

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

LESSON FOCUS

Relate the graph of a linear function to its equation in slope-intercept form.

Make Connections

This graph shows a cyclist's journey where the distance is measured from her home.

What does the vertical intercept represent?

What does the slope of the line represent?

Graph of a Bicycle Journey



Vertical Intercept $(0, 10)$ Speed
 ↑
 distance from home he started

$$\text{Slope: } \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{\Delta d}{\Delta t} = \text{ROC} \quad \frac{10 \text{ km}}{0.5 \text{ h}} = \underline{20 \text{ km/h}}$$

Finding Intercepts

- **x - intercept:** - a point where the graph crosses the x-axis.
- to find the x-intercept \Rightarrow let $y = 0$ & solve for x .
- **y - intercept:** - a point where the graph crosses the y-axis.
- to find the y-intercept \Rightarrow let $x = 0$ & solve for y .

Example: Find both intercepts given the line...

$$3x - 6y = 12$$

x-Intercept ($y=0$)

$$3x - 6(0) = 12$$

$$3x - 0 = 12$$

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

$$x = 4$$

$(4, 0)$

y-Intercept ($x=0$)

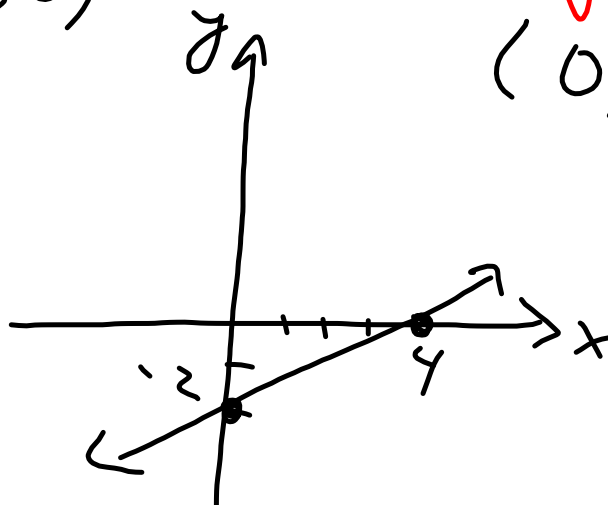
$$3(0) - 6y = 12$$

$$0 - 6y = 12$$

$$\frac{-6y}{-6} = \frac{12}{-6}$$

$$y = -2$$

$(0, -2)$



Find both the x & y Intercepts:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad 3y = 9 - 4x$$

$$\underline{x\text{-Int: } (y=0)}$$

$$0 = 9 - 4x$$

$$\frac{4x}{4} = \frac{9}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{9}{4} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{9}{4}, 0\right)$$

$$\underline{y\text{-Int: } (x=0)}$$

$$\frac{3y}{3} = \frac{9}{3}$$

$$y = 3 \Rightarrow (0, 3)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{2}{3}y - \frac{3}{4}x = -1$$

$$\underline{x\text{-Int } (y=0)}$$

$$\cancel{(4)} - \frac{3}{4}x = -1(\cancel{4})$$

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

$$x = \frac{4}{3} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{4}{3}, 0\right)$$

$$\underline{y\text{-Int } (x=0)}$$

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

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

$$y = \frac{-3}{2} \Rightarrow \left(0, \frac{-3}{2}\right)$$

How do you know this is the graph of a linear function?

Line

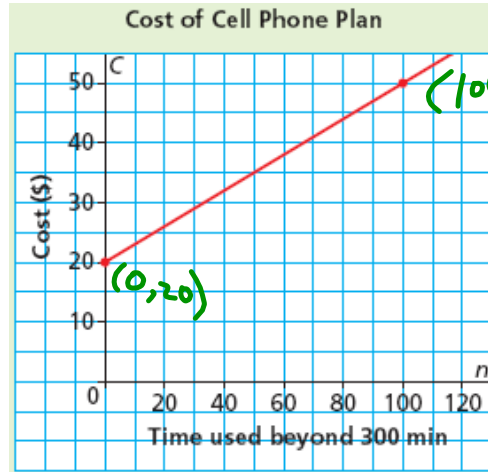
What does the slope of the graph represent?

$$\text{Slope} = \frac{\Delta \text{cost}}{\Delta \text{time}} \quad \frac{\$}{\text{min}}$$

$$M = \frac{50 - 20}{100 - 0} = \frac{30}{100} = 0.3$$

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

30¢/min



Write an equation to describe this function.
Verify that your equation is correct.

