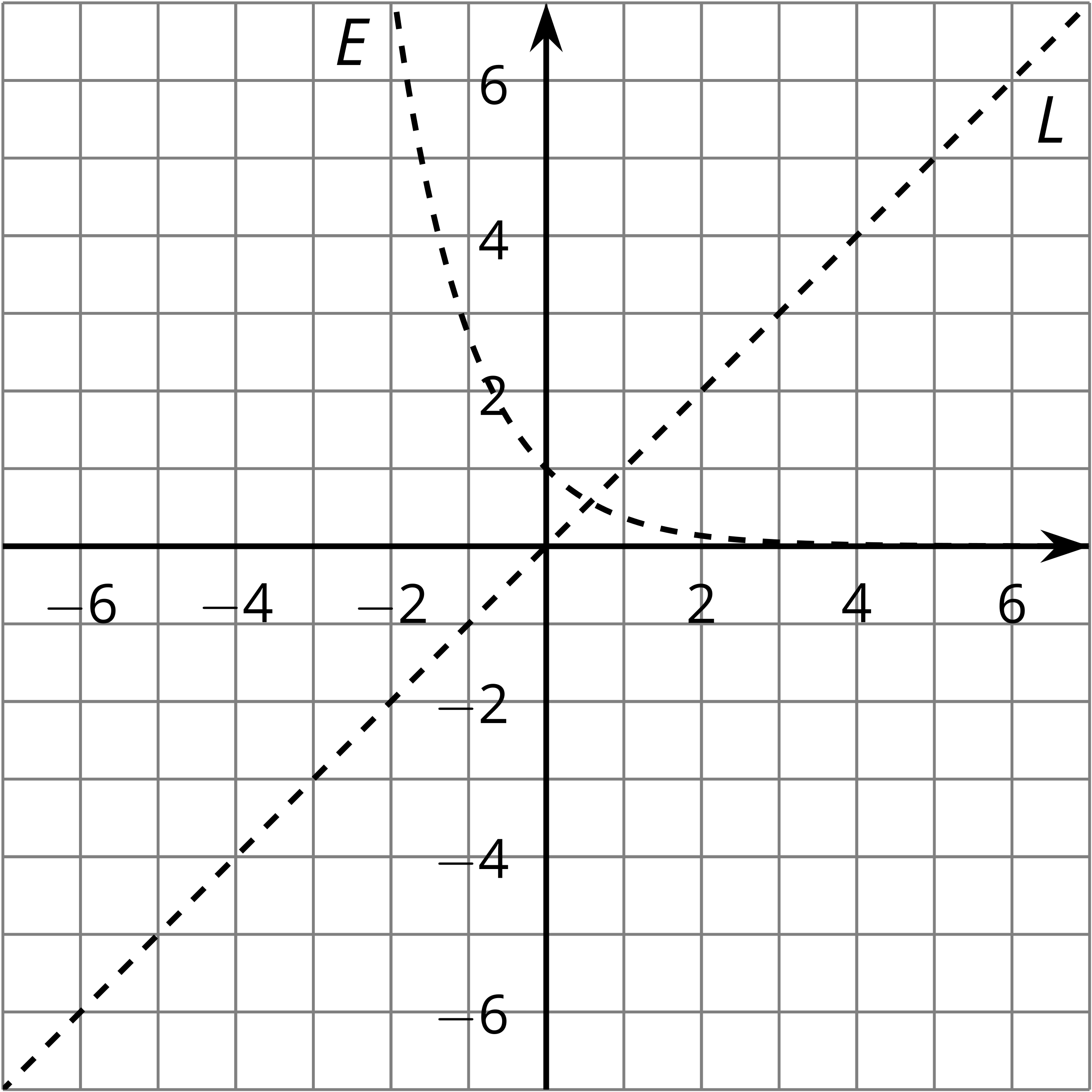
1. Plot the values of as a function of . What does the plot tell you about book sales?

