

# Unit 6: Linear Functions

## 6.1 Slope of a Line (Distance and Midpoint)

The **slope** of a line is the measure of its steepness.

### Slope and Direction Investigation

1. Graph the following equations ~~using Desmos~~.

a.  $y = 3x + 2$

b.  $y = -2x - 3$

c.  $y = -0.9x + 5$

d.  $y = 0.5x - 4$



2. Which of the lines rise, or increase, from left to right?

A, D

3. Which of the lines fall, or decrease, from left to right?

B, C

4. Which number in the equation of a line determines whether the line rises or falls from left to right?

$$y = mx + b$$

m

m is +ive  $\rightarrow$  line rises

m is -ive  $\rightarrow$  line falls

5. Without graphing, state whether the graphs of the following equations rise or fall from left to right.

a.  $y = -4x - 2$

Fail  $\rightarrow$  -ive

b.  $y = 5x - 8$

Rise  $\rightarrow$  +ive

c.  $y = -0.8x + 7$

Fail  $\rightarrow$  -ive

d.  $y = 3x$

Rise  $\rightarrow$  +ive

## Steepness of Slopes Investigation

- Graph the following equations using graph paper.
  - $y = 2x + 3$
  - $y = 6x - 7$
  - $y = 0.5x + 1$
- List the above equations in order of Most Steep, to least Steep. (slope or rate of change).

B, A, C

- Graph the following equations.
  - $y = -2x + 3$
  - $y = -6x - 7$
  - $y = -0.5x + 1$
- List the above equations in order of Most Steep, to least Steep. (slope or rate of change).

B, A, C

- Use your results from questions 2 and 4 to state which number in the equation of a line determines the steepness of the slope.

$m \rightarrow$  The larger  $m$  is, the more steep your line.

- Given the following two equations  $y = 3x + 3$  and  $y = x - 1$  write a NEW equation for a line which
  - is steeper than both lines

$$y = 100x - 5$$

$$y = 5x + 2$$

- not as steep as either line but still increasing

$$y = 0.5x + 32$$

- steeper than one line but not as steep as the other line.

$$y = 2x - 2$$

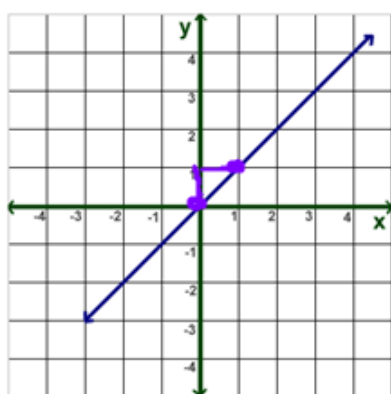
Slope can be represented using several formulas.

$$\text{slope} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}} = \frac{\text{up/down}}{\text{right}}$$

$$\text{slope} = \frac{\text{change in the dependent variable}}{\text{change in the independent variable}}$$

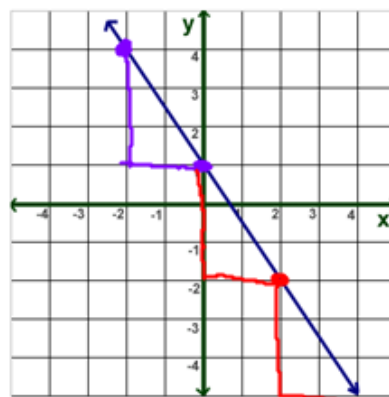
$$* \text{ slope} = \frac{(y_2 - y_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)} = \text{rate of change}$$

**Example 1:** Find the slopes of the following line segments.



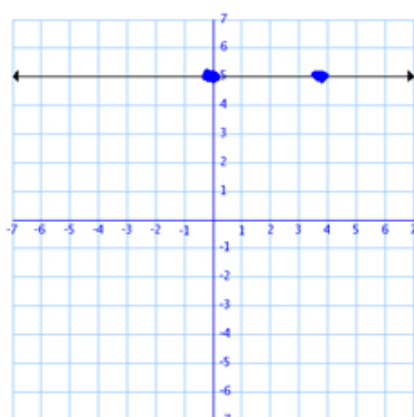
$$\frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{Run}} = \frac{1}{1}$$

$$m = 1$$



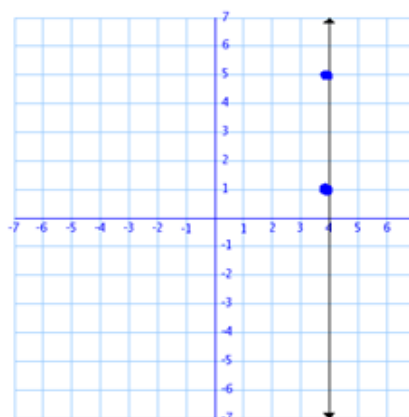
$$\frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{Run}} = \frac{-3}{2}$$

$$m = -\frac{3}{2}$$



$$\frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{Run}} = \frac{0}{4}$$

$$m = 0$$



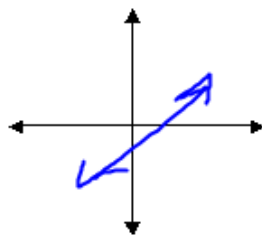
$$\frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{Run}} = \frac{4}{0}$$

$$m = \frac{4}{0}$$

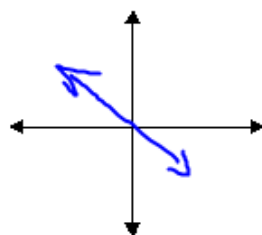
$\therefore m$  is undefined  
No slope!

