49. Express the area of an equilateral triangle as a function of the length of a side.

50. Express the surface area of a cube as a function of its volume.

54. A taxi company charges two dollars for the first mile (or part of a mile) and 20 cents for each succeeding tenth of a mile (or part). Express the cost *C* (in dollars) of a ride as a function of the distance *x* traveled (in miles) for 0 < x < 2, and sketch the graph of this function.

- 19. The world population was approximately 6 billion in 2000. Assume that the population grows at a rate of 1.3% per year.
 - **a)** Write an equation to represent the population of the world.
 - **b)** When will the population reach at least 10 billion?