

# Chapter 6: Linear Functions

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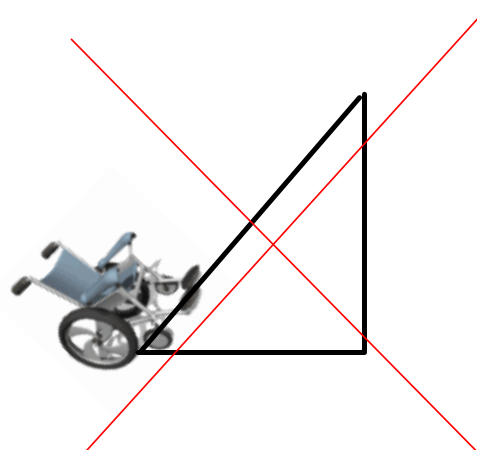
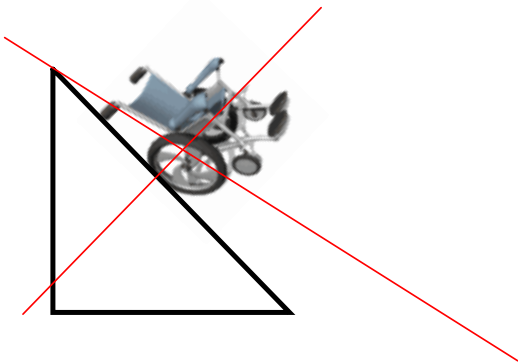


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A wheelchair ramp should not exceed a slope of 0.125.