Note:

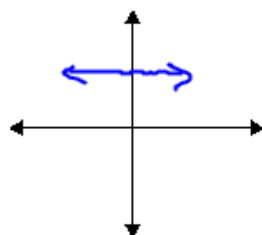
A line which rises up to the right has a positive slope.



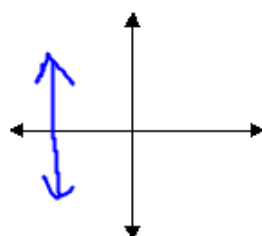
A line which falls to the right has a negative slope.



A horizontal line has a slope of 0.

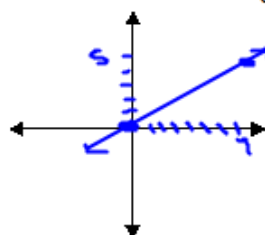


A vertical line has an undefined slope.

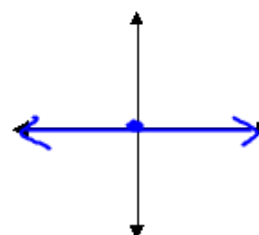


**Example 2:** Draw a line with the following slopes.

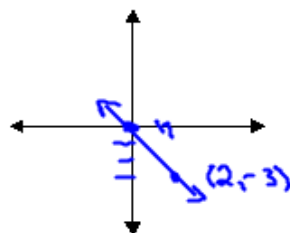
a.  $\frac{5}{7} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$



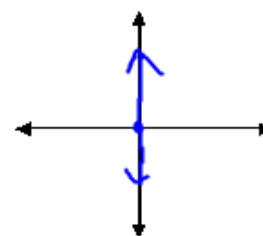
d. 0



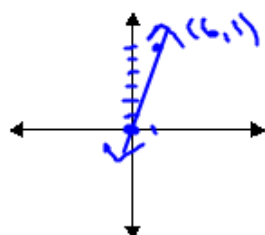
b.  $-\frac{3}{2} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$   
 $= \frac{2}{-3}$



e. undefined



c.  $6 = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$   
 $6 = \frac{6}{1}$



**Formula for Slope:**

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

**Example 3:** Use the formula to calculate the slope for the line segments joining the following ordered pairs.

$\frac{1}{2}$   
 $(2,1), (5,9)$   
 $x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2$

$$m = \frac{9-1}{5-2} = \frac{8}{3}$$

$$\therefore m = \frac{8}{3}$$

$(-3,8), (-5,-2)$

\* pg 339 # 5, 6 (slope), 7, 8, 9, 13 i, ii, 17

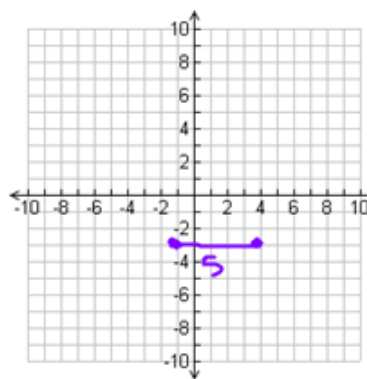
$(0,4), (-2,6)$

## Distance

Find the distance between these points which form a horizontal line.

$(-1, -3), (4, -3)$

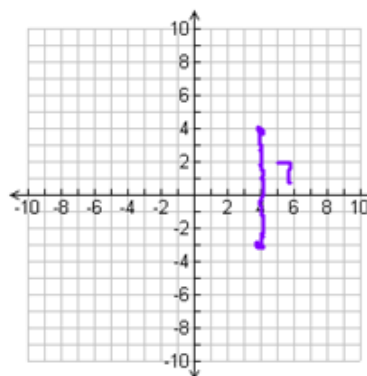
$$D = 5$$



Find the distance between these points which form a vertical line.

