

Section 1.2 Linear Equations in Two Variables

Objective: In this lesson you learned how to find and use the slopes of lines to write and graph linear equations in two variables.

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Important Vocabulary

Define each term or concept.

Slope

Parallel

Perpendicular

I. Using Slope (Pages 110–112)

The equation $y = mx + b$ is called a **linear equation in two variables** because . . .

What you should learn

How to use slope to graph linear equations in two variables

A line whose slope is positive _____ from left to right.

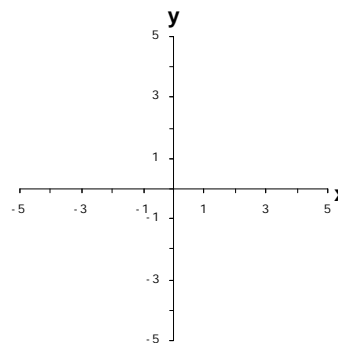
A line whose slope is negative _____ from left to right.

The **slope-intercept form** of the equation of a line is

_____, where m is the _____ and the y -intercept is (____, ____).

To graph the line $y = mx + b$ on the coordinate plane, . . .

Example 1: Explain how to graph the linear equation $y = -2/3x - 4$. Then sketch its graph.



The equation of a **horizontal line** is _____. The slope of a horizontal line is _____. To graph a horizontal line, . . .

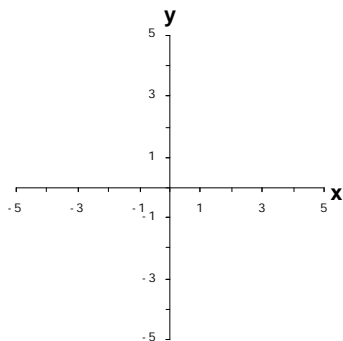
The y -coordinate of every point on the graph of a horizontal line is _____.

The equation of a **vertical line** is _____. The slope of a vertical line is _____. To graph a vertical line, . . .

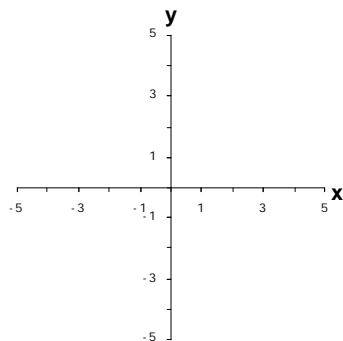
The x -coordinate of every point on the graph of a vertical line is _____.

Example 2: Sketch and label the graph of (a) $y = -1$ and (b) $x = 3$.

(a)



(b)



II. Finding the Slope of a Line (Pages 113–114)

The formula for the **slope** of a line passing through the points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) is $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$.

To find the slope of the line through the points $(-2, 5)$ and $(4, -2)$, . . .

What you should learn
How to find slopes of lines

III. Writing Linear Equations in Two Variables (Pages 115–116)

The **point-slope form** of the equation of a line is _____.

The **two-point form** of the equation of a line is _____.

What you should learn
How to write linear equations in two variables

The **general form** of the equation of a line is

_____.

All equations of lines can be written in general form.

Which form of the equation of a line is most convenient when given:

- (a) the slope m and the y -intercept $(0, b)$?

- (b) the slope m and a point (x_1, y_1) on the graph of the line?

- (c) two points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) that are on the graph of the line?

For the conditions in (a), (b), and (c) above, is it possible to use only the slope-intercept form to find an equation? Explain.

Is it possible to use only the point-slope form to find an equation? Explain.

Example 3: Find an equation of the line that passes through the points $(1, 5)$ and $(-3, 7)$ using (a) the slope-intercept form and (b) the point-slope form.

IV. Parallel and Perpendicular Lines (Page 117)

Two lines are _____ if they do not intersect.

Two lines are _____ if they intersect at right angles.

The relationship between the slopes of two lines that are parallel is . . .

What you should learn

How to use slope to identify parallel and perpendicular lines

The relationship between the slopes of two lines that are perpendicular is . . .

A line that is parallel to a line whose slope is 2 has slope _____.

A line that is perpendicular to a line whose slope is 2 has slope _____.

V. Applications of Slope (Pages 112 and 118)

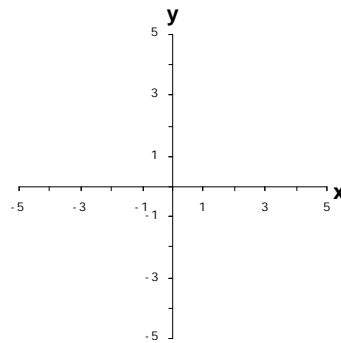
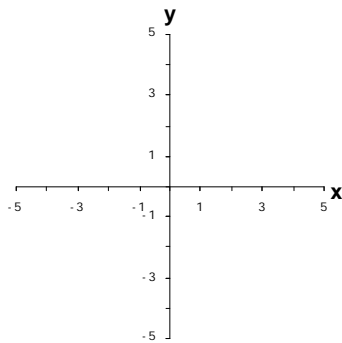
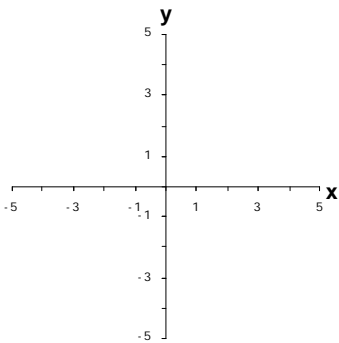
Describe a real-life situation in which slope is a ratio.

Describe a real-life situation in which slope is a rate of change.

What you should learn

How to use linear equations in two variables to model and solve real-life problems

Additional notes



Homework Assignment

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