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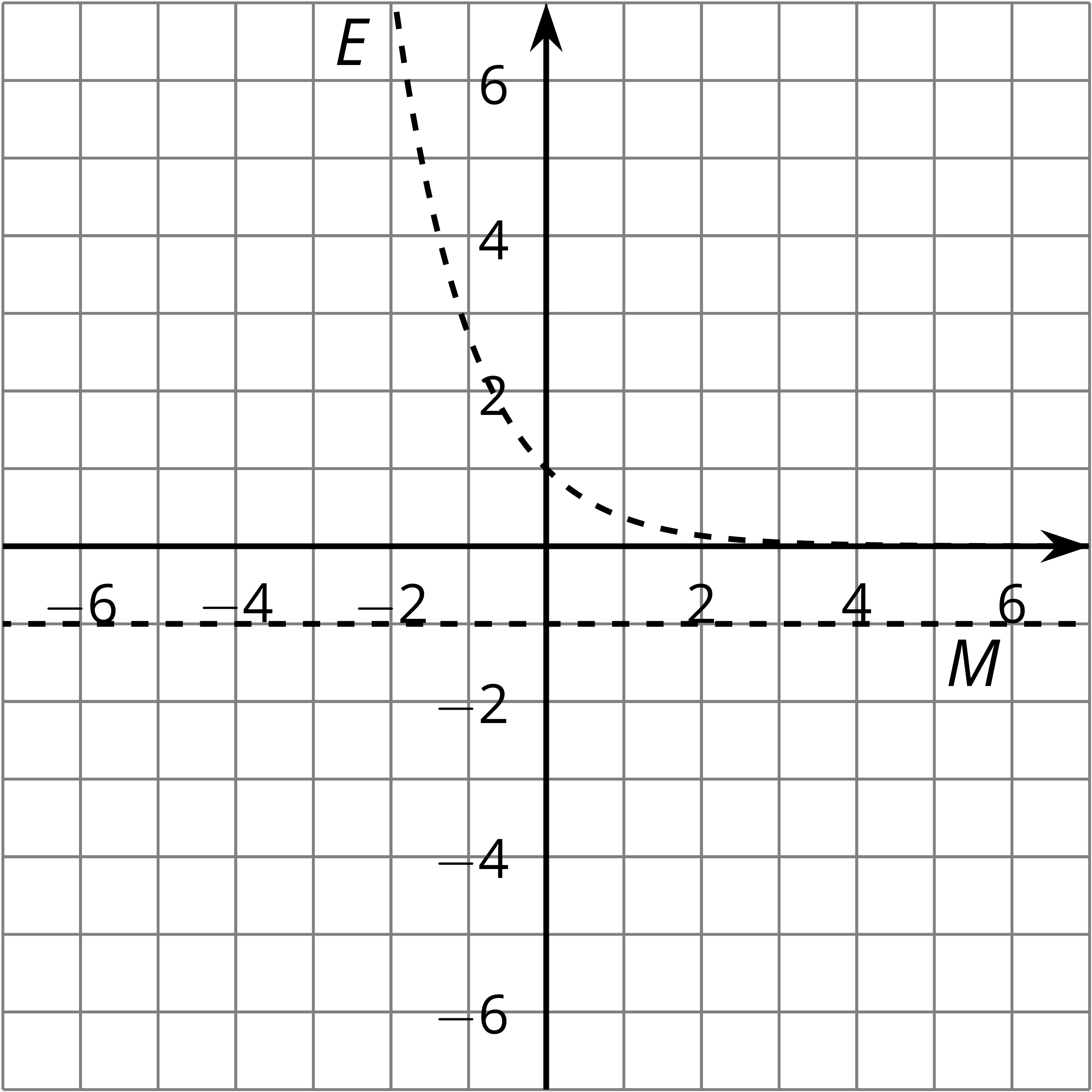
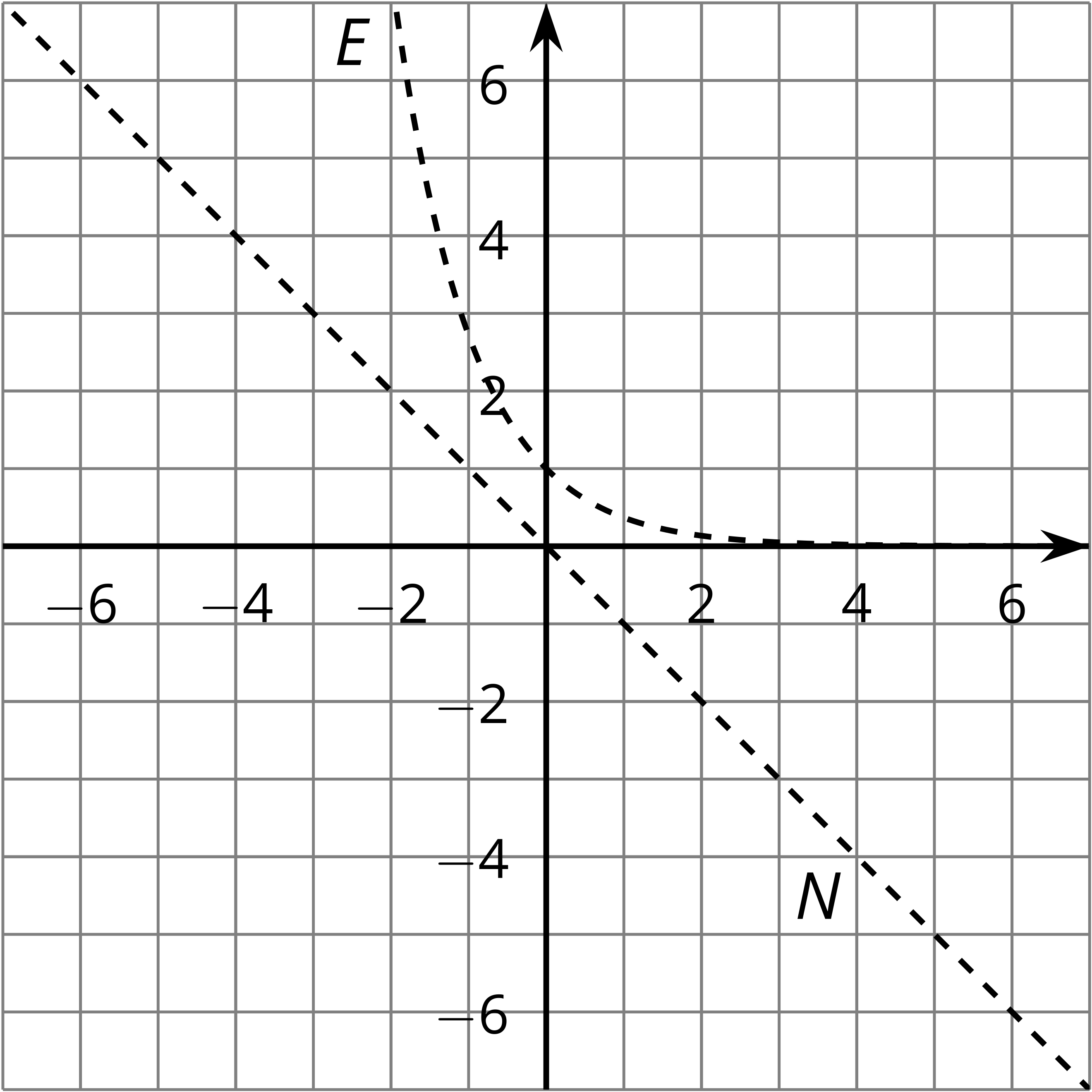
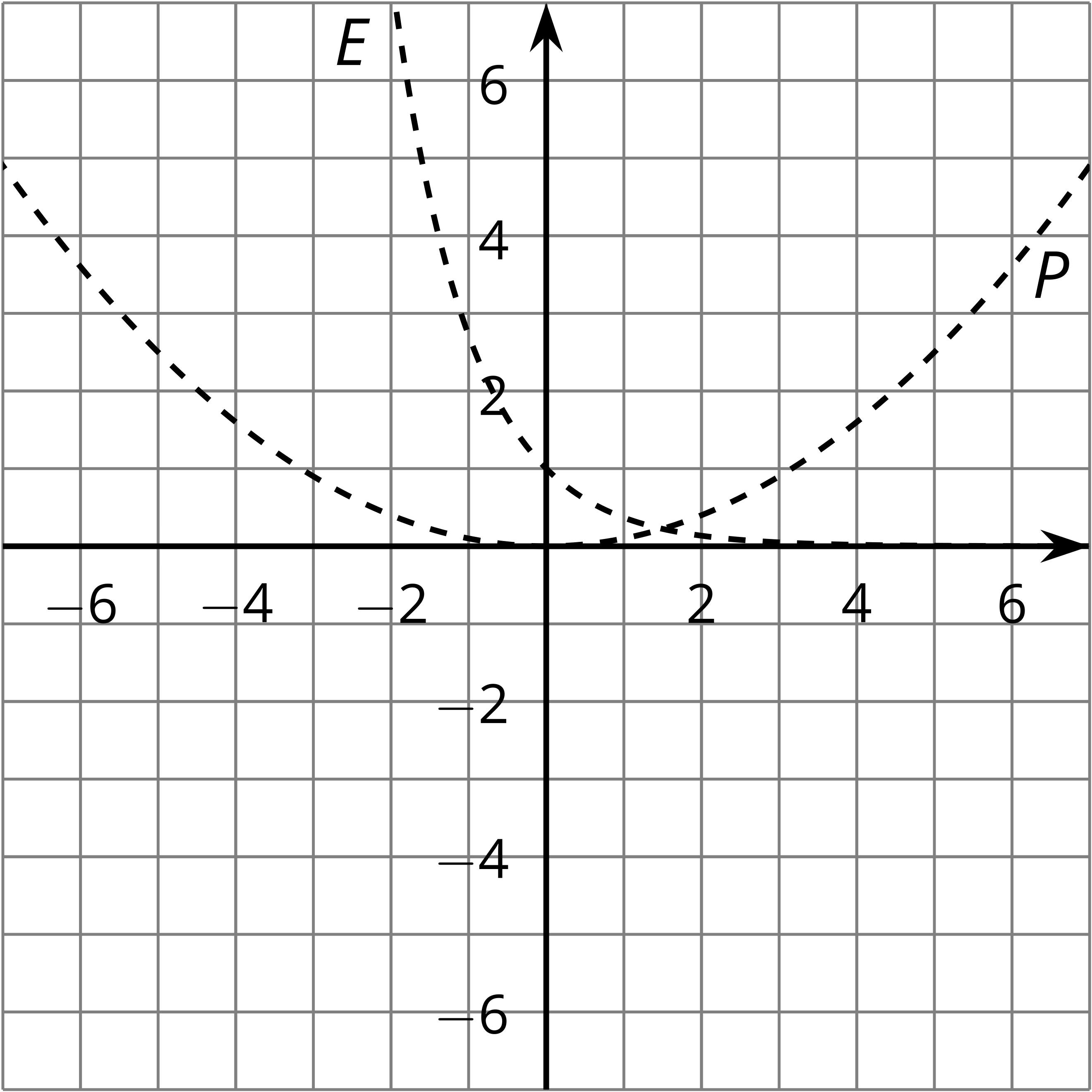
