

## Module: Introduction to Algebraic Expressions

## Module Outline

- Example 1: *Economics*
- Example 2: *Politics*
- Example 3: *NBA* — Excel/Google sheets
- Example 4: *Geography*
- Example 5: *Model of Infections* — Excel/Google sheets

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- Expenditure =  $700 + 170x + 12y$ .

If her monthly income is \$1500, what is her savings?

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Budget constraint: } 700 + 170x + 12y \leq 1500 \\ \text{savings : } 1500 - (700 + 170x + 12y) \end{array}$$

## Clicker question 1.1

- In this example, if Maya also buys  $z$  Air Canada stocks priced at \$30 each, what is her total expenditure?

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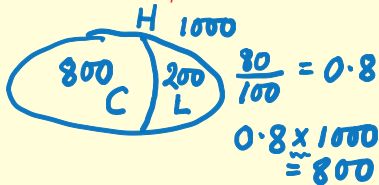
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- *Survey: finds fraction  $x$  of the voters in Plain say they will vote for party C. The rest said they would vote for party L.*  
Question: *How many votes does party C hope to get overall?*

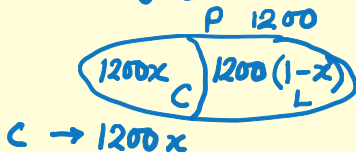
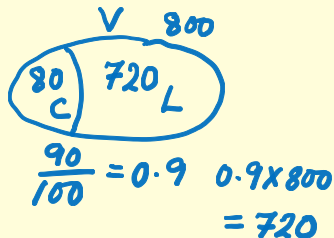
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 $\downarrow$   
 continuous variable

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- More generally: votes for **C** :  $800 + 80 + 1200x$   
 $= \underline{880 + 1200x}$

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- In this example, how many votes does party **L** receive? Recall:

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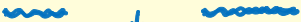
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$$880 + 1200x > 920 + 1200 - 1200x$$

$$1200x + 1200x > 920 + 1200 - 880$$

$$2400x > 1240 \quad \text{2120 - 880 = 1240}$$

$$x > \frac{1240}{2400} = 0.5167$$

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- Answer: C can hope to win if the survey reveals that more than 51.67% of the voters in Plain plan to vote for C.

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- Individual player efficiency **EFF**:

$$\frac{PTS + REB + AST + STL + BLK - MissedFG - MissedFT - TO}{GP}$$

*PTS* = points, *REB* = rebounds, *AST* = assists,

*STL* = steals, *BLK* = blocks, *MissedFG* = missed field goals,

*MissedFT* = missed free throws, *TO* = turnovers,

*GP* = games played (can be found on NBA.com)

## Example 3: Sports Analytics

- **Excel/Google sheets**

Use formula function to compute

$$EFF = (D3 + E3 + ...) / C3$$

Copy and Paste Formula for other players

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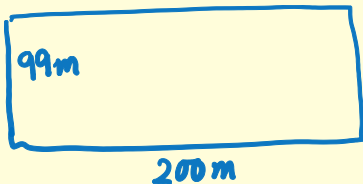
- **Think and Research:** How to measure NFL players?

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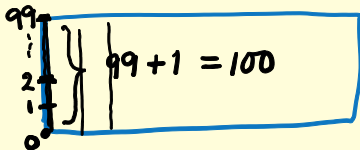
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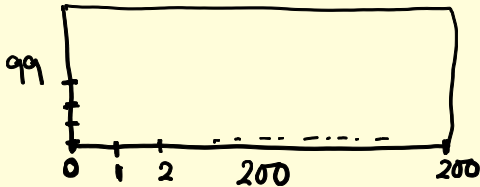
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- How many trees can it plant in a row along the width of the tract?



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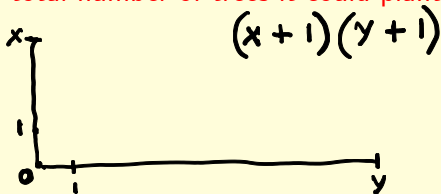
$$\text{Total trees} = 100 \times 201$$

$$201 = 200 + 1$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \underbrace{(x+1)}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{2 variables}}} \underbrace{(y+1)}_{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{2 variables}}} &= x(y+1) + 1 \cdot (y+1) \\ &= xy + x + y + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underbrace{(x+a+b)}_{\text{3 variables}} \underbrace{(y+c+d)}_{\text{3 variables}} &= x(y+c+d) \\ &\quad + a(y+c+d) \\ &\quad + b(y+c+d) \\ &= xy + xc + xd + ay + ac + ad \\ &\quad + by + bc + bd. \end{aligned}$$

