

163. Population The populations (in thousands) of Arizona A and Minnesota M from 1995 to 2001 can be modeled by

$$A = 142.9t + 3729, \quad 5 \leq t \leq 11$$

$$M = 52.1t + 4400, \quad 5 \leq t \leq 11$$

where t represents the year, with $t = 5$ corresponding to 1995. (Source: U.S. Census Bureau)

- Use a graphing utility to graph each model in the same viewing window over the appropriate domain. Approximate the point of intersection.
- Find the point of intersection algebraically. What does the point of intersection represent?
- Use the models to estimate the population of each state in 2006.

164. Transportation The total number y of electric-powered vehicles in the United States from 1992 through 2001 can be approximated by the model

$$y = 75.76t^2 + 912, \quad 2 \leq t \leq 11$$

where t represents the year, with $t = 2$ corresponding to 1992. (Source: Energy Information Administration)

- Determine algebraically when the number of electric-powered vehicles reached 7000.
- Verify your answer in part (a) by creating a table of values for the model.
- Use a graphing utility to graph the model.