$(4, -3), (4, 4)$

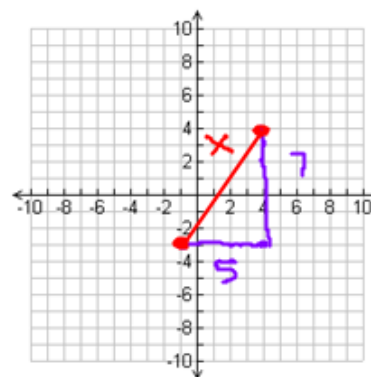
$$D = 7$$



Use the answer from the last two examples to find the distance between these points which form an oblique line. (Use the theorem of Pythagoras)

$(-1, -3), (4, 4)$

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 &= 7^2 + 5^2 \\x^2 &= 49 + 25 \\x^2 &= 74 \\x &= \sqrt{74}\end{aligned}$$



Formula for Distance:

$$d = \sqrt{(y_2 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - x_1)^2}$$

**Example 4:** Use the formula to calculate the distance for the line segments joining the following ordered pairs.

1 2

(2,1), (5,9)

$$x_1 = 2$$

$$x_2 = 5$$

$$y_1 = 1$$

$$y_2 = 9$$

$$d = \sqrt{(9-1)^2 + (5-2)^2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{8^2 + 3^2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{64 + 9}$$

$$d = \sqrt{73}$$

1 2

(-3,8), (-5,-2)

$$x_1 = -3$$

$$x_2 = -5$$

$$y_1 = 8$$

$$y_2 = -2$$

$$d = \sqrt{(-2-8)^2 + (-5-(-3))^2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{(-10)^2 + (-2)^2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{100 + 4}$$

$$d = \sqrt{104}$$

1 2

(0,4), (-2,6)

$$x_1 = 0 \quad x_2 = -2$$

$$y_1 = 4 \quad y_2 = 6$$

$$d = \sqrt{(6-4)^2 + (-2-0)^2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{2^2 + (-2)^2}$$

$$d = \sqrt{4+4}$$

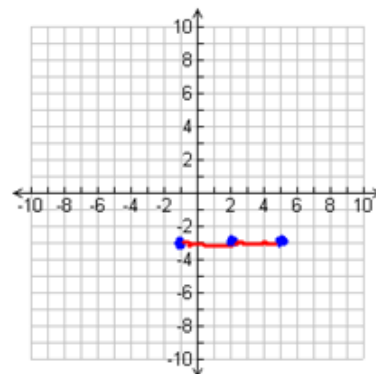
$$d = \sqrt{8}$$

## Midpoint

Find the midpoint between these points which form a horizontal line.

$(-1, -3), (5, -3)$

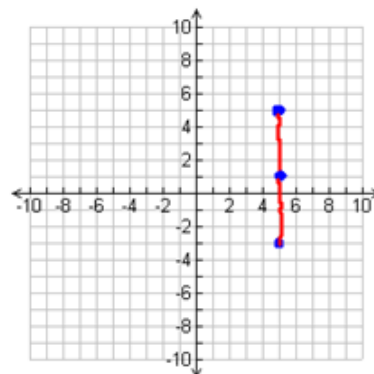
$$\text{Midpoint} = (2, -3)$$



Find the midpoint between these points which form a vertical line.

$(5, -3), (5, 5)$

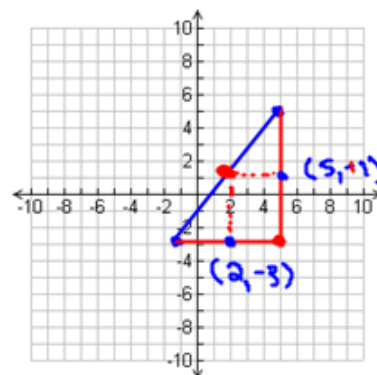
$$\text{Midpoint} = (5, 1)$$



Use the answer from the last two examples to find the midpoint between these points which form an oblique line.

$(-1, -3), (5, 5)$

$$\text{Midpoint} = (2, 1)$$





**Formula for Midpoint:**

$$\text{midpt.} = \left( \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$$

**Example 5:** Use the formula to calculate the midpoint for the following ordered pairs.

$$\begin{aligned} (2,1), (5,9) \quad \text{Midpoint} &= \left( \frac{2+5}{2}, \frac{1+9}{2} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{7}{2}, \frac{10}{2} \right) \\ &= (3.5, 5) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (-3,8), (-5,-2) \quad \text{Midpoint} &= \left( \frac{-3+(-5)}{2}, \frac{8+(-2)}{2} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{-8}{2}, \frac{6}{2} \right) \\ &= (-4, 3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (0,4), (-2,6) \quad \text{Midpoint} &= \left( \quad, \quad \right) \\ &= \left( \quad, \quad \right) \\ &= (-1, 5) \end{aligned}$$

6. What general statement can you make about the equations of parallel lines in relation to  $y = mx + b$ ?

7. Are  $y = 3x + 7$  and  $y = 3x - 8$  parallel to each other?

Parallel lines have the same slope.

$m = 3$      $m = 3$      $\therefore$  They are parallel.

8. Are  $y = \frac{2}{3}x - 2$  and  $y = \frac{3}{2}x + 1$  parallel to each other?

No.

