

Honors Advanced Algebra
Piecewise Applications

DATE: Key

(3k)

1. An air conditioning salesperson receives a base salary of \$3000 per month plus a commission. The commission is 2% of the sales up to and including \$25,000 for the month and 5% of the sales over \$25,000 for the month.

(25k)

- a. Write a piecewise function that relates the salesperson total monthly income based off of his/her sales for the month.
 b. Sketch an accurate graph of this piecewise function.
 c. Determine the salesperson's monthly income if his/her sales were \$43,000 for the month.

(Y3k)

\curvearrowleft Better piecewise

b.

a.

$$S(x) =$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0.02x + 3, 0 \leq x \leq 25 \\ 0.05x + 3, x > 25 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\frac{0.02}{100} = \frac{2}{100} = \frac{1}{50}$$

$$\frac{0.05}{100} = \frac{5}{100} = \frac{1}{20}$$

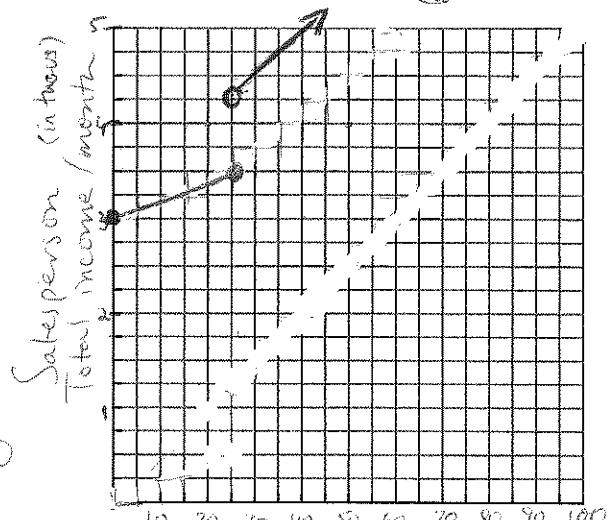
$$S(x) = 0.05$$

$$S(43) = 0.05(43) \\ = 2.15 \text{ k} = \$2,150$$

$$\underbrace{3,000}_{\text{base salary}} + \underbrace{2,150}_{\text{commission}} =$$

$$\boxed{\$ 5,150}$$

→ Final answer



Sales in \$ (thousands)

2. A certain country taxes the first \$20,000 of an individual's income at a rate of 15%, and all income over \$20,000 is taxed at 20%.

(20k) (16k) (36k)

- a. Al makes \$16,000. Betty makes \$36,000. How much is each taxed?

- b. Write a piecewise function T that specifies the total tax on an income of x dollars.

- c. Make a graph of T. Be sure to plot the points from part a!

- d. Catina is taxed \$5000. What is her income?

(5k)

a.

$$\text{Al: } \$16,000 \cdot 0.15 = \$2,400$$

$$\text{Betty: } \$36,000 \cdot 0.20 = \$7,200$$

b.

$$T(x) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 0.15x, & 0 \leq x \leq 20 \\ 0.20x, & x > 20 \end{array} \right.$$

↓
total tax
on income
of x \$s

y-int: 0

$$\frac{5}{100} = \frac{3}{20} \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{20}{100} = \frac{1}{5} \rightarrow$$

- d. At threshold of 20k, we have:

$$\text{Catina made } \$25,000$$

$$\frac{0.20x}{0.20} = \frac{5000}{0.20}$$

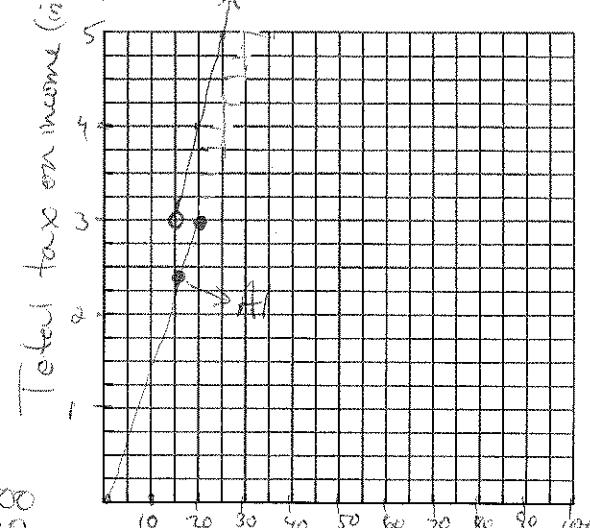
$$x = \$25,000$$

$$\$20,000 \cdot 0.15 = \$3000 \text{ in taxes}$$

So Catina got taxed \$1,500, meaning she made more than 20k.

T(x) = $\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 0.15x, & 0 \leq x \leq 20 \\ 0.20x, & x > 20 \end{array} \right.$

c. \curvearrowleft Betty's pt up there (not best scale)



Ex of
bad x
scale -
what's
good?

Person's Income in \$ (thousands)