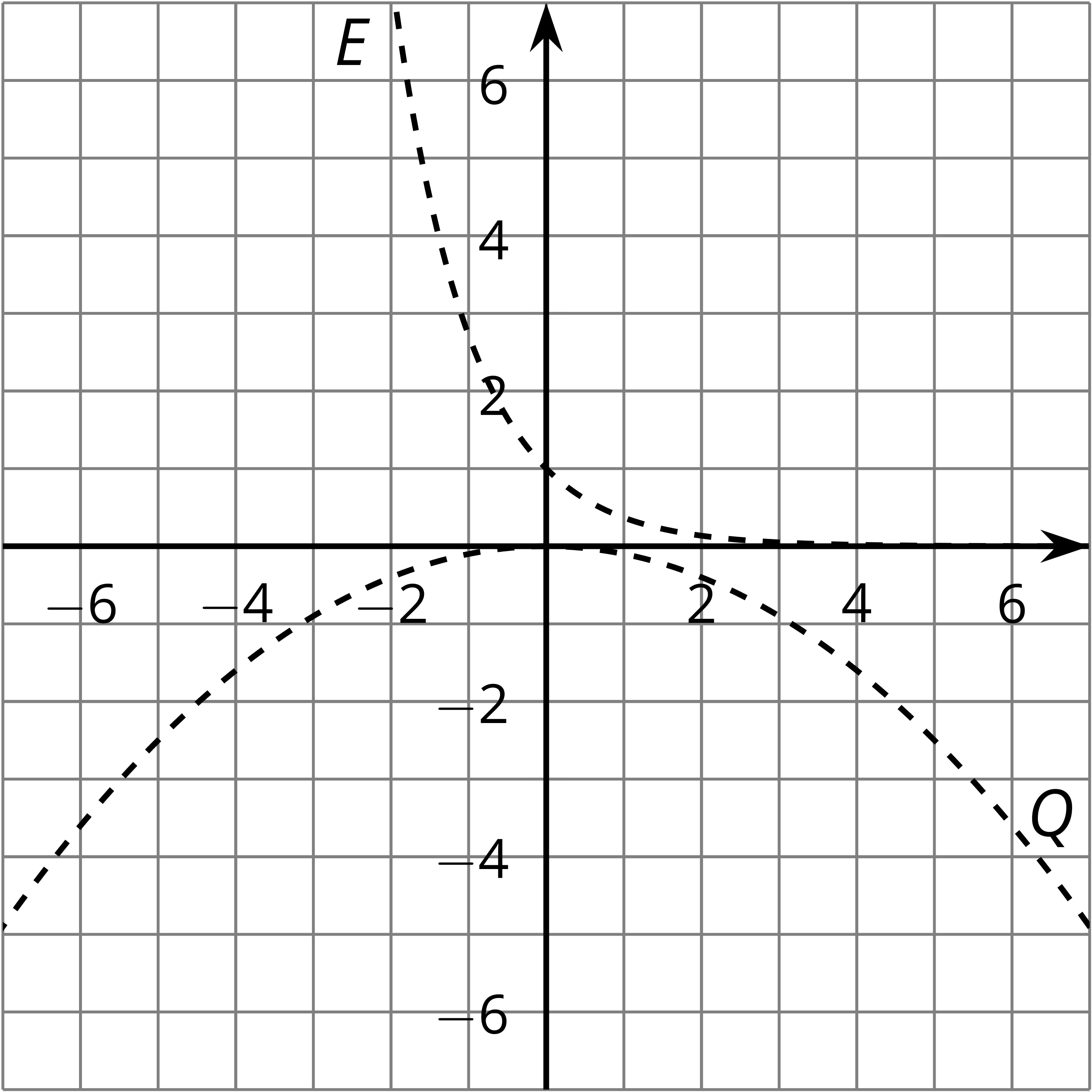
1. How many books were sold per person in 2010 and 2016? What do these values tell you about book sales?
2. Define a new function by . Complete the table and then graph the values of . What do the values of tell you?

### 10.3: Adding Functions

1. Here are the graphs of two functions, and . Define a new function by adding and , so . On the same axes, sketch what you think the graph of looks like.

