## Section 7.1a - Slope Intercept Form - Part 1

## This booklet belongs to:

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## Mapping Points on a 2-D Grid

- Every equation of a straight-line (except 2 special ones) has specific criteria.
- They have $\mathbf{2}$ variables (unknowns), generally denoted $\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}$ and they have an = sign.
- All lines can be mapped on a 2-D grid, called it a Cartesian plane.

- The Grid is made up of $\mathbf{2}$ axes
- An $\boldsymbol{x}$ - axis and a $\boldsymbol{y}$ - axis
- The axes are both number lines
- The $x$ - axis move left and right
- The $y$-axis move up and down
- In order to be a point found on the grid you need both an $\boldsymbol{x}$ - value and $\boldsymbol{y}$ - value denoted ( $\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}$ )
- Together they give the 2-D coordinates of points on the grid

Example: $\quad$ See above grid for placement
$(0,0)$ Known and the ORIGIN
$(1,2)$
$(-4,5) \quad \checkmark$ Without 2 values, an $\boldsymbol{x}$ and $\boldsymbol{y}$, it is not possible to be a point on the grid.
$(8,-3) \quad \checkmark$ Each value represents 1 dimension, and we have a 2-dimensional grid
$(-6,-9)$
So now we know how to map out points!

## Mapping the Slope

Now when we consider the rise and the run on a grid, we need to consider both the $x-a x i s$ and the $y$ - axis as number lines.

## The $x$-axis

- When we move right on the $x$ - axis, we are moving in a positive direction
- When we move left on the $x$-axis, we are moving in a negative direction


## The $y$-axis

- When we move up on the $y$-axis, we are moving in a positive direction
- When we move down on the $y$-axis, we are moving in a negative direction

With this information, we can simply count the slope of a graph on a grid, by counting horizontally for our run, and vertically for our rise. Just be sure to consider if you are counting left/right and up/down and what that means for the sign of the given metric

Example 2: What is the slope of the following lines. Trace your movement horizontally and vertically. Try counting from left to right and from right to left and see what happens with the slope you come up with.


## Solution 2:

## First let's count from Left to Right

- Start at a left most point and count horizontally until you are in line with the next point
- Then count up or down to meet the line

- So, pick a point you can see on the graph.
- Count horizontally until you are in-line with another point either above or below your progress
- Then count up or down to get back to the line.


## Now let's count from Right to Left

- Start at the right most point and count horizontally until you are in line with the next point
- Then count up or down to meet the line
a)

Moving Up 4 Units - Positive Direction


Moving Left 6 Units - Negative Direction


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\begin{gathered}
\text { Slope }=\frac{\text { Rise }}{\text { Run }} \\
\text { Slope }=\frac{4}{-6} \\
\text { Slope }=-\frac{2}{3}
\end{gathered}
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b)

Moving Down 6 Units - Negative Direction


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\begin{gathered}
\text { Slope }=\frac{\text { Rise }}{\text { Run }} \\
\text { Slope }=\frac{-6}{-2} \\
\text { Slope }=3
\end{gathered}
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- As you can see, there is no difference in the Final Slope ratio if you count left to right or right to left
- Just stay consistent!

We will come across 4 different types of lines. Their characteristics will result in 4 types of Slope. We will look at the first 2 here and the next 2 in the next section. Look at them from Left to Right.


## The $y$-intercept $(0, b)$

- The $y$-intercept is the coordinate point where the line crosses the $\boldsymbol{y}$ - axis (the vertical axis)
- Since we have not moved left or right along the $\boldsymbol{x}$ - axis, we always, always, always have an $x$ - coordinate of 0 .
- So, no matter what the $y$ - value of the $y$-intercept is, the $x-v a l u e$ is always 0 .

Example 3: What is the $y$-intercept of the following graphs?
a)

b)


Solution 3: We are looking for the point where the line crosses the $y$ - axis
a)

b)

We DO NOT move left/right, the $x$ - coordinate is 0 . And we cross the $y$-axis at negative 4. So, the $y$-intercept is: $(0,-4)$.


## Determining the Slope from Two Given Points

Any two points can be connected by a straight line. This line has a slope and it is defined by:

- Slope $=\frac{\text { Change in height }(y-\text { values })}{\text { Change in length }(x-\text { vlaues })}=\frac{R I S E}{R U N}=\frac{y_{2}-y_{1}}{x_{2}-x_{1}}$
- Given any two points we can use the equation above solve for the slope.
- The little 1 and 2 just mean Point 1 and Point 2
- It does not matter which is which, but stay consistent.

