MA 261

Use of the STEP and IF-THEN-ELSE Functions

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Fees = IF(Bank_Account<1000)THEN(20)ELSE(10) {dollars/month}

A bank account has an initial balance of \$500. For four months, \$50 is deposited per month, rising to \$100 in the fifth month and thereafter. The bank charges \$20/month fees if the balance is below \$1,000, and \$10/month if the balance is \$1,000 or more.



Syntax and Operation:

STEP(height,time)

STEP produces a permanent increase (decrease if negative) of amount "height" at time "time."

IF(Expression1)THEN(Expression2)ELSE(EXpression3)

Executes "Expression2" if "Expression1" is true, and otherwise executes "Expression3."