9. Name 3 lines that are parallel to  $y = 2x - 3$ .

$$y = 2x - 7$$

$$y = 2x + 100$$

10. Name 3 lines that are not parallel to  $y = 5x - 2$ .

$$y = 3x - 2$$

$$m \neq 5$$

### Perpendicular Line Investigation

Graph the points and use a ruler to draw the line that passes through them. Use the designated color to draw each line.

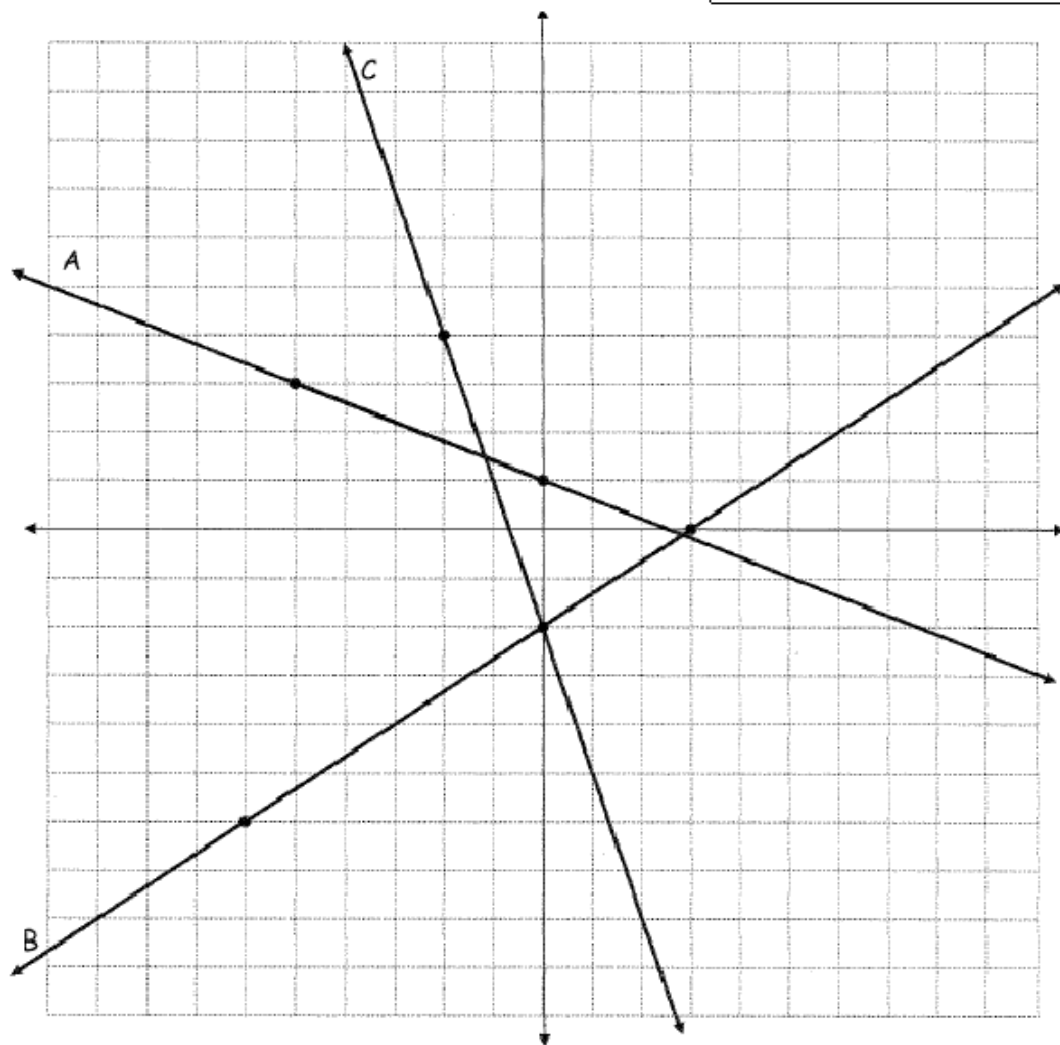
BLUE: (0, 2) (2, -1)  
PURPLE: (-3, 6) (-6, 5)  
ORANGE: (4, 0) (6, 5)

#### Given lines and their points

A: (0, 1) and (-5, 3)

B: (3, 0) and (-6, 6)

C: (-2, 4) and (0, -2)



The equation of Line A is  $y = -\frac{2}{5}x + 1$ .

The equation of Line B is  $y = \frac{2}{3}x - 2$ .

The equation of Line C is  $y = -3x - 2$ .

Use the points given to write the equation of each colored line in slope-intercept form.

| BLUE LINE | PURPLE LINE | ORANGE LINE |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|
|           |             |             |

Use your graph to help answer the following questions.

1. Which colored line is perpendicular to line A? What are the equations of these 2 lines?
2. Which colored line is perpendicular to line B? What are the equations of these 2 lines?
3. Which colored line is perpendicular to line C? What are the equations of these 2 lines?
4. What do you notice about the slopes in each pair of equations?
5. What do you notice about the  $y$ -intercepts in each pair of equations?