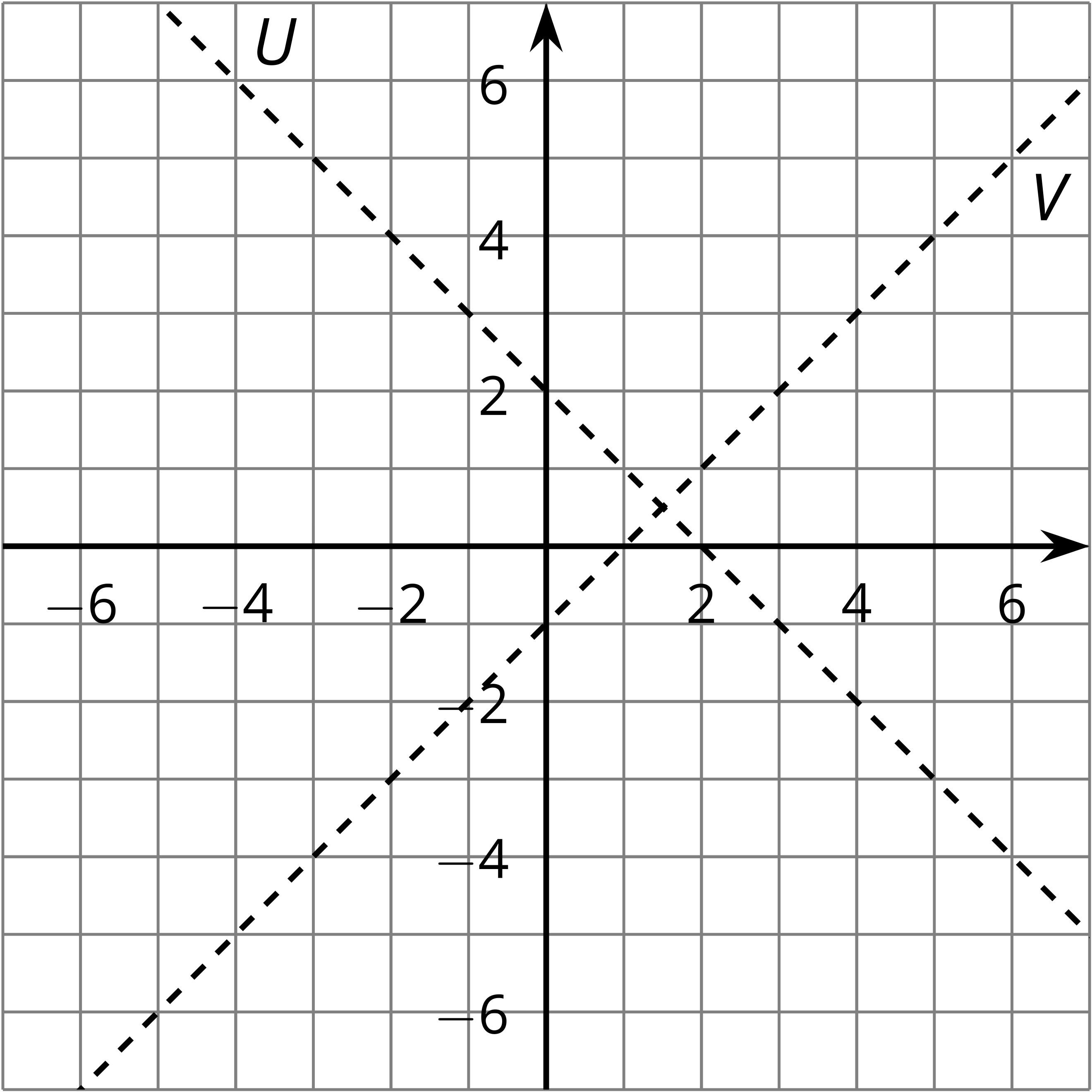
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1. Sketch the graph of the sum of and each of the following functions.

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#### Are you ready for more?

Here are the graphs of two functions, and . Define a new function by multiplying and , so . On the same axes, sketch what you think the graph of looks like.

