

2. [8 points] The UM Etsy Club is 3D printing a new bracelet design called the Helix Monster. The cost of the materials for one bracelet depends on the inner circumference of that bracelet. The cost of materials B (in dollars) for a Helix Monster bracelet with an inner circumference of c centimeters is given by:

$$B = h(c) = 2 + 0.4c$$

- a. [2 points] If the club members want to spend at most \$12 in materials on a Helix Monster bracelet, what is the largest the bracelet's inner circumference could be? *Include units.*

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} 12 &= 2 + 0.4c \\ 10 &= 0.4c \\ 10/0.4 &= c \\ 25 &= c \end{aligned}$$

$$c = \frac{12-2}{0.4} = 25 \text{ cm}$$

- b. [3 points] Another member creates a Swirling Storm design that has different production costs. The cost (B , in dollars) to produce one Swirling Storm design with inner circumference c is given by

$$B = s(c) = 2.5 + 0.25c$$

For what values of c does the Helix Monster design cost less? For what values of c does the Swirling Storm design cost less? *Express your answers using inequalities or interval notation below. Show all work. No explanation needed.*

Solution: To find when one bracelet switches from being cheaper to more expensive, we need to find at which value of c the two cost functions intersect.

$$\begin{aligned} 2 + 0.4c &= 2.5 + 0.25c \\ 0.15c &= 0.5 \\ c &= 0.5/0.15 = 10/3 \end{aligned}$$

Because the Helix Monster starts out cheaper (\$2 vs. \$2.50), we know it will be cheaper for smaller values of c . After they intersect, Swirling Storm will be cheaper.

Helix Monster is cheaper when: $0 \leq c < 10/3 \text{ cm}$

Swirling Storm is cheaper when: $c > 10/3 \text{ cm}$

- c. [3 points] The club decides to produce a large batch of Swirling Storm bracelets with inner circumference 24cm. The price to rent the printer for the day is \$120. Write an expression for the total cost T (in dollars) for producing n Swirling Storm bracelets for inner circumference 24cm.

Solution: The cost for each Swirling Storm bracelet with an inner circumference of 24cm is

$$s(24) = 2.5 + 0.25 \cdot 24 = 8.5.$$

So the cost to produce n such bracelets, including the cost of the printer rental, will be :

$$120 + 8.5n$$

$$T = \underline{\hspace{10em} 120 + 8.5n \hspace{10em}}$$