6. What general statement can you make about the equations of perpendicular lines in relation to  $y = mx + b$ ?

7. Are  $y = 3x + 7$  and  $y = 3x - 8$  perpendicular to each other?

8. Are  $y = \frac{2}{3}x - 2$  and  $y = -\frac{3}{2}x + 1$  perpendicular to each other?

9. Name 3 lines that are perpendicular to  $y = 2x - 3$ .

10. Name 3 lines that are not perpendicular to  $y = 5x - 2$ .

**Example 1:** Sketch and find the slopes for the following lines.

$l_1 : (-4, 2), (2, -1) \rightarrow$  purple

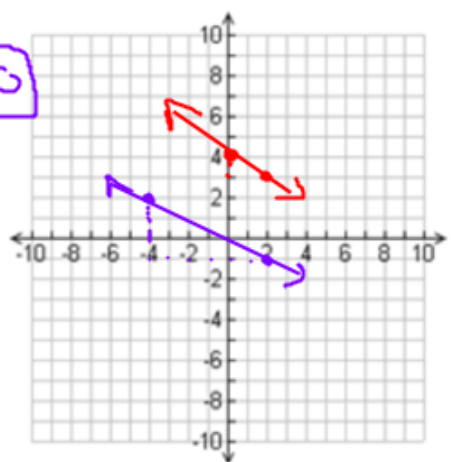
$l_2 : (0, 4), (2, 3)$

$y = mx + b$   
↓ slope ↓ yint  
 $y = \frac{-3}{6}x + 0$

red

Slope =  $-\frac{1}{2}$       yint = 4

$y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 4$



\* Parallel lines have equal slopes.  $-\frac{1}{2} = -\frac{3}{6}$

**Example 2:** Sketch and find the slopes for the following lines.

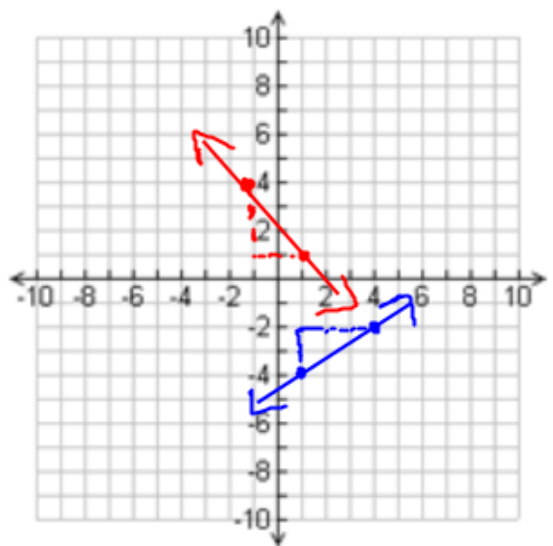
$l_1 : (4, -2), (1, -4) \rightarrow$  blue

$l_2 : (-1, 4), (1, 1)$

Slope =  $\frac{2}{3}$

red

Slope =  $-\frac{3}{2}$



\* Perpendicular lines have slopes which are negative reciprocals of each other.

$\frac{2}{3} \rightarrow -\frac{3}{2}$

↳ flip fraction

**Example 3:** Find the slope which is parallel and perpendicular to the given slope.

$$\frac{m}{\frac{2}{3}}$$

Parallel

$$m = \frac{2}{3}$$

eg.  $y = mx + b$   
 $y = \frac{2}{3}x + 2$

Perpendicular

$$m = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$y = -\frac{3}{2}x - 1$$

$$\frac{-6}{7}$$

$$m = -\frac{6}{7}$$

$$m = -\left(-\frac{7}{6}\right) = \frac{7}{6}$$

$$5$$

$$m = \frac{5}{1}$$

$$m = -\frac{1}{5}$$

$$0$$

$$m = \frac{0}{1}$$

$$m = \frac{1}{0}$$

= undefined



$$\frac{1}{(3,5), (-4,-8)}$$

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$= \frac{-8 - 5}{-4 - 3}$$

$$= \frac{-13}{-7} = \frac{13}{7}$$

$$\frac{13}{7}, -\frac{7}{13}$$

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 # 3.5, 8b,d, 9a,  
 11a,b

## 6.4 Slope-Intercept Form of the Equation for a Linear Function

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Slope-Intercept Form:

$$y = mx + b$$

where m is the slope and b is the y-intercept.

