

2.2 Practice Problems

1. Find the slope of the line passing through each pair of points.

a. (5,8) and (7,-12)

$$m = \frac{-12-8}{7-5} = \frac{-20}{2} = -10$$

b. (8,-3) and (7,-3)

$$m = \frac{-3-(-3)}{7-8} = \frac{-3+3}{-1} = \frac{0}{-1} = 0$$

2. Find an equation of the line that has a y-intercept of (0,8) and has a slope of $m = -\frac{3}{5}$.

$$y = mx + b$$

$$y = -\frac{3}{5}x + 8$$

3. Write the point-slope form of the equation of a line with slope 3 that passes through the point (5,-1). Then solve the equation for y.

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

$$y + 1 = 3(x - 5)$$

$$y + 1 = 3x - 15$$

$$-1 \quad -1$$

$$y = 3x - 16$$

4. Write the point-slope form of the equation of the line passing through the points (2,3) and (7,4). Then solve the equation for y.

$$m = \frac{4-3}{7-2} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$5y - 15 = x - 2$$

$$\frac{5y}{5} = \frac{x+13}{5}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{5}x + \frac{13}{5}$$

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

$$y - 3 = \frac{1}{5}(x - 2)$$

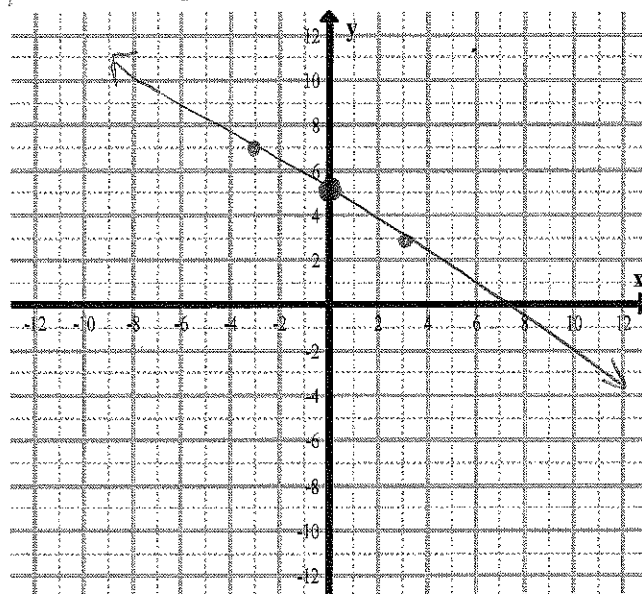
$$5(y - 3) = 1(x - 2)$$

$$5y - 15 = x - 2$$

5. Graph the linear equation. $y = -\frac{2}{3}x + 5$

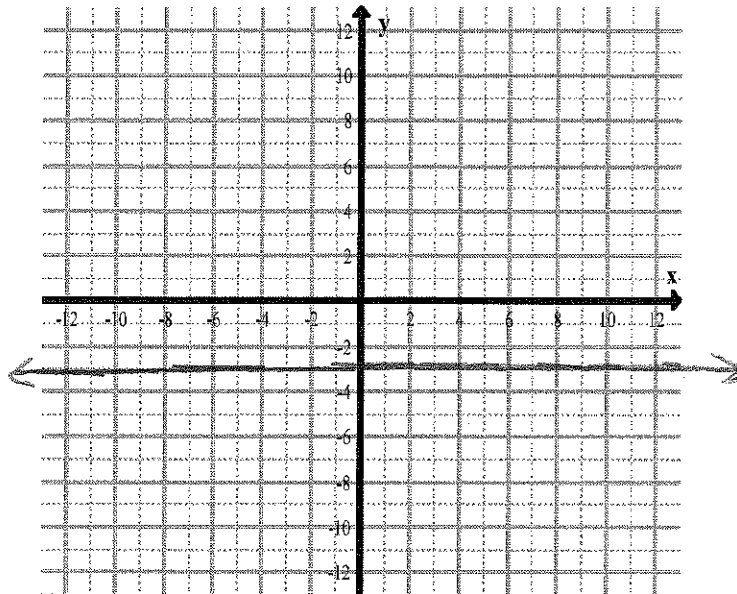
y-int (0,5)

