

2.3 Linear Functions and Slope

GOALS:

1. Understand the concept of slope for linear equations.
2. Find the slope of a line through 2 given points.
3. Find the linear equation given:
 - the slope of the line and the y-intercept
 - the slope of the line and any point
 - two points on the line
4. Understand how the slope of a line relates to increasing, decreasing, vertical and horizontal lines.
5. Recognize different forms of a linear equation:
 - slope-intercept form: $y = mx + b$
 - point-slope form: $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$
 - vertical line: $x = c$ and horizontal line: $y = k$

Study 2.3 CVC # 1-11; # 1-11; 15, 19, 23, 27, 31; 35-45, 49-55, 59, 61, 67-71

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$$f(x) = 4x + 5$$

What does the graph of this function look like?

How do we know this is a linear equation?

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What part of the linear equation deals with steepness?

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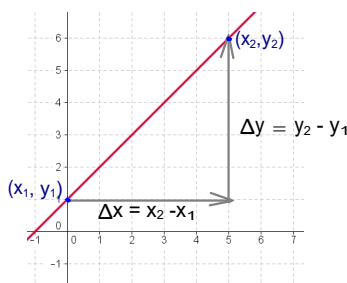
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Definition: Slope of a Non-vertical Line

Let (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) be two distinct points of a non-vertical line. Then,

$$m = \frac{\text{vertical change}}{\text{horizontal change}} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$$



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Find the slope of the line through the points **(2, 3)** and **(4, 9)**.
Is the line increasing, decreasing, horizontal, or vertical?

$$m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{\boxed{} - \boxed{}}{\boxed{} - \boxed{}}$$

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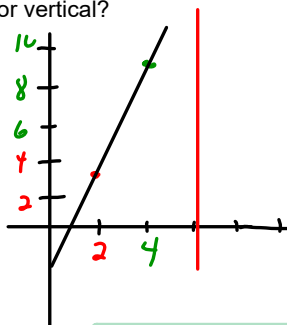
Find the slope of the line through the points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) .
Is the line increasing decreasing, horizontal, or vertical?

$$m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{9 - 3}{4 - 2}$$

$$m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{9 - 3}{4 - 2}$$

$$m = \frac{6}{2} = 3 > 0$$

$m = 3 > 0$
so the line is **increasing**



Is the line increasing, decreasing, horizontal, or vertical?

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Find the slope of the line through the points $(-3, -2)$ and $(3, 8)$.
Is the line increasing, decreasing, horizontal, or vertical?

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$$m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{\boxed{8} - \boxed{-2}}{\boxed{3} - \boxed{-3}}$$

$$m = \frac{10}{6} = \frac{5}{3}$$

If reverse points and start with $(-3, -2)$

$$\frac{-2 - (8)}{-3 - (3)} = \frac{-10}{-6} = \frac{5}{3}$$

Is the line increasing, decreasing, horizontal, or vertical?

$m = 5/3 > 0$
so the line is **increasing**

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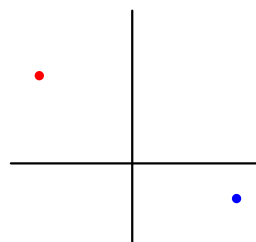
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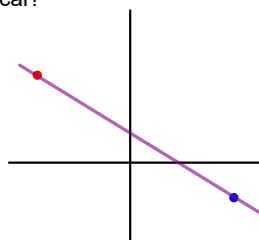
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$$m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{-1 - 3}{3 - (-3)}$$

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$$m = \frac{-4}{6} = -\frac{2}{3} < 0$$

$m = -2/3 < 0$
so the line is
decreasing



Is the line increasing, decreasing, horizontal, or vertical?