**Example 1:** Write the equation of the following lines in slope-intercept form given the slope and y-intercept.

$$m = 5, \quad b = -7$$

$$y = mx + b$$
$$y = 5x - 7$$

$$m = -3, \quad b = 5$$

$$y = -3x + 5$$

$$m = \frac{9}{2}, \quad b = 0$$

$$y = \frac{9}{2}x + 0$$
$$y = \frac{9}{2}x$$

$$m = 0, \quad b = 5$$

$$y = 0x + 5$$
$$y = 0 + 5$$
$$y = 5$$



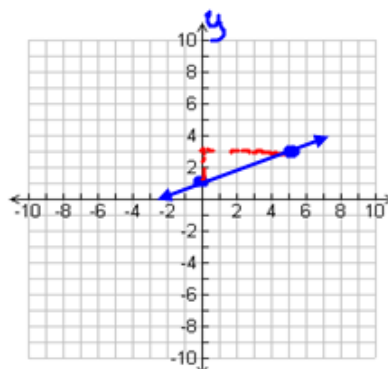
**Example 2:** Graph the following linear functions.

$$y = \frac{2}{5}x + 1$$

$$m = \frac{2}{5} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$$

$$y\text{-int} = 1$$

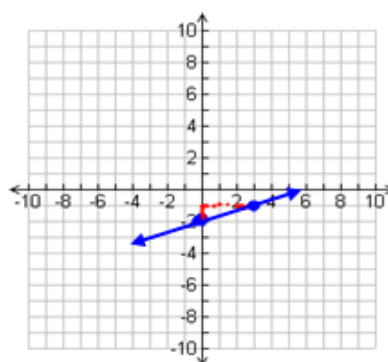
\* To graph, plot your y-int, then use slope to find more points. \*



$$y = \frac{1}{3}x - 2$$

$$m = \frac{1}{3} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$$

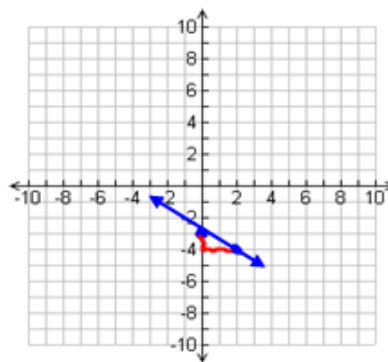
$$y\text{-int} = -2$$



$$y = -\frac{1}{2}x - 3$$

$$m = -\frac{1}{2} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}} \rightarrow \text{down 1, across 2}$$

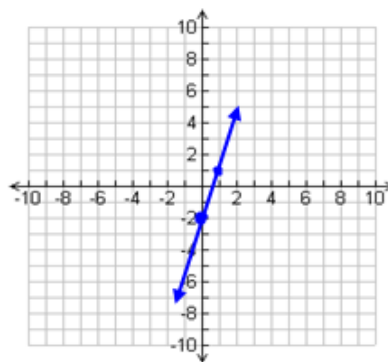
$$y\text{-int} = -3$$



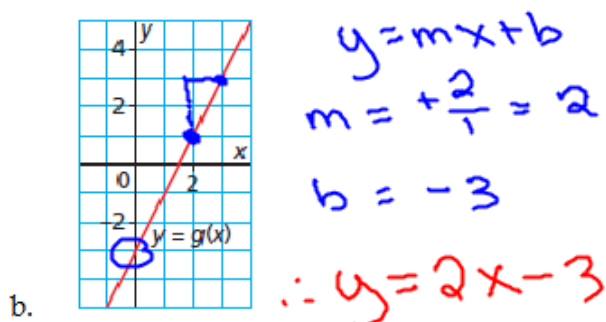
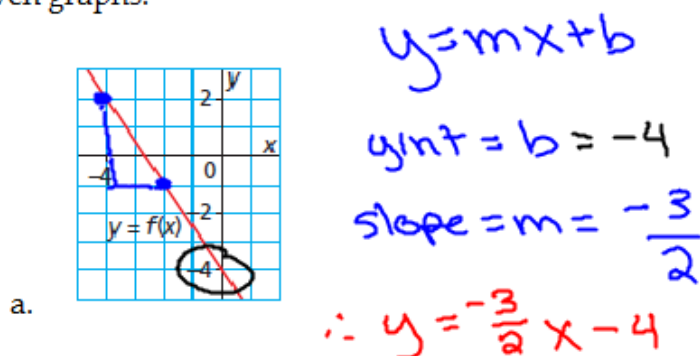
$$y = 3x - 2$$

$$m = 3 = \frac{3}{1} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$$

$$y\text{-int} = -2$$



**Example 3:** Write the equation in slope-intercept form of the following lines using the given graphs.



**Example 4: Using an Equation of a Linear Function to Solve a Problem**

The student council sponsored a dance. A ticket cost \$5 and the cost for the DJ was \$300.

- a. Write an equation for the profit,  $P$  dollars, on the sale of  $t$  tickets.

$$P = 5t - 300$$

- b. Suppose 123 people bought tickets. What was the profit?

$$123 = t$$

$$P = 5(123) - 300$$

$$P = 615 - 300 = \boxed{\$315}$$

- c. Suppose the profit was \$350, how many people bought tickets?

$$P = 350 \quad \text{find } t$$

$$350 = 5t - 300$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +300 \\ \hline 650 = 5t \end{array} \quad \therefore t = 130$$

- d. Could the profit be exactly \$146? Justify your answer.