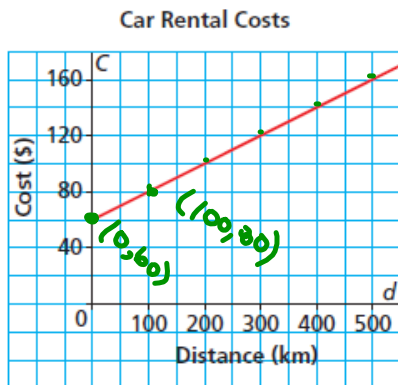
$$C = \underline{20} + \underline{0.30}(n)$$

\uparrow y-Intercept \uparrow slope

$$C = \underline{0.3}n + \underline{20}$$

\uparrow slope \uparrow y-Int

In Chapter 5, Lesson 5.6, we described a linear function in different ways. The linear function below represents the cost of a car rental.



An equation of the function is:

$$C = 0.20d + 60$$

The number 0.20 is the rate of change, or the slope of the graph. This is the cost in dollars for each additional 1 km driven.

The number 60 is ?

$$M = \frac{80 - 60}{100 - 0}$$

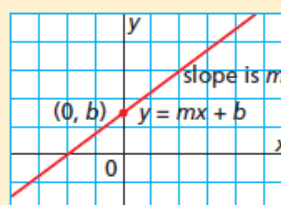
$$M = \frac{20}{100} = \underline{\underline{0.2}}$$

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In general, any linear function can be described in slope-intercept form.

Slope-Intercept Form of the Equation of a Linear Function

The equation of a linear function can be written in the form $y = mx + b$, where m is the slope of the line and b is its y -intercept.



Slope y-Intercept form

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

↑
slope
↑
y-Intercept

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Example 1

Writing an Equation of a Linear Function Given Its Slope and y-Intercept

The graph of a linear function has slope $\frac{3}{5}$ and y-intercept -4 .
Write an equation for this function.

$$y = mx + b$$

$$y = \frac{3}{5}x + (-4)$$

$$y = \frac{3}{5}x - 4$$

$(0, -4)$ is on this line.
What are 2 others?

$(5, -1), (10, 2)$

x	$y \Rightarrow$
5	-1 $\leftarrow \frac{3}{5}(5) - 4$
10	2 $\leftarrow \frac{3}{5}(10) - 4$
100	56 $\leftarrow \frac{3}{5}(100) - 4$

$(0, -4)$ Rise = 3
Run = 5

$(5, -1)$
 $(10, 2)$

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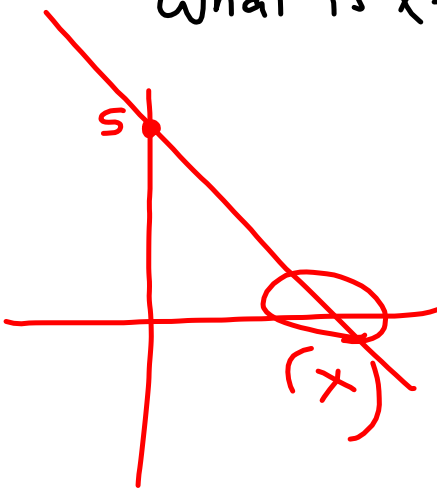
YOUR TURN...

1. The graph of a linear function has slope $-\frac{7}{3}$ and y -intercept 5. Write an equation for this function.

$$y = mx + b$$

$$y = -\frac{7}{3}x + 5$$

What is x -Intercept?



$$0 = -\frac{7}{3}x + 5$$

$$(3) - 5 = -\frac{7}{3}x (3)$$

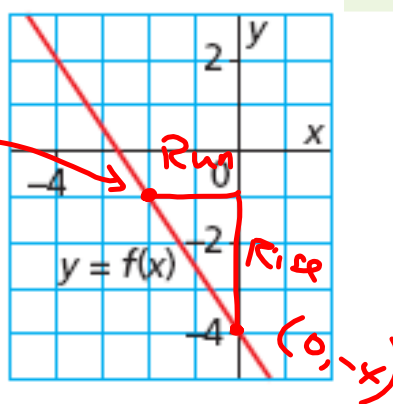
$$\frac{-15}{-7} = \frac{-7x}{-7}$$

$$\frac{15}{7} = x$$

Example 3

Writing the Equation of a Linear Function Given Its Graph

Write an equation to describe this function.
Verify the equation.



$b = -4$

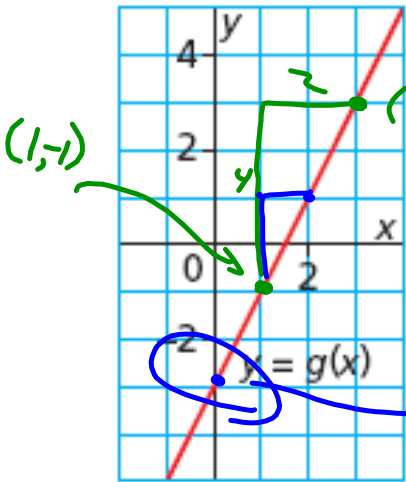
$$m = \frac{-4 - (-1)}{0 - (-2)} = \frac{-3}{2}$$

$y = -\frac{3}{2}x - 4$ ← $y = mx + b$

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YOUR TURN...