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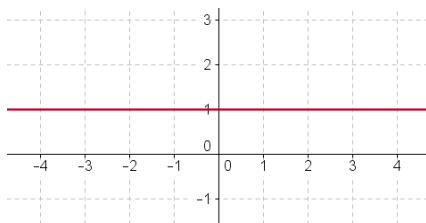
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Describe a line with slope, $m = 0$

$$m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{0}{a}, \quad a \neq 0$$

A line with slope = 0:

1. has the same y value for every x :
 $y = mx + b = 0 + b$
2. has the form $y = b$
3. is a horizontal line



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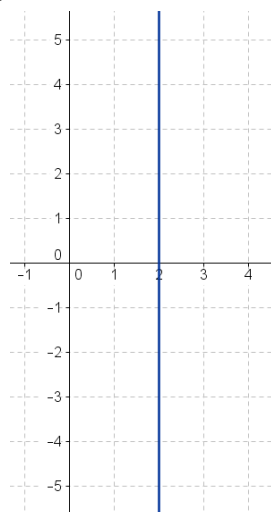
Describe a line with an undefined slope

$$m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{a}{0}$$

Division by 0 is not defined.

A line with an undefined slope:

1. has the **same x value** for every y.
2. has the form **$x = c$**
3. is a **vertical line**



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If slope **$m > 0$** , then as x increases, y **increases**

If slope **$m < 0$** , then as x increases, y **decreases**

If slope **$m = 0$** , then as x increases, y **horizontal**

$$m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = 0 \quad \Delta y = 0 \quad \text{—————} \nearrow$$

If slope **m DNE**, then as x increases, y **vertical**

$$m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \text{ DNE} \quad \Delta x = 0 \quad \text{—————} \nearrow$$

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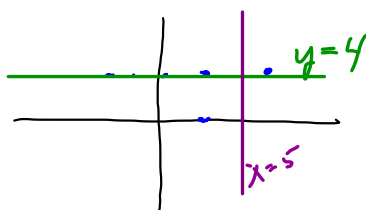
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$$y=k \quad m=0$$

$$m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$$



vertical $\Delta x = 0$

m undef. for vertical line.
 $x=k$

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line eq

$$(2, 3) \quad (2, -4)$$

$$(-3, 4) \quad (-3, 2)$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right) \quad \left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{4}\right)$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right) \quad \left(\frac{1}{3}, 0\right)$$

$$(2, -1) \quad (2, \frac{1}{10})$$

$$(2, -1) \quad (3, -1)$$

$$(2, -1) \quad (0, 3)$$

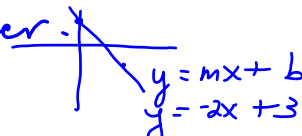
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line

$(2, 3)$	$(2, -4)$	vertical $x=2$
$(-3, 4)$	$(-3, 2)$	vertical $x=-3$
$(\frac{1}{2}, 0)$	$(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{4})$	vertical $x=\frac{1}{2}$
$(\frac{1}{2}, 0)$	$(\frac{1}{3}, 0)$	horiz $y=0$
$(2, -1)$	$(2, \frac{1}{10})$	vertical $x=2$
$(2, -1)$	$(3, -1)$	horiz. $y=-1$
$(2, -1)$	$(0, 3)$	decr. 

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$$y = mx + b$$

m slope
 b y-intercept

Consider the equation: $y = 4x + 1$

$$m = 4 = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{+4}{+1}$$

If x increases 1 unit,
then y _____



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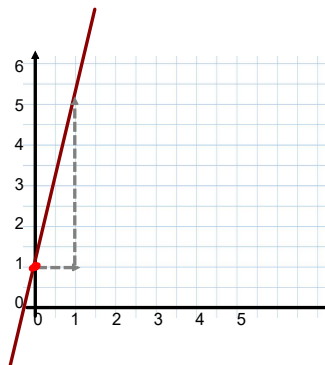
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$$x=0, y=1$$

Consider the equation: $y = 4x + 1$

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If x increases 1 unit,
then y incr. 4 units



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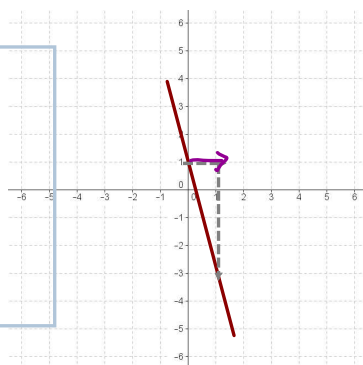
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$$-4 = \left(-\frac{4}{1}\right) = \frac{4}{-1}$$