Example: What is the slope of a line passing through:

## Solution:



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\begin{gathered}
\text { Slope }=\frac{y_{2}-y_{1}}{x_{2}-x_{1}} \\
\text { Slope }=\frac{8-5}{-4-3}=\frac{3}{-7}=-\frac{3}{7}
\end{gathered}
$$

Example 1: What is the slope of the line that connects the following points?
a) $(3,4)$ and $(-1,7)$
b) $(8,1)$ and $(1,-6)$
c) $(-2,0)$ and $(5,8)$

Solution 1: Remember, you can select any point as point 1, but for consistency just go with what point comes first
a) Slope $=\frac{y_{2}-y_{1}}{x_{2}-x_{1}}$
Slope $=\frac{7-4}{-1-3}=\frac{3}{-4}=-\frac{\mathbf{3}}{4}$
b) $\begin{aligned} & \text { Slope }=\frac{y_{2}-y_{1}}{x_{2}-x_{1}} \\ & \text { Slope }=\frac{-6-1}{1-8}=\frac{-7}{-7}=\mathbf{1}\end{aligned}$
c) Slope $=\frac{y_{2}-y_{1}}{x_{2}-x_{1}}$
Slope $=\frac{8-0}{5-(-2)}=\frac{8}{7}=\frac{\mathbf{8}}{\mathbf{7}}$

## Section 7.1a - Practice Questions

1. Map the following Coordinate $(x, y)$ on the 2-D plane (GRID)

| $A(1,3)$ | $B(9,-1)$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $C(-4,4)$ | $D(-7,-7)$ |
| $E(-5,-3)$ | $F(1,8)$ |
| $G(8,-2)$ | $H(-5,2)$ |


2. Identify the Coordinates of the given points

3. What does it mean to be a solution to an equation with respect to coordinates $(x, y)$ of a point?
4. What is the $y$-intercept? What is the $\boldsymbol{x}$-coordinate of every $y$-intercept point? Example?
5. What is the $x$ - intercept? What is the $\boldsymbol{y}$-coordinate of every $x$-intercept point? Example?
6. For the sake of our Math Vocabulary then:

SLOPE $=$
7. What is the SLOPE and $\mathbf{Y}$-INTERCEPT of the following lines?
i)


Slope $=$
$y-\operatorname{int}($ as ordered pairs $)=$
ii)


Slope $=$
$y-\operatorname{int}($ as ordered pairs $)=$
iii)

iv)

$y-\operatorname{int}($ as ordered pairs $)=$
8. Using the slope formula, what is the Slope of the line that connects the following points on a given line?


Map the line starting at the provided point and using the given slope
9. Slope: -3

11. Slope: $\frac{5}{2}$

13. Slope: $\frac{3}{8}$

10. Slope: $\frac{1}{5}$

12. Slope: $-\frac{3}{4}$

14. Slope: $-\frac{7}{3}$


## Answer Key - Section 7.1a

1. 


2.

3. It means the $(x, y)$ of a point sub into $y=m x+b$ for the $x$ and $y$ and the equation stays equal (OMIT)
4. Where the line goes through the $y$-axis; $x$ - coordinate always $0 ;(0,4)$
5. Where the line goes through the $x$-axis; $y$ - coordinate always $0 ;(4,0)$
6. Slope $=\frac{\text { Change in Height }}{\text { Change in Length }}=\frac{\text { RISE }}{\text { RUN }}$
7. i) Slope is: $\frac{3}{4}, y-$ int is $(0,3) \quad$ ii) Slope is: $-\frac{1}{7}, y-\operatorname{int}$ is $(0,4)$
iii) Slope is: $-\frac{3}{7}, y-$ int is $(0,-3)$
iv) Slope is: $1, y-$ int is $(0,0)$
8.
a) $\frac{3}{-4}=-\frac{3}{4}$
b) $\frac{6}{1}=6$
c) $\frac{3}{0}=$ Undefined
d) $\frac{-11}{-4}=\frac{11}{4}$
e) $\frac{0}{-10}=0$
f) $\frac{-2}{12}=-\frac{1}{6}$
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## Extra Work Space