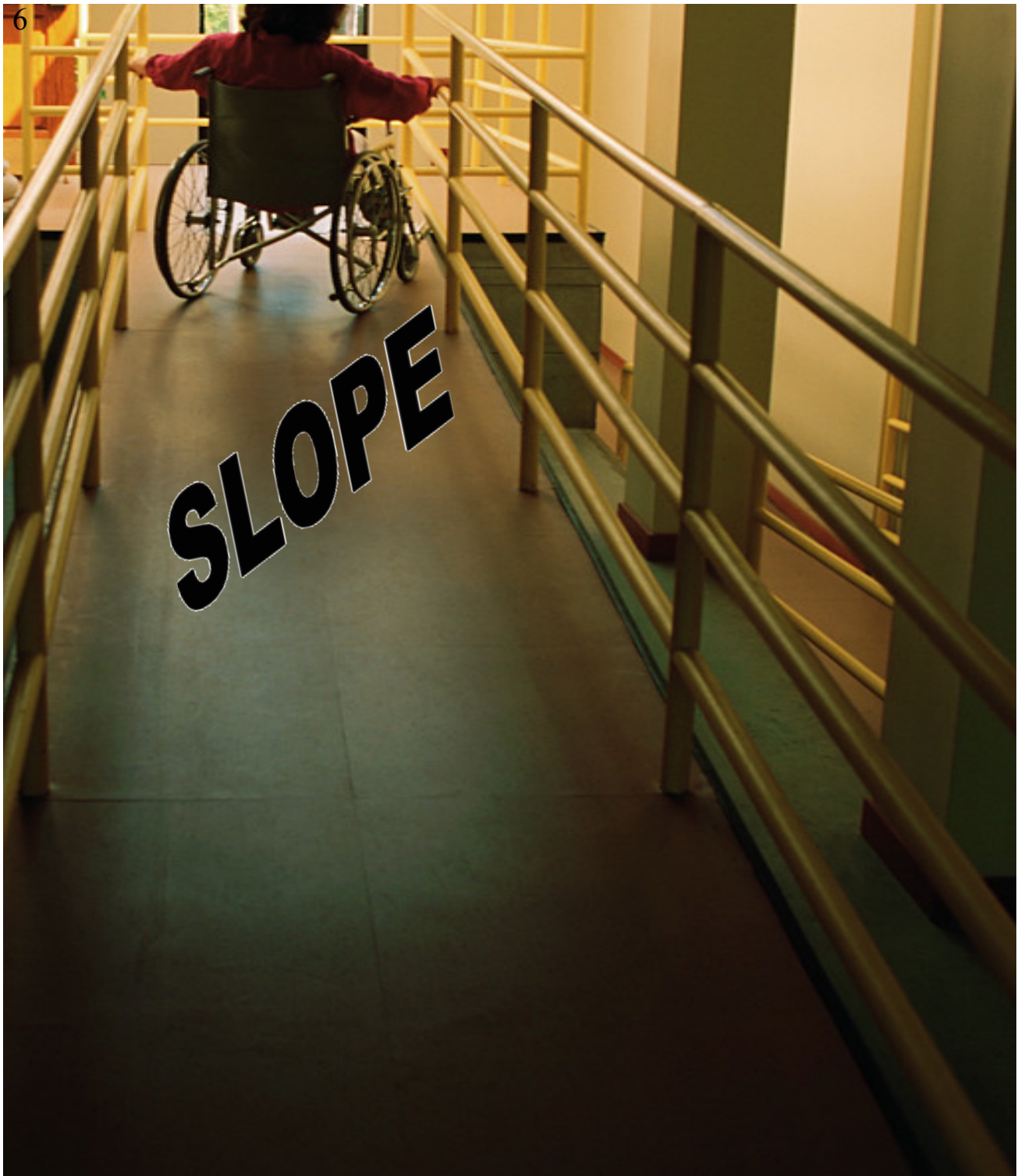


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Building stairs  
should  
not exceed  
a slope of  
0.83

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# Calculating slope!

Same as rate of change

$$\text{slope} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$$







Some roofs are steeper than others. Steeper roofs are more expensive to shingle. The steepness of a roof is measured by calculating its **slope**.

$$\text{Slope} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$$

The **rise** is the vertical distance from the bottom of the edge of the roof to the top. The **run** is the corresponding horizontal distance.

For each roof, we count units to determine the rise and the run.

Roof A



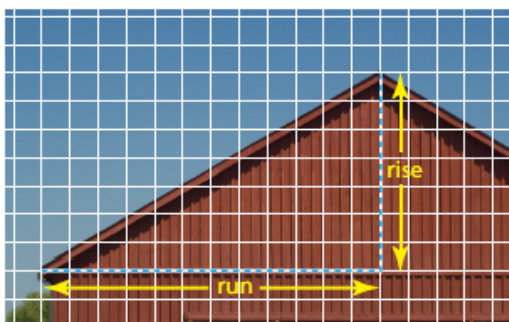
For Roof A

$$\text{Slope} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$$

$$\text{Slope} = ?$$

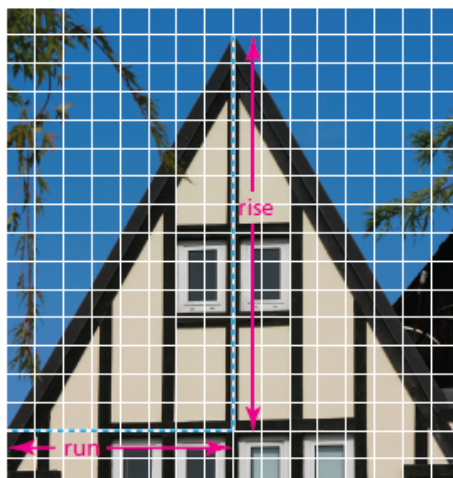
6.1 Slope of a Line

Roof B



For Roof B  
 Slope =  $\frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$   
 Slope = ?

Roof C



For Roof C  
 Slope =  $\frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$   
 Slope = ?



6.1 Slope of a Line

The slope of a line segment on a coordinate grid is the measure of its rate of change.  
From Chapter 5, recall that:

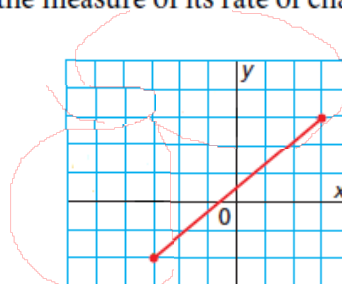
$$\text{Rate of change} = \frac{\text{change in dependent variable}}{\text{change in independent variable}}$$

