Algebra II
V-1
Linear Interpolation
Approximate the population of the United States in each year.


Approximate the year in which the population was (in millions)


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\left(\frac{x}{10}=\frac{5}{9}\right) 10
$$

| Year | U.S. <br> Population <br> (millions) |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1900 | 76 |
| 1910 | 92 |
| 1920 | 106 |
| 1930 | 123 |
| 1940 | 132 |
| 1950 | 151 |
| 1960 | 179 |
| 1970 | 203 |
| 1980 | 227 |
| 1990 | 243 |

$$
x=\frac{50}{9} \approx 5 . \overline{5}
$$

Even though 5.555 rounds up, it is still in the same year, so 1935