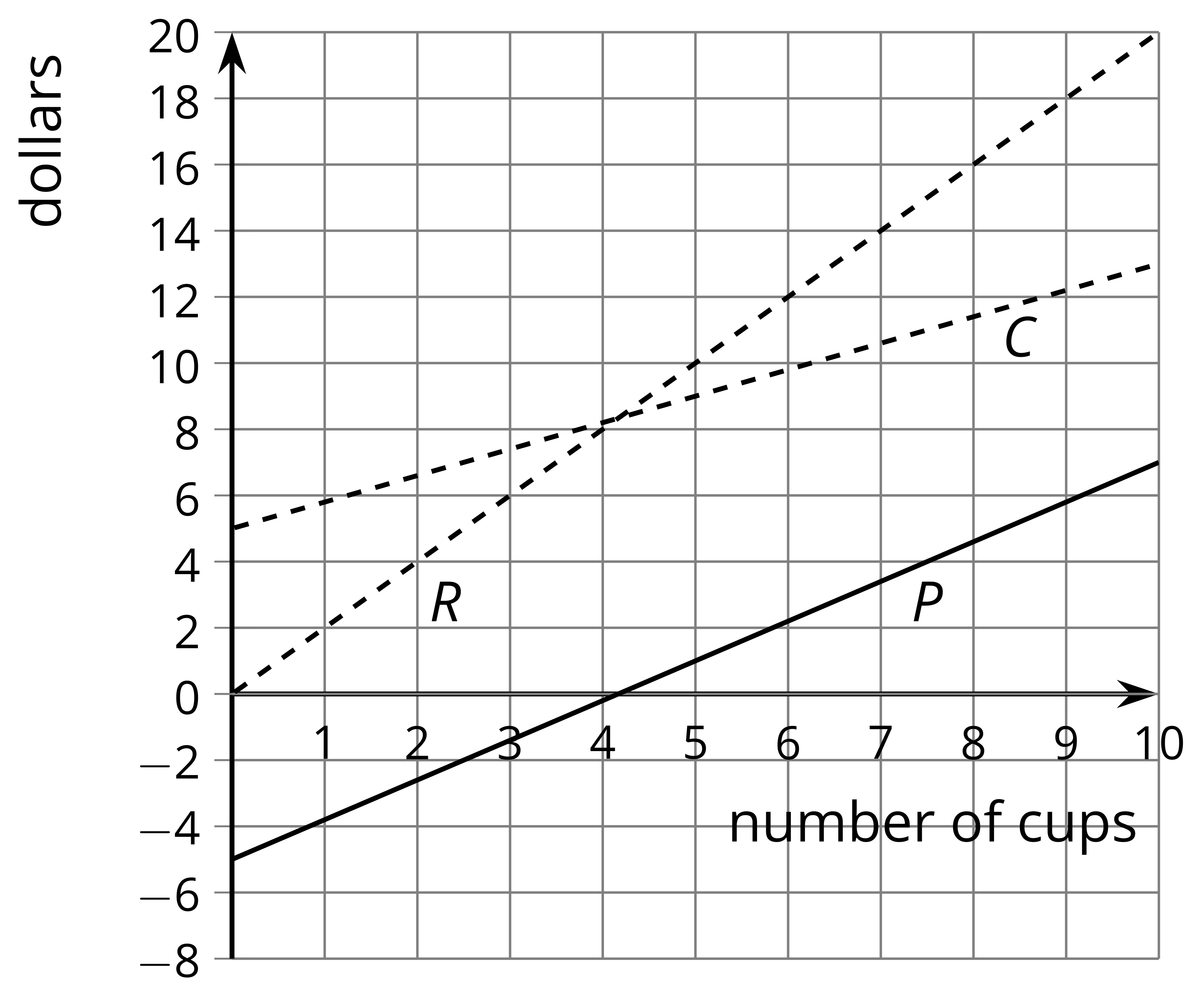


### Lesson 10 Summary

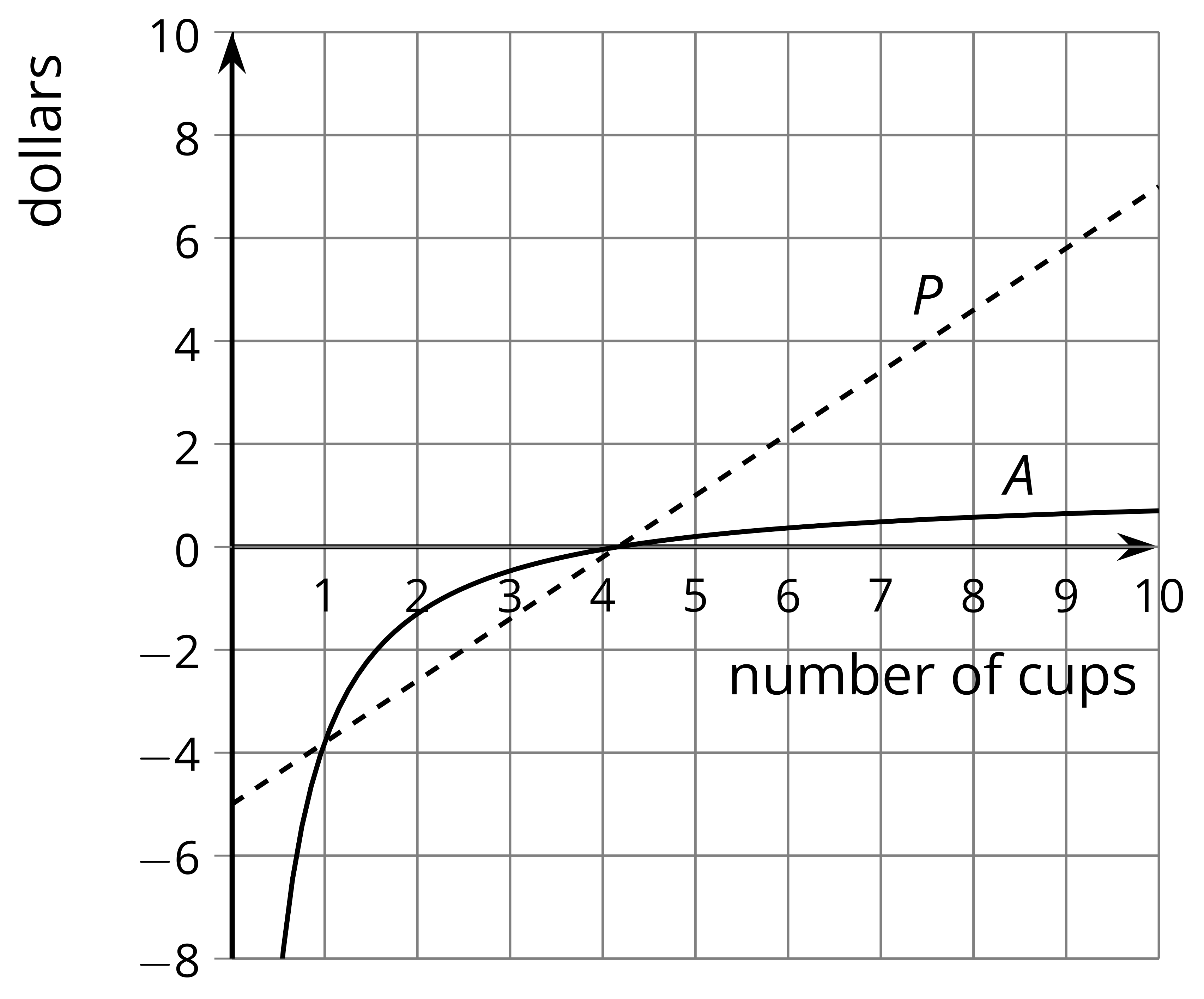
We can add, subtract, multiply, and divide functions to get new functions. For example, the cost in dollars of producing cups of lemonade at a lemonade stand is . The revenue (amount of money collected) from selling cups is dollars. The profit from selling cups is the revenue minus the cost, so

Here are the graphs of , , and . Can you see how each value on is the result of the difference between the corresponding points on and ?

The average profit per cup, , from selling cups, is the quotient of the profit and the number of cups, so



Here are the graphs of and . Can you see how the value of is the result of the quotient of and ? Why does it make sense that both functions are negative when and positive when ?



Since can only be positive, and always have the same sign for a given value. Notice that for the average profit to be positive, the seller has to sell at least 5 cups (since is not in the domain, we must round up). It is also true that for a large number of cups, the average profit is close to $1.20 per cup.



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