$$\text{Rate of change} = \frac{\text{change in } y}{\text{change in } x}$$

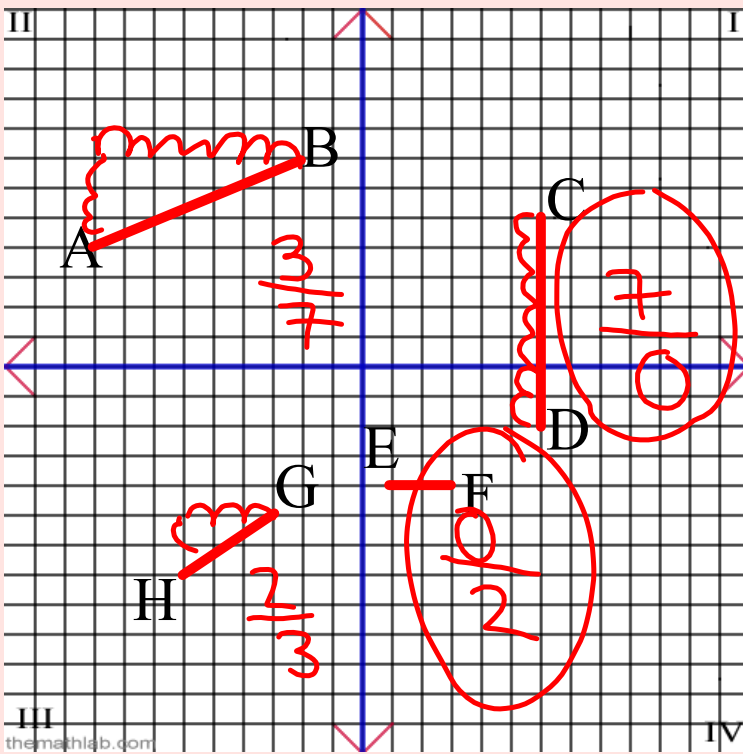
The change in  $y$  is ?

The change in  $x$  is ?

$$\text{So, slope} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$$



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$$\text{slope} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$$

This is used when you can see the graph!



$$\frac{0}{2} = 0$$

$$\frac{7}{0} = \text{Error! Undefined}$$

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Calculating slope!

$$\text{slope} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

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Calculating slope!

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

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Find the slope of a line passing through the points (2,-3) and (-5,8).

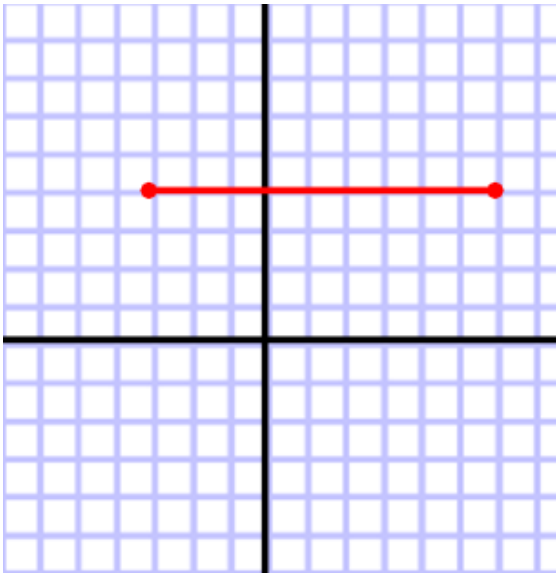
$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

This is used when you are given co-ordinates.