NO  $\rightarrow$  146 is not a multiple of 5.

$$\begin{array}{r} 2/x + y = 22 \\ -2x \quad -2x \end{array}$$

$$y = 22 - 2x$$

$$y = -2x + 22$$

→  $y = mx + b$   
→ Get  $y$  by itself.

$$1 + 2 = 2 + 1$$

## 6.5 Slope-Point Form of the Equation for a Linear Function

Slope-Point Form:

$$y = mx + b$$

$\downarrow$  slope       $\downarrow$  y-int

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$\downarrow$  slope

where  $m$  is the slope and  $(x_1, y_1)$  is a point on the line

**Example 1:** State the slope and a point on the following lines. Graph the lines.

$$y - 2 = \frac{1}{3}(x + 4)$$

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$m = \frac{1}{3}$$

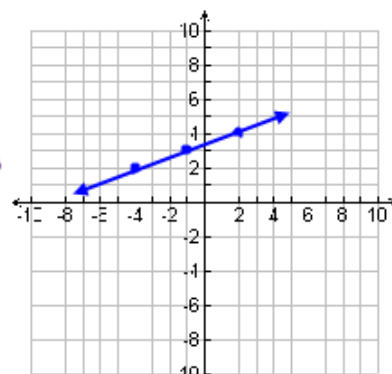
$$x_1 = -4$$

$$y_1 = 2$$

$$(x + 4) = (x - (-4))$$

$$(-4, 2)$$

\* To graph, start at point, use your slope to find more points \*



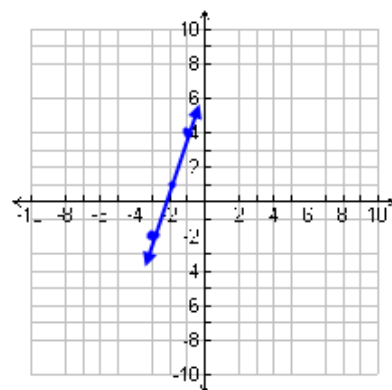
$$y + 2 = 3(x + 3)$$

$$m = 3 = \frac{3}{1}$$

$$x_1 = -3$$

$$y_1 = -2$$

$$\therefore (-3, -2)$$



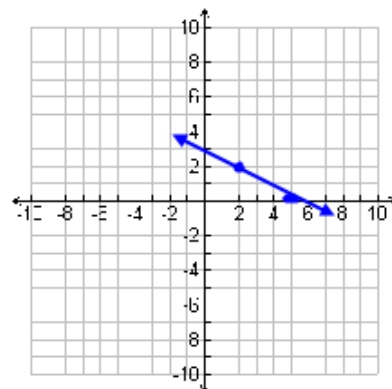
$$y - 2 = -\frac{2}{3}(x - 2)$$

$$m = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$x_1 = 2$$

$$y_2 = 2$$

$$\therefore (2, 2)$$



**Example 2:** Write the equation of each line in slope-point form then rearrange it to slope intercept form.

①  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

$m = -5, (3, 7)$

②  $y = mx + b$

$x_1 = 3$

$y_1 = 7$

$y - 7 = -5(x - 3) + 7$

$y = -5(x - 3) + 7$

$y = -5x + 15 + 7$

$\therefore y = -5x + 22$

$m = 3, (-2, -6)$

$x_1 = -2$

$y_1 = -6$

$y - (-6) = 3(x - (-2))$

$y + 6 = 3(x + 2) - 6$

$y = 3x + 6 - 6$

$\therefore y = 3x$

$m = 2, (2, -7)$

$x_1 = 2$

$y_1 = -7$

$y - (-7) = 2(x - 2)$

$y + 7 = 2x - 4$

$y = 2x - 4 - 7$

$\longrightarrow \therefore y = 2x - 11$

**Example 3:** Write the equation of each line in slope-point form.

$x_1$   $y_1$   $x_2$   $y_2$  \* Find slope  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$   
 $(2, 5), (3, -6)$

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$m = \frac{-6 - 5}{3 - 2} \\ = \frac{-11}{1}$$

$$\therefore y - 5 = -11(x - 2)$$

$x_1$   $y_1$   $x_2$   $y_2$  Find slope.  
 $(1, 7), (0, 3)$

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$m = \frac{3 - 7}{0 - 1} \\ = \frac{-4}{-1} \\ = 4$$

$(-2, -6), (1, 8)$

Use slope-point form  
 $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

$$y - 7 = 4(x - 1)$$

**Example 4:** Write the equation for the line which passes through the point (1, -1) and is:

a. Parallel to:  $y = \frac{2}{3}x - 5$

$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

$(1, -1)$   
 $\therefore x_1 = 1$   
 $y_1 = -1$   
 $m = \frac{2}{3}$

Slope =  $\frac{2}{3}$   
Parallel lines have the same slope.  
 $\therefore m = \frac{2}{3}$

