

Creating Mathematical Models

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Abstract

Three months into the semester, I asked my college algebra students, "What is the most significant thing you have learned in this class this semester?" Although some students identified a specific concept or procedure, more than 25% of the students reflected on the value of real world applications in mathematics. Consider these representative responses.