# 4.02 Slope-Intercept Graphing of a Line

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#### Y-INTERCEPTS

DEFINITIONS

X-intercept: where the graph crosses the X-axis (Y=0)

Y-intercept: where the graph crosses the Y-axis (X=0)

Now, look at each of the following equations and their graphs.

A) 
$$Y = X + 2$$

C) 
$$Y = 5X + 2$$

B) Y = 3X + 2 C) Y = 5X + 2 D)  $Y = \frac{1}{2}X + 2$ 







E) 
$$Y = -X + 2$$

$$G) \quad Y = -5X + 2$$

E) 
$$Y = -X + 2$$
 F)  $Y = -3X + 2$  G)  $Y = -5X + 2$  H)  $Y = -\frac{1}{2}X + 2$ 







1a) What do the above equations have in common?

b) What do the above graphs have in common?

I) Y = X + 4J) Y = 3X + 4K)  $Y = \frac{1}{2}X + 4$ L) Y = -3X + 4

K) 
$$Y = \frac{1}{2}X + 4$$

L) 
$$Y = -3X + 4$$









2a) What do the above equations have in common?

b) What do the above graphs have in common?

N) 
$$Y = 3X -$$

M) 
$$Y = X - 4$$
 N)  $Y = 3X - 4$  O)  $Y = 5X - 4$  P)  $Y = \frac{1}{2}X - 4$ 

P) 
$$Y = \frac{1}{2}X -$$









3a) What do the above equations have in common?

b) What do the above graphs have in common?

### 4. Find the the Y-intercept:

- A) y = 7x + 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- G) y = -x 12 \_\_\_\_\_

B) y = -7x + 2

H) y = -3x + 3/2\_\_\_\_

C) y =-5x + 6

I) y = 3/2x - 5/2

D) y = 8x - 7

 $\mathbf{J}) \qquad \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{7} + 3\mathbf{x}$ 

E) y = 8x + 1

- K) y = -7 + 3x
- F) y=-8x + 156
- L) y = 3x
- M) GENERALIZATION: For Y = mX + b, the Y-intercept is \_\_\_\_\_

#### 5. VERBALIZATION:

Graphically, the Y-intercept is where the graph crosses the \_\_\_\_\_\_. It can be found by letting the value of \_\_\_\_\_\_ equal \_\_\_\_\_. In a linear equation it is the \_\_\_\_\_\_ term.

#### SLOPE

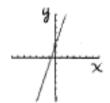
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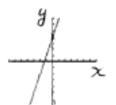
A) 
$$Y = 3X + 2$$

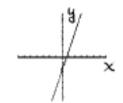
$$\mathbf{B})Y = 3X + 4$$

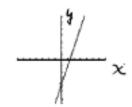
C) 
$$Y = 3X - 2$$

**D)** 
$$Y = 3X - 4$$







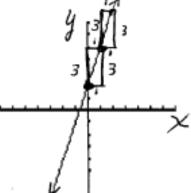


6. What do the above equations have in common?

What do the above graphs have in common?

You should have noticed that in the four equations above, in each equation, the coefficient of X was 3. As for the graphs, you should have noticed that they are parallel. Lines that are parallel have the same "steepness" or slope.

There is a way of describing the "steepness" or "slope" of a line. Consider the graph of Y = 3X + 2. First, notice that the Y-intercept is 2. Beginning at the Y-intercept (0,2), move one unit right, then up 3 units. You are now at the point (1,5). Now, from (1,5) move another unit right and up 3 more units. You are now at (2,8).

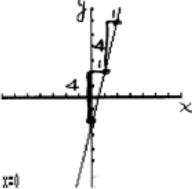


Since for each horizontal unit, you moved vertically 3 units, we say this line has a slope of 3/1 or 3. Slope then is defined as the vertical distance divided by the horizontal distance.

$$SLOPE = \frac{VERTICAL}{HORIZONTAL}$$
 or  $\frac{RISE}{RUN}$  or  $\frac{Y \text{ distance}}{X \text{ distance}}$ 

Returning to the previous equation Y = 3X + 2, notice that the slope of the graph was 3. Also, the coefficient of X is 3.

Consider Y = 4X - 2. Beginning at the Y-intercept at (0,-2), move 1 unit right and up 4 to (1,2). Next move from (1,2) another unit to the right, then move 4 more units to (2,6). Do you see that the slope



is  $\frac{rise}{run} = \frac{4}{1}$  or 4 ? Do you see that the equation Y= 4X - 2 has

**X-coefficient 4?** When the equation is written  $Y = \underline{?}X + \underline{?}$ , the coefficient of X is the slope.

7. Give the slope of each of the following lines;

A) 
$$Y = 5X + 2$$

B) 
$$Y = 2 + 5X$$

J) 
$$Y = 3/2 X + 5$$

C) 
$$Y = -5X$$

K) 
$$Y = -2/3 X$$

D) 
$$Y = -3X + 5$$

L) 
$$Y = 4/5 X - 7$$

E) 
$$Y = 3 - 2X$$

M) 
$$Y = 1/2 - 10/3 X$$

F) 
$$Y = X + 5/2$$

$$\mathbf{N)} \quad \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{0} \cdot \mathbf{X} + \mathbf{3}$$

G) 
$$Y = 5 + X$$

H) 
$$Y = -X - 3/2$$

$$\mathbf{P)} \quad \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{m}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{b}$$

If the equation is written Y = mX + b, m represents the **slope**, and b represents the **Y-intercept**. This gives a fast way to graph a line if it is given in this form. The exercises on the next pages will help you understand.