$x_1, y_1$   
 $x_2, y_2$   
 $(x, y)$

$$\frac{8 - (-3)}{-5 - 2} = \frac{11}{-7}$$

# Horizontal Line

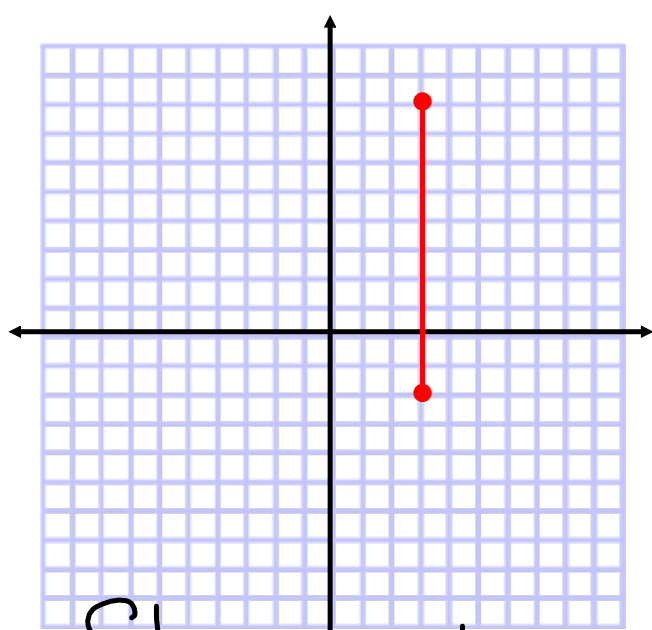


$$\text{Slope} = 0$$



Vertical

Line



Slope = Undefined

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Calculate the slope.

 $x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2$ 

1.  $(3,5) (2,8)$

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

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

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

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

2.  $(-9,-2) (7,3)$

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

$$m = \frac{3 - (-2)}{7 - (-9)}$$

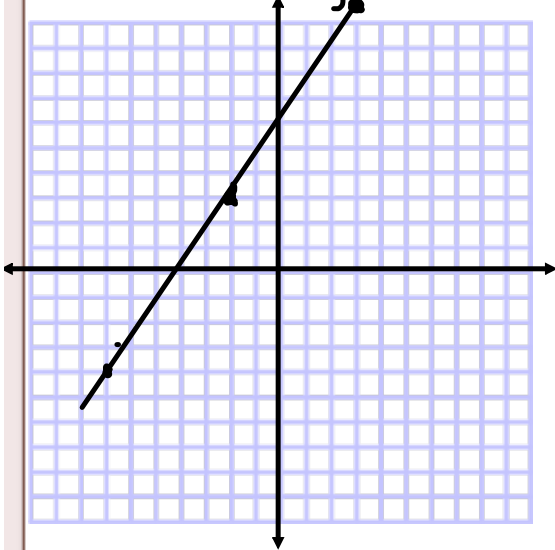
$$m = \frac{3 + 2}{7 + 9}$$

$$m = \frac{5}{16}$$

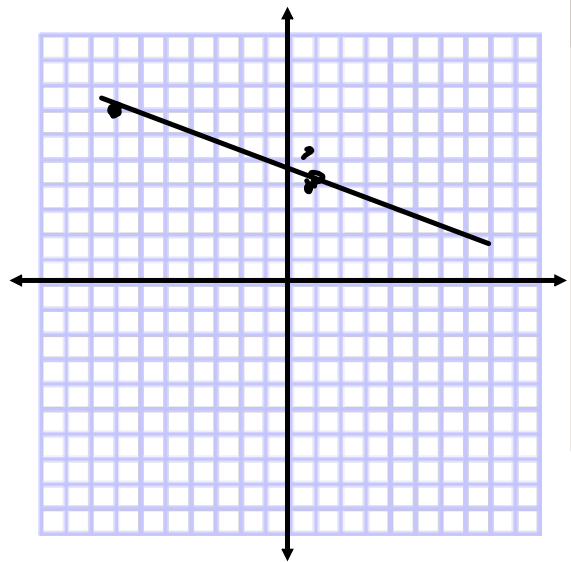
**Example 2** Drawing a Line Segment with a Given Slope

Draw a line segment with each given slope.