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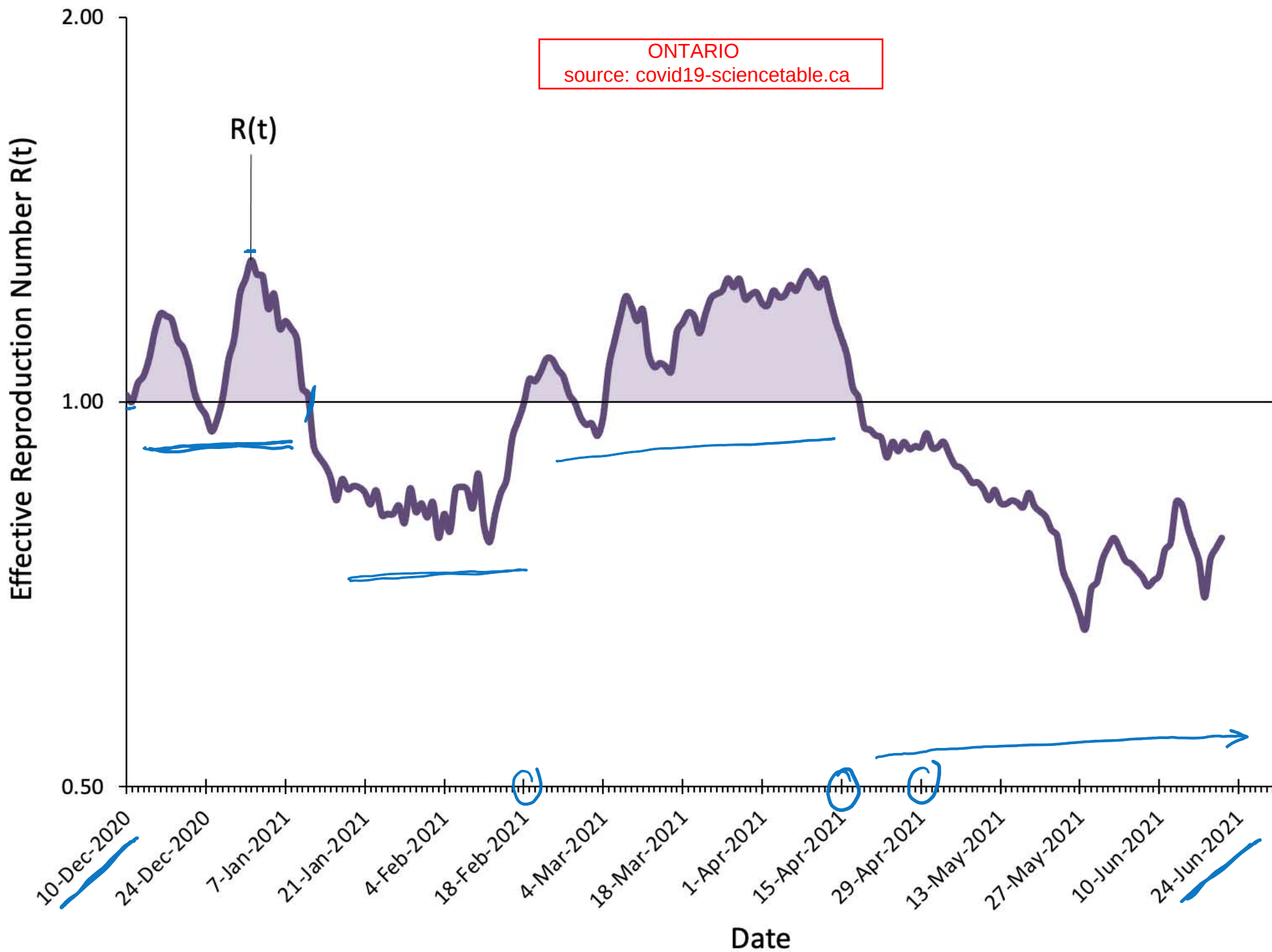
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$$(np)^{t-1}$$

# All Variants Combined

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source: covid19-sciencetable.ca



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- Excel/Google sheets

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each  $- np$

$10np(np)$   
 $= 10(np)^2$

$\vdots$   
 $t: 10(np)^{t-1}$

## Example 5: Spread of infections

Excel/Google sheets activity: Spread of a pandemic  $(np)^{t-1}$

- **Think and Explore:** In this model, how do lockdowns affect the spread? How do vaccines affect the spread?

$n$ : lockdowns  $\downarrow n$

$p$ : vaccinations  $\uparrow p$