

# SLOPE FORMULA

## Agenda

Warm-UP  
(EXPLORATION)

HW CHECK

NOTES (SLOPE  
BOOK)

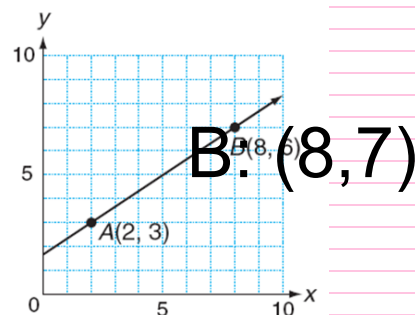
Homework

## Warm-UP

COMPLETE THE EXPLORATION IN YOUR  
SLOPE BOOK (UNDER THE FORMULA TAB).

EXPLORATION: TO INVESTIGATE A SHORTCUT FOR FINDING THE SLOPE OF A LINE.

1. WHAT IS THE RISE FROM POINT A TO POINT B?
2. WHAT IS THE RUN FROM POINT A TO POINT B?
3. WHAT IS THE SLOPE OF THE LINE?
4. EXPLAIN HOW YOU COULD HAVE FOUND THE RISE BY USING ONLY THE  $y$ -COORDINATES OF THE TWO POINTS, WITHOUT SEEING THE GRAPH.
5. EXPLAIN HOW YOU COULD HAVE FOUND THE RUN BY USING ONLY THE  $x$ -COORDINATES OF THE TWO POINTS, WITHOUT SEEING THE GRAPH.



Answers:

1.  $m = -2$

2.  $m = 1$

3.  $m = \frac{-4}{3}$

4. a.  $m = -3$  possible table

$x$	$y$
0	4
1	1
2	-2

b.  $m = \frac{1}{4}$  possible table

$x$	$y$
0	-3
4	-2
8	-1

5.  $m = \frac{1}{2}$

6.

$x$ hours	$y$ miles
2	100
3	150

Independent Variable: number of hours  
Dependent Variable: number of miles

Slope =  $\frac{50}{1} = 50$  miles per hour

7. B

8.  $m = \frac{2}{3}$

9. Answers will vary; possible answer

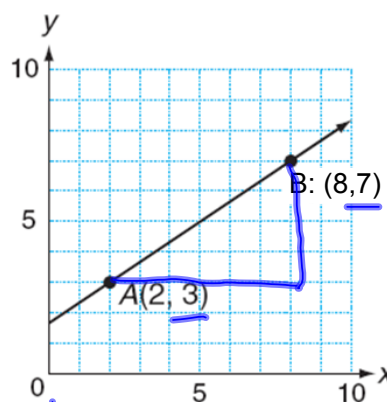
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$x$	$y$
0	2
1	4
2	6
3	8
4	10

# Finding Slope...

**EXPLORATION:** TO INVESTIGATE A SHORTCUT FOR FINDING THE SLOPE OF A LINE.

1. WHAT IS THE RISE FROM POINT A TO POINT B?  $4$
2. WHAT IS THE RUN FROM POINT A TO POINT B?  $6$
3. WHAT IS THE SLOPE OF THE LINE?  $\frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$
4. EXPLAIN HOW YOU COULD HAVE FOUND THE RISE BY USING ONLY THE  $y$ -COORDINATES OF THE TWO POINTS, WITHOUT SEEING THE GRAPH.  $4$   $3$   $7$



subtract  $y$  coordinates

5. EXPLAIN HOW YOU COULD HAVE FOUND THE RUN BY USING ONLY THE  $x$ -COORDINATES OF THE TWO POINTS, WITHOUT SEEING THE GRAPH.  $6$   $2$   $8$

subtract  $x$  coordinate

GIVEN TWO POINTS  $(x_1, y_1)$  AND  $(x_2, y_2)$  FIND THE SLOPE ( $m$ )

Slope Formula:

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

DETERMINE THE SLOPE OF THE LINE THAT PASSES THROUGH EACH SET OF POINTS.

1.  $(2, 3)$  and  $(9, 7)$

LABEL YOUR POINTS  
 $x_1, y_1$     $x_2, y_2$

$$m = \frac{7-3}{9-2} = \frac{4}{7}$$

2.  $(-3\frac{1}{2}, -4)$  and  $(5\frac{1}{4}, -1)$

$(-3.5, -4)$     $(5.25, -1)$   
 $x_1$     $y_1$     $x_2$     $y_2$

$$m = \frac{-1 - (-4)}{5.25 - (-3.5)} = \frac{3}{8.75} = \frac{12}{35}$$

3.  $(5, 4)$  and  $(-5, 1)$

$$m = \frac{-1-4}{-5-5} = \frac{-5}{-10} = \frac{1}{2}$$

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5.  $(-2, 3)$  and  $(8, 3)$

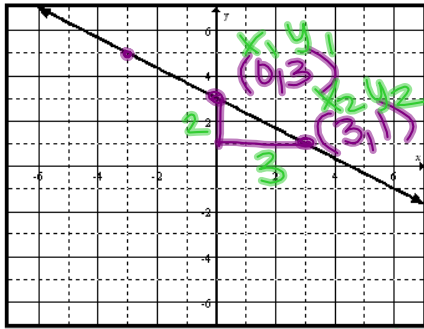
x	y
10	8
-6	-2
-14	-7

$m = \frac{+10}{+16} = \frac{5}{8}$

DETERMINE THE SLOPE OF THE LINE THAT PASSES THROUGH EACH SET OF POINTS.