$\therefore -y + 1 = \frac{2}{3}(x - 1)$

b. Perpendicular to:  $y = \frac{2}{3}x - 5$

$x_1 = 1$   $y_1 = -1$

Slope =  $+\frac{2}{3}$   
Perpendicular lines have negative/opposite reciprocal slopes.  
 $\therefore m = -\frac{3}{2}$

$\therefore y + 1 = -\frac{3}{2}(x - 1)$

**Example 5:** Write the equation for the line which is parallel to  $y = \frac{-3}{7}x + 4$  and has the same y-intercept as  $y = \frac{6}{5}x - 3$ .

## 6.6 General Form of the Equation for a Linear Function

General Form:

$$* Ax + By + C = 0$$

A, B and C are integers, (x, y) is a point on the line and A is positive.

... -2, -1, 0, 1, 2 ...  
\* No fractions \*

Standard Form:

$$Ax + By = C$$

A, B and C are integers, (x, y) is a point on the line and A is positive.

**Example 1:** Rewrite each of the following in general form.

$$y = 2x + 4$$

$$y - 2x = 4$$

$$y - 2x - 4 = 0$$

$$y = \frac{2}{5}x - 3$$

$$y + \frac{2}{5}x = -3$$

$$y - 1 = 4(x + 2)$$

$$y - 1 = 4x + 8$$

$$y - 1 - 4x = 8$$

$$\left( y + 3 = \frac{-8}{3}(x - 1) \right) \cdot 3$$

$$3y + 9 = -8(x - 1)$$

$$3y + 9 = -8x + 8$$

$$8x + 3y + 9 = 8$$

$$Ax + By + C = 0$$

zero

$$-2x + y - 4 = 0$$

$$5(y + \frac{2}{5}x + 3) = 0$$

$$5y + 2x + 15 = 0$$

$$2x + 5y + 15 = 0$$

$$y - 1 - 4x - 8 = 0$$

$$y - 4x - 9 = 0$$

$$-4x + y - 9 = 0$$

$$8x + 3y + 1 = 0$$



**Example 2:** Determine the  $x$  and  $y$  intercepts of the following lines.

$$3x + 2y - 12 = 0$$

$$\frac{x \text{ int}}{y = 0}$$

$$3x + 2(\cancel{0}) - 12 = 0$$

$$3x - \cancel{12} = 0 \quad +12 \quad +12$$

$$\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{12}{3}$$

$$\therefore x = 4$$

$$5x - 2y + 30 = 0$$

$$\frac{x \text{ int}}{y = 0}$$

$$5x + 30 = 0$$

$$5x = -30 \quad \therefore x = -6$$

$$\frac{y \text{ int}}{x = 0}$$

$$3(\cancel{0}) + 2y - 12 = 0$$

$$2y - \cancel{12} = 0 \quad +12 \quad +12$$

$$\frac{2y}{2} = \frac{12}{2}$$

$$y = 6$$

$$\frac{y \text{ int}}{x = 0}$$

$$-2y + 30 = 0$$

$$-2y = -30 \quad \therefore y = 15$$

**Example 3:** Rewrite the following lines in slope-intercept form.

$$y = mx + b$$

$$3x + 2y - 12 = 0$$

$$+3x + 2y = 12$$

$$-3x \quad -3x$$

$$\frac{2y}{2} = \frac{-3x + 12}{2}$$

$$y = -\frac{3}{2}x + 6$$

$$5x - 2y + 30 = 0$$

$$5x - 2y = -30$$

$$-5x \quad -5x$$

$$\frac{-2y}{-2} = \frac{-5x - 30}{-2}$$

$$y = \frac{5}{2}x + 15$$

**Example 4:** Write the equation of the line parallel to  $4x + 3y - 1 = 0$  with the same y-intercept as  $2x - 5y + 15 = 0$ . Write the answer in general form.

Parallel to  
 $4x + 3y - 1 = 0$

\* Same slope

\* Change to

$$y = mx + b$$

$m = \text{slope}$

$$4x + 3y - 1 = 0$$

$$4x + 3y = 1$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -4x \\ 3y = -4x + 1 \\ \hline \frac{3y}{3} = \frac{-4x}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \end{array}$$

$$y = -\frac{4}{3}x + \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\therefore m = -\frac{4}{3}$$

y int of  
 $2x - 5y + 15 = 0$

$$x = 0$$

$$2(0) - 5y + 15 = 0$$

$$-5y + 15 = 0$$

$$\frac{-5y}{-5} = \frac{-15}{-5}$$

$$y = 3$$

$$\therefore \text{y int} = 3$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \therefore y = mx + b \\ y = -\frac{4}{3}x + 3 \end{array}$$