Consider the equation: $y = -4x + 1$

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

If x increases 1 unit,
then y _____



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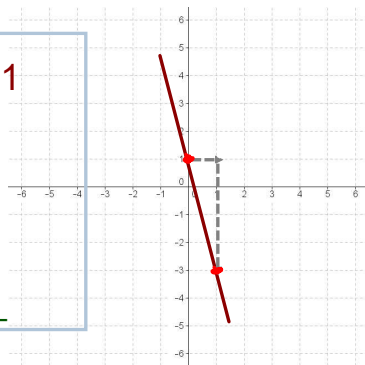
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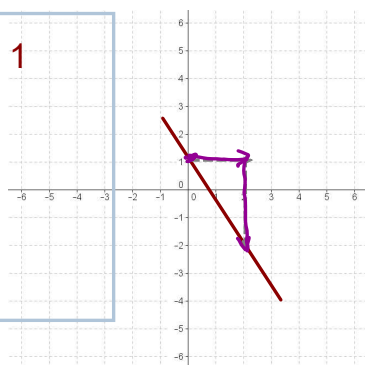
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Consider the equation: $y = \frac{-3}{2}x + 1$

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

If x increases 2 units,
then y _____



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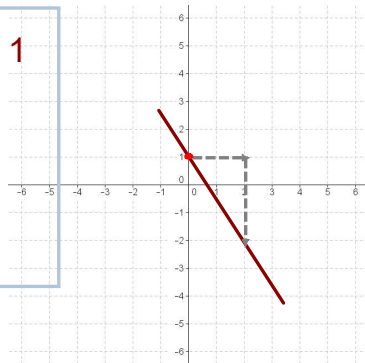
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If x increases 2 units,
then y decr. 3 units



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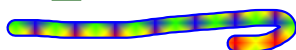
Slope-intercept Form
of a Linear Equation

$$y = m x + b$$

where m = slope
and b represents y-intercept $(0, b)$

What is the coefficient on y ?

$$1 y = m x + b$$



$$1 y = m x + b$$

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Given: $m = 2$, $(0,1)$ Find: equation of line

1. Start with

Slope-intercept Form: _____

2. Substitute $m = 2$: _____

3. Substitute $b = 1$ _____

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Slope-intercept Form: $y = mx + b$

2. Substitute $m = 2$: $y = 2x + b$

3. $(0,1)$ is the y-intercept since $x=0$

Substitute $b = 1$: $y = 2x + 1$

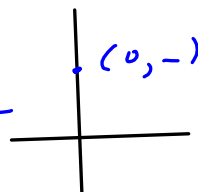
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$(0, 1)$

1. Start with

$$\underline{y = mx + b}$$
$$y = 2x + b$$
$$\underline{y = 2x + ?}$$


(1, 0) is NOT a y-intercept need (0, ____)

substitute $x=1$ and $y=0$:

$y = 2x + b$ looking for b

$$0 = 2(1) + b \quad \text{substitute } x=1 \text{ and } y=0$$

$$0 = 2 + b \quad \text{then } b = -2 \quad \text{and}$$

$$y = 2x - 2$$

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Given: $m = 3$, $(-1, 0)$ Find: equation of line

1. Start with

$$\underline{y = mx + b}$$

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$(0, b)$
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Given: $m = 3$, $(-1, 0)$ Find: equation of line

1. Start with

Slope-intercept Form:

$$y = mx + b$$

2. Substitute $m = 3$:

$$y = 3x + b$$

3. Substitute $x = -1$, $y = 0$:

$$0 = 3(-1) + b$$

Solve:

$$0 = -3 + b$$

$$b = 3$$

$$y = 3x + 3$$

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Given: $m = 3$, $(-1, 0)$ Find: equation of line