CHOOSE METHOD

6.



$$m = \frac{1-3}{3-0} = \boxed{-\frac{2}{3}}$$

7.

x	0	2	5	6
y	1	5	11	13

$(5, 11)$  and  $(6, 13)$   
 $x_1, y_1$        $x_2, y_2$

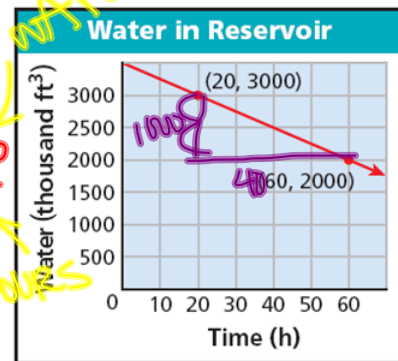
$$m = \frac{13-11}{6-5} = \boxed{\frac{2}{1}}$$

8. THE GRAPH SHOWS HOW MUCH WATER IS IN A RESERVOIR AT DIFFERENT TIMES. FIND THE SLOPE OF THE LINE AND EXPLAIN WHAT THE SLOPE REPRESENTS

$(20, 3000)$  and  $(60, 2000)$   
 $x_1, y_1$        $x_2, y_2$

$$m = \frac{2000-3000}{60-20} = \frac{-1000}{40} = -25$$

Reservoir loses 25 thousand ft<sup>3</sup> of water every hour.



DETERMINE THE VALUE OF  $r$  SO THE LINE THAT PASSES THROUGH EACH PAIR OF POINTS HAS THE GIVEN SLOPE. point-slope formula:  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

9.  $(9, r)$  and  $(6, 3)$   $m = -\frac{1}{3}$   
 $x_1, y_1$        $x_2, y_2$

$$3 - r = -\frac{1}{3}(6 - 9)$$

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

$$3 - r = 1$$

$$-3 \quad -3$$

$$\frac{-r}{-1} = \frac{-2}{-1}$$

$$\boxed{r = 2}$$

10.  $(3, 4)$  and  $(8, r)$   $m = -\frac{3}{4}$   
 $x_1, y_1$        $x_2, y_2$

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

$$r - 4 = -\frac{3}{4}(5)$$

$$r - 4 = -\frac{15}{4}$$

$$+4 \quad +4$$

$$\boxed{r = .25}$$

Algebra I - Unit 3

## Practice – Slope Formula

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Label each ordered pair. Determine the slope of the line that passes through each set of points.

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

2.  $(-5, 8)$  and  $(-5, 2)$

3.  $(9, 2)$ ,  $(3, -1)$  and  $(-5, -5)$

4.  $(1\frac{1}{2}, -1)$  and  $(-2\frac{1}{5}, -6)$

5.  $(-3.4, -3.2)$  and  $(0, 0)$

6.  $(5, -2)$  and  $(8, -2)$

Determine the value of  $r$  so the line that passes through each pair of points has the given slope.

7.  $(5, r)$  and  $(2, -3)$   $m = \frac{4}{3}$

8.  $(4, -5)$  and  $(r, -13)$   $m = 8$

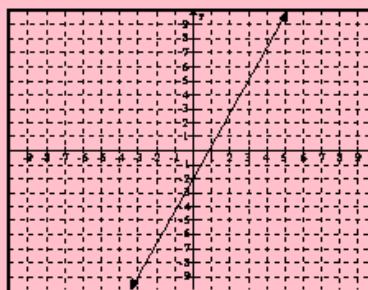
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Each graph or table shows a linear relationship. Find the slope

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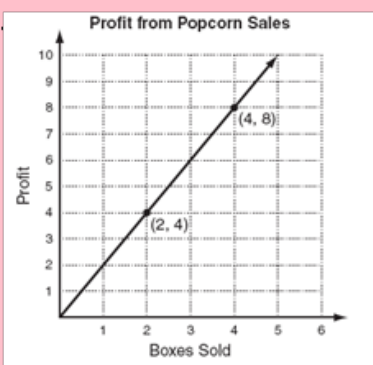
$x$	$y$
0	82
3	76
6	70
9	64
12	58

10.



Identify the independent and dependent variables, then find the slope of each line and tell what it represents.

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Independent variable: \_\_\_\_\_

Dependent variable: \_\_\_\_\_

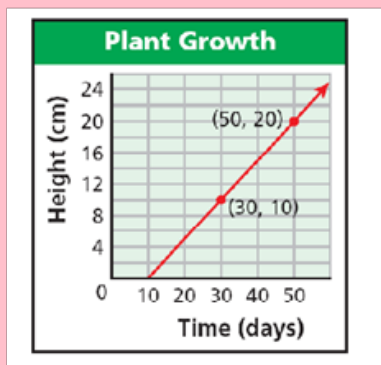
Slope:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

12.



Independent variable: \_\_\_\_\_

Dependent variable: \_\_\_\_\_

Slope:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

13. During the last four years, Jimmy visited 26% of the 50 states in the US. How many states did he visit?

1. Mark works full time as a busboy at a local restaurant. He earns \$6 per hour and then an additional \$3 per hour for each hour of overtime (every hour he works over 40 hours per week). What is the independent variable in this situation?

- A. Salary per hour
- B. Hours of overtime
- C. Hours worked
- D. Total salary

2. The number of gumballs,  $g$ , that can be packaged in a box with a volume of  $V$  cubic units is given by the equation  $g = 40V + 15$ . What is the dependent variable in this situation?

- A. Number of gumballs
- B. Volume of the box
- C. 15
- D. 40

3. Jake works as a sales representative. He earns \$1,275 per month plus an 8% commission on his total sales. What is the independent variable in this situation?

- A. Total sales
- B. Commission earned
- C. Money earned per month
- D. Percent of commission