a)  $\frac{7}{5}$

up  
right

$$\frac{-3}{8} \text{ down}$$
$$\frac{-3}{8} \text{ right}$$
b)  $-\frac{3}{8}$



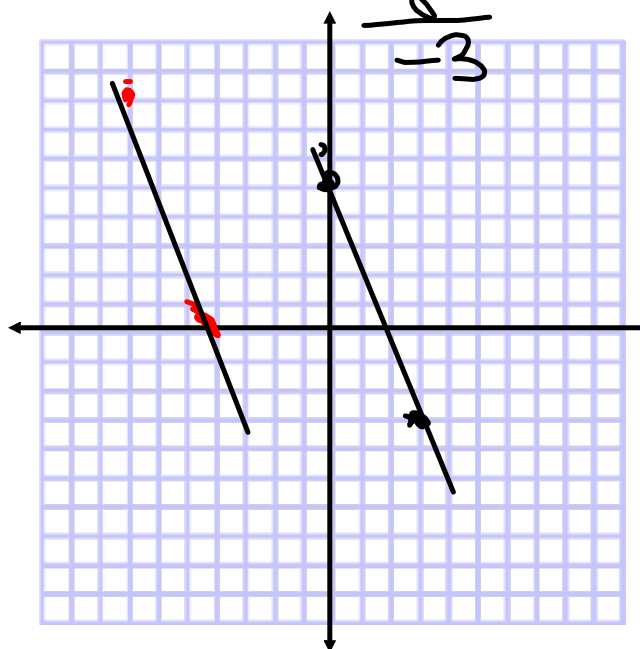
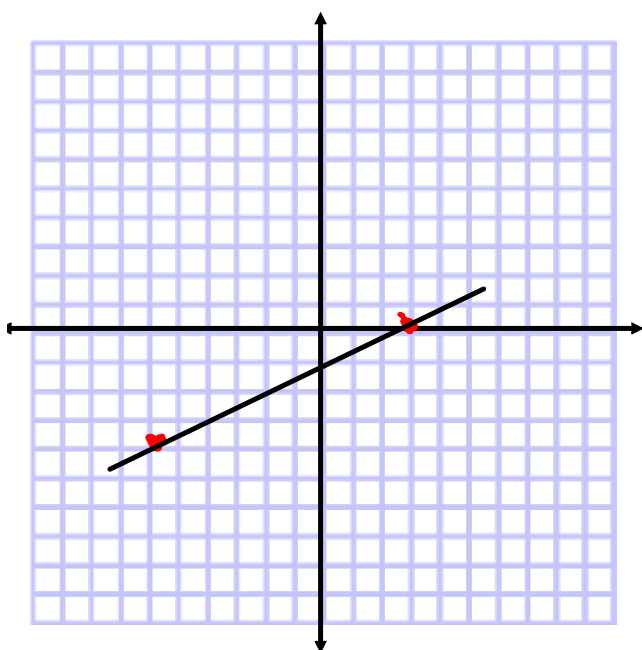
2. Draw a line segment with each slope.

a)  $\frac{4}{9}$

b)  $-\frac{8}{3}$

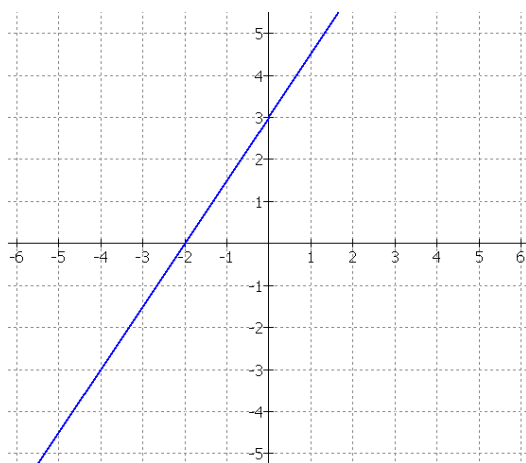


$\frac{1}{3}$   
 $\frac{2}{3}$   
 $\frac{2}{3}$   
 $\frac{1}{3}$

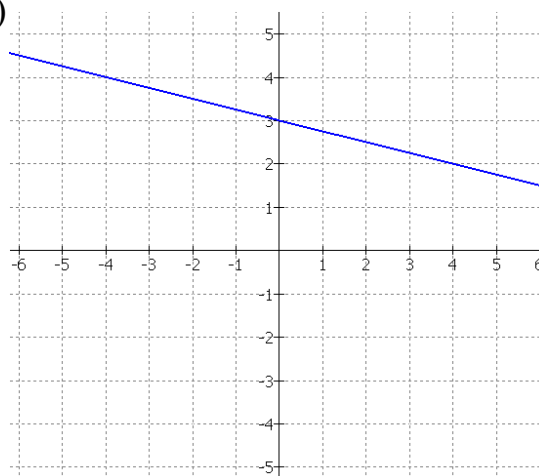


Determine the slope of each of the following lines:

(a)



(b)



Which ordered pairs should we use to make our calculation?

$$\text{slope} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$$

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

$$\text{slope} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$$

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