Graph each of the following by locating the Y-intercept. From this point measure the slope (rise over run) and plot the next point.

8. 
$$Y = 3X - 2$$

$$Y$$
-int = -2

Slope 
$$m = \frac{3}{1} = \frac{rise}{run}$$

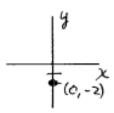
$$Y=\frac{4}{7}X-2$$

$$Y$$
-int = -2

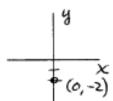
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$$Y = \frac{4}{7}X - 2$$

$$Y-int = -2$$
Slope  $m = \frac{4}{7} = \frac{rise}{run}$ 

10. 
$$Y = \frac{2}{3} X - 2$$

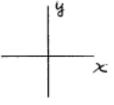


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$$Y = \frac{4}{1}X - 2$$

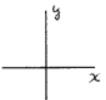


12. 
$$Y = \frac{-3}{1}X + 5$$

13. 
$$Y = \frac{-3}{5} X + 4$$

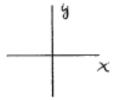


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$$Y = 1 X + 5$$

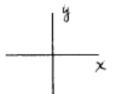


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$$Y = -X + 3$$

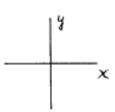


16. 
$$Y = 5 - \frac{2}{3}X$$



17.

$$Y = 4 + 3X$$



18. 
$$Y = -2X + 3$$



19. 
$$Y = 5X - 2$$



20. 
$$Y = \frac{2}{3} X - 4$$



21. 
$$Y = -\frac{2}{3}X + 6$$



22. 
$$Y = X - 4$$



23. 
$$Y = 4 - X$$



**24.** 
$$Y = 3 - \frac{1}{2} X$$



25. 
$$Y = \frac{5}{2} X - 4$$



26. 
$$Y = \frac{3}{4}X + 2$$



27. 
$$Y = -\frac{3}{4}X - 2$$



**28.** 
$$Y = 5 - \frac{2}{3}X$$



29. 
$$Y = 4 + 3X$$



Notice that each of the equations on the previous pages was given in the form Y = mX + b (slopeintercept form). However, equations are frequently given in another form called standard form in which the X and Y terms are on the same side of the equation: AX + BY = C. The tradition is to make A, B, and C integers, and the value of A positive. If the equation is given in standard form, the way to find the slope is to solve for Y in terms of X.

**EXAMPLE.** Find the slope and Y-intercept of 3X + Y = 6.

Solution:

Given

3X + Y = 6

Add -3X to both sides:

$$\frac{-3X}{Y} = -3X + 6$$

Y-intercept is 6 and slope is -3.

In 30-38, solve for Y in terms of X. Give Y-intercept and slope.

30. 
$$4X + Y = 8$$

31. 
$$-4X + Y = 8$$

32. 
$$Y - 3X = -4$$

33. 
$$2X + 3Y = 12$$
 34.  $-2X + 3Y = 12$  35.  $3X + 2Y = 8$   $-2X - 2X + 3Y = -2X + 12$ 

$$34. -2X + 3Y = 12$$

35. 
$$3X + 2Y = 8$$

Y =

Y-Int=\_\_\_ m=\_\_\_

36. 
$$X - 2Y = 6$$
  
 $- 2Y = -X + 6$ 

37. 
$$3X - 2Y = 6$$

38. 
$$5X - 3Y = -6$$

Y =

Y-Int=\_\_\_ m=\_\_\_

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- 1a) "Y= +2", b) Yint=2; 2a) "Y= +4", b) Yint=4; 3a) "Y= -4", b) Yint=-4;
- 4A) 2, B) 2, C) 6, D) -7, E) 1, 4F) 156, G) -12, H) 3/2, I) -5/2, J) 7, K) -7, L) 0, M) b;
- 5A) Y-axis, B) X, C) 0, D) constant or number term;
- 6A) "Y=3X ..." B) Same slope (steepness);
- 7A) 5, B) 5, C) -5, 7D) -3, E) -2, F) 1, G) 1, H) -1, I) -1, J) 3/2, K) -2/3, 7L) 4/5,
- 7M) -10/3, N) 0, O) 0, P) m;

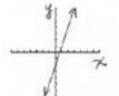
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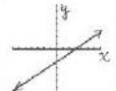
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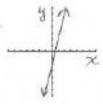
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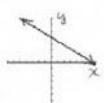
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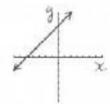
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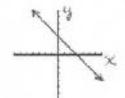
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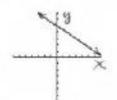
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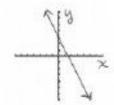
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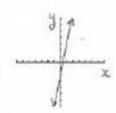
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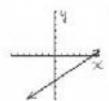
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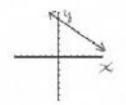
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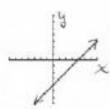
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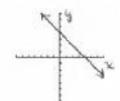
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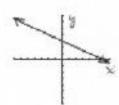
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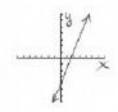
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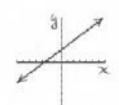
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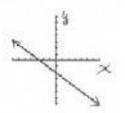
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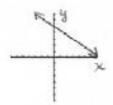




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$$y-int = 8$$
  
 $m = 4$ 

32. 
$$y-int = -4$$
  
  $m = 3$ 





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34. y-int = 4  
$$m = 2/3$$

35. y-int = 4  
m = 
$$-3/2$$

36. y-int = -3  

$$m = 1/2$$

37. y-int = 
$$-3/2$$

38. y-int = 2  
$$m = 5/3$$

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