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

Point-slope Form

Substitute: $(y - 0) = 3(x - (-1))$

Simplify: $y = 3(x + 1)$
 $y = 3x + 3$

Direct Substitution, but requires remembering

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Derivation of Pt-Slope Form
not required -> can skip

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

(x,y) represents any point on the line, each of which is a solution to the equation

Replace (x_2, y_2) with (x, y) :

$$m = \frac{y - y_1}{x - x_1}$$

Multiply both members of eq. by $(x - x_1)$:

$$(x - x_1) m = \frac{y - y_1}{x - x_1} (x - x_1)$$

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

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

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

$$y = mx + b$$

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Given: $m = 2$, $(1, 0)$ Find: equation of line

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

$$(y - 0) = 2(x - 1)$$

$$y = 2x - 2$$

OR

$$y = mx + b$$

$$y = 2x + b$$

$$0 = 2(1) + b$$

$$0 = 2 + b$$

$$b = -2$$

$$y = 2x - 2$$

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G: $m = \frac{1}{2}$, $(0, 0)$ F: og.

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G: $m = \frac{1}{2}, (0, 0)$ F: eq.

$$y = mx + b$$

$b = 0$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x + 0$$

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

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G: $m = -2, (\underline{0}, -3)$ F: eq.

$\nearrow b$

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$$y = mx + b$$

$$y = -2x - 3$$

$$b = -3$$

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G: $m = 8$, $(4, -1)$ F: eq.

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G: $m=8$, $(4, -1)$ F: eq.

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

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

$$y + 1 = 8x - 32$$

$$y = 8x - 33$$

$$y = mx + b$$

$$y = 8x + b$$

$$\rightarrow -1 = 8(4) + b$$

$$-1 = 32 + b$$

$$b = -33$$

$$y = 8x - 33$$

$$x=4 : y = 8(4) - 33 = -1 \checkmark$$

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How do find equation when 2 points are given and no slope?

Given: $(_, _) , (_, _)$ Find: equation of line

Start by finding the slope: $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$

Then use either the Slope-Intercept or the Point-Slope Form of a Linear Equation

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G: pts. $(-2, -4)$ and $(1, -1)$ F: linear eq. thru pts

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

$$= \frac{-1 - (-4)}{1 - (-2)}$$

$$m = \frac{-1+4}{1+2} = \frac{3}{3} = 1$$

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

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

$$y + 4 = x + 2$$

$$y = x - 2$$

$$y = mx + b$$

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

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G: pts. $(-2, -5)$ and $(6, -5)$ F: linear eq. thru pts

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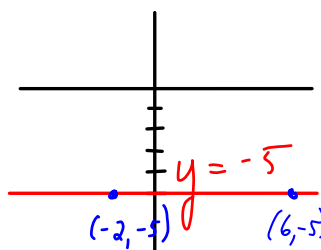
G: pts. $(-2, -5)$ and $(6, -5)$ F: linear eq. thru pts

$$y = mx + b$$

$$m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{-5 - (-5)}{6 - (-2)} = \frac{-5 + 5}{8}$$

$$m = 0 \quad \therefore \text{horiz. line} \quad y = c$$

$$\boxed{y = -5}$$



$$y = 0x + b$$

$$y = 0x + b$$

$$(6, -5): -5 = 0(6) + b = 0 + b$$

$$b = -5$$

$$y = 0x - 5$$

$$\boxed{y = -5}$$

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$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \quad \text{---} \\ \quad \searrow \quad \swarrow \\ \quad \downarrow \\ x = c \\ \boxed{x = -3} \end{array}$$

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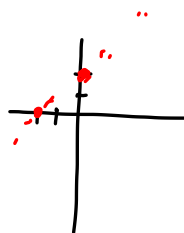
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$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{2 - 0}{0 - (-2)} = \frac{2}{0 + 2} = 1$$



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

$$y - 2 = 1(x - 0)$$

$$y - 2 = x$$

$$y = x + 2$$

$$y = mx + b$$

$$= 1x + 2$$

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