

Applications of Linear Systems: Mixture Problems

Example 1:

A candy store sells milk chocolate for \$4 per pound and sells dark chocolate for \$5 per pound. How many pounds of each type must be mixed to make 20 pounds that is \$4.25 per pound?

	# of pounds	Price/lb.	Cost
Milk Chocolate	x		
Dark Chocolate	y		
Mixture			

Now that you've completed the chart, write a system of equations and solve:

$$x + y = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} + \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

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Practice Problems

A merchant wishes to mix peanuts worth **\$3** per lb. with almonds worth **\$6** per lb. to get **90** lbs. of a mixture worth **\$4** per lb. How many pounds of peanuts and almonds will be needed?

	# of pounds	Price/lb.	Cost
Peanuts			
Almonds			
Mixture			