

5. [12 points] A coffee shop owner buys coffee from company A or company B. Let  $A(c)$  and  $B(c)$  be the cost (in dollars) of buying  $c$  pounds of coffee from company A and company B respectively. The formulas for the cost functions are given below

$$A(c) = 15 + 8.25c \quad \text{and} \quad B(c) = 22 + 7.85c.$$

- a. [3 points] What is the practical interpretation of the slope of  $A(c)$ ?

In the following questions, you must find all your answers *algebraically*. Show all your work. Your answers must be accurate up to the first two decimals.

- b. [2 points] How many pounds of coffee do you need to buy in order for the cost of the coffee to be the same if you buy it either from company A or company B?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

- c. [2 points] If the coffee shop owner wants to buy 1000 dollars worth of coffee from company A, how many pounds of coffee can he afford?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

- d. [5 points] Suppose that the coffee shop owner wants to buy 500 dollars worth of coffee, but he wants to buy 50 percent more coffee from company A than from company B. How many pounds of coffee does he need to buy from company B?

He buys \_\_\_\_\_ pounds of coffee from company B