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



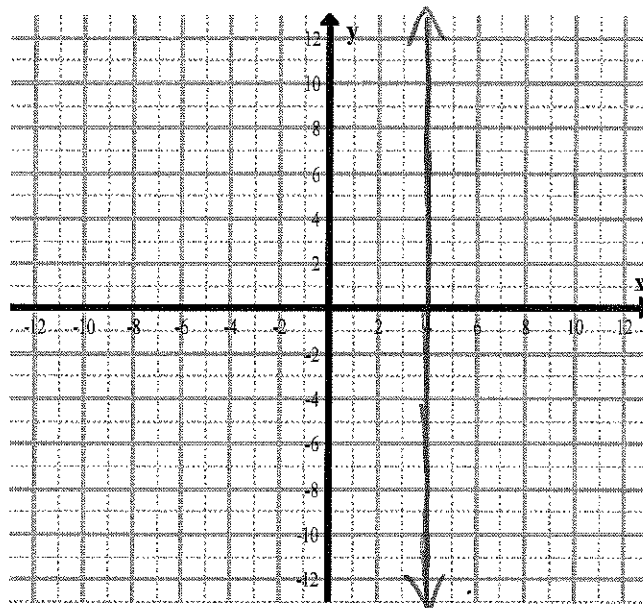
6. Graph the linear equation. $y = -3$.

↑
horizontal
line



7. Graph the linear equation. $x = 4$.

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vertical
line



8. Find the slope and y-intercept of a line whose equation is $3x + 5y - 10 = 0$.

$$3x + 5y - 10 = 0$$
$$-3x \quad +10 \quad -3x + 10$$

$$\frac{5y}{5} = \frac{-3x + 10}{5}$$

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

$$y\text{-int } (0, 2)$$

$$m = -\frac{3}{5}$$

Use the given conditions to write an equations for each line in point-slope form and slope-intercept form. Use these directions for 9-12.

9. Passing through $(-2, 5)$ and parallel to the line whose equation is $y = -4x + 9$.

$$y - 5 = -4(x + 2) \leftarrow \text{point slope}$$

$$y - 5 = -4x - 8$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +5 \qquad +5 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$y = -4x - 3 \leftarrow \text{slope intercept}$$

$m = -4 \leftarrow$ parallel lines have same slope

10. Passing through $(-1, -3)$ and parallel to the line whose equation is $4x + 3y = 12$.

$$y + 3 = -\frac{4}{3}(x + 1) \leftarrow \text{point slope}$$

$$3(y + 3) = -4(x + 1)$$

$$3y + 9 = -4x - 4$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -9 \qquad -9 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\frac{3y}{3} = \frac{-4x - 13}{3}$$

$$y = -\frac{4}{3}x - \frac{13}{3} \leftarrow \text{slope intercept}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -4x \quad -4x \\ \hline 3y = \frac{4x + 12}{3} \end{array}$$

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

$m = -\frac{4}{3} \leftarrow$ parallel lines have the same slope

11. Passing through $(5, -1)$ and perpendicular to the line whose equation is $y = -2x + 3$.

$$y + 1 = \frac{1}{2}(x - 5) \leftarrow \text{point slope}$$

$$2(y + 1) = 1(x - 5)$$

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

$$\begin{array}{r} -2 \qquad -2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\frac{2y}{2} = \frac{x - 7}{2}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{7}{2} \leftarrow \text{slope intercept}$$

$$m = -2$$

$m_{\perp} = \frac{1}{2} \leftarrow$ perpendicular lines have negative reciprocal slopes

12. Passing through $(7, 1)$ and perpendicular to the line whose equation is $3x + 5y = 15$.

$$y - 1 = \frac{5}{3}(x - 7) \leftarrow \text{point slope}$$

$$3(y - 1) = 5(x - 7)$$

$$3y - 3 = 5x - 35$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +3 \qquad +3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\frac{3y}{3} = \frac{5x - 32}{3}$$

$$y = \frac{5}{3}x - \frac{32}{3} \leftarrow \text{slope intercept}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -3x \quad -3x \\ \hline 5y = \frac{-3x + 15}{5} \end{array}$$

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

$$m = -\frac{3}{5}$$

$m_{\perp} = \frac{5}{3} \leftarrow$ perpendicular lines have negative reciprocal slopes