3. Write an equation to describe this function. Verify the equation.



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

$$m = \frac{4}{2}$$

$$m = 2$$

Slope y-Intercept form

$$y = mx + b$$

↑ slope ↑ y-Int.

y-Intercept: $b = -3$

Interpolate

$$y = mx + b$$

Extrapolate

$$y = 2x - 3$$

Really??

x	y
1	-1
2.5	2

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

$$y = 2 - 3$$

$$y = -1$$

$$y = 2(2.5) - 3$$

$$= 5 - 3$$

$$= 2$$

x	y
100	197

$$y = 2(100) - 3$$

$$y = 200 - 3$$

$$y = 197$$

a) $y = \overset{m}{\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)}x + \overset{b}{(-7)}$

$m = \frac{3}{4}$
 $b = -7$

$y = 4x + 8$

$m = 4$
 $b = 8$

$y = \frac{1}{7}x - 2$

$y = \frac{1}{7}x$

$m = \frac{1}{7}$
 $b = -2$

$y = mx + b$

ex. $3x + 2y - 8 = 0$

Slope = ?
y-Intercept = ?

$\frac{2}{2}y = -\frac{3}{2}x + \frac{8}{2}$

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

$m = -\frac{3}{2}, b = 4$

y-Int (let $x=0$)

$0 + 2y - 8 = 0$

$\frac{2}{2}y = 8$
 $y = 4$

ex: Determine the **slope** and **y-intercept** of the following line.

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

$$b = -2$$

$$2(3y - 1) = -2(x + 7)$$

$$y = mx + b$$

$$6y - 2 = -2x - 14$$

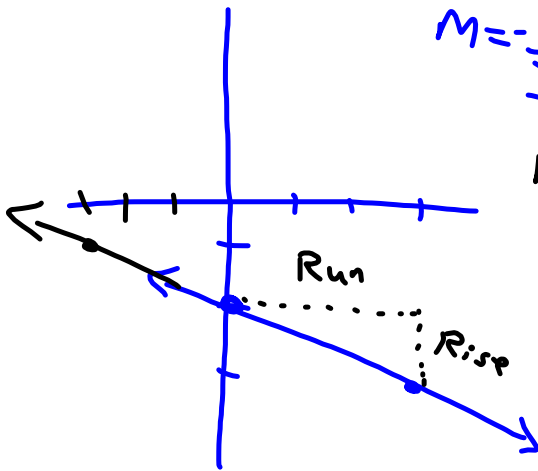
$$6y = -2x - 14 + 2$$

$$\frac{6y}{6} = \frac{-2x}{6} - \frac{12}{6}$$

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

$$m = -\frac{1}{3} \quad b = -2$$

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



EXAMPLE:

Determine the equation of the line that passes through the points (3, -4) & (0, 4)

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

$$y = -\frac{8}{3}x + 4$$

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

$$-4 = -\frac{8}{3}(3) + b$$

$$-4 = -8 + b$$

$$-4 + 8 = b$$

$$\underline{\underline{4 = b}}$$

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

$$m = \frac{4 - (-4)}{0 - 3}$$

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

$x = 0$ at
the
y-Int.

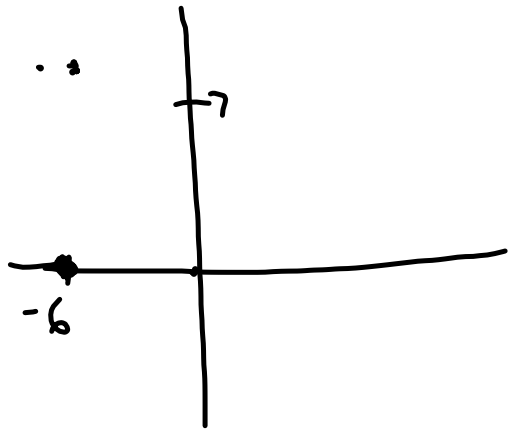
$$\underline{\underline{b = 4}}$$

ex. Find equation of a line with
Slope 7 and x-Intercept -6.

$$m = 7$$

$$(-6, 0)$$

x, y



$$y = mx + b$$

$$y = 7x + b$$

$$0 = 7(-6) + b$$

$$0 = -42 + b$$

$$42 = b$$

$$y = 7x + 42$$

Practice Problems...

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