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Equations of Lines

Slope-Intercept

$$y = mx + b$$

To write:

1. Find m , the slope.

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

If parallel, Then equal slopes

If perpendicular, Then opposite reciprocal slopes.

2. Find b , the y-intercept.

Substitute m and a point, (x, y) , into

$$y = mx + b$$

3. With m and b , write

$$y = mx + b$$

To graph:

1. Plot b , the y-intercept
2. From b use m , the slope, to graph the line.

Point-Slope

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

just slope equation changed around

To write:

1. find m , the slope.

Standard

$$Ax + By = C$$

no fractions

To write:

1. 1st write in Slope-Intercept or Point-Slope form.

2. Substitute m and a point, (x_1, y_1) , into

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

2. Change into Standard Form using inverse operations.

To graph:

1. Change to Slope-Intercept form

To graph:

1. Change to Slope-Intercept form or make an x, y table of values.

Vertical Line (Undefined Slope)

$$x = a$$



some number

Horizontal Line (Zero Slope)

$$y = b$$

Converting Between Equations of Lines

Standard
 $Ax + By = C$

To write:

1. 1st write in slope-intercept or point-slope form
2. Change into standard form using inverse operations.

Slope-Intercept, $y = mx + b$
to

Standard, $Ax + By = C$

$5(y) = (\frac{2}{5}x - 3) \cdot 5$ *get rid of fractions*

$$\begin{array}{r} 5y = 2x - 15 \\ -2x \quad = -2x \\ \hline -2x + 5y = -15 \end{array}$$

$$-2x + 5y = -15$$

$$\boxed{2x + 5y = 15}$$

Point-Slope, $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$
to

Standard, $Ax + By = C$

$y - 3 = -2(x + 4)$

$y - 3 = -2x - 8$

$+3 = \quad +3$

$y = -2x - 5$

$+2x = +2x$

$$\boxed{2x + y = -5}$$

Point-Slope

$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

To graph:

1. Change to slope-intercept form

Point-Slope, $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$
to

Slope-Intercept, $y = mx + b$

$y - 2 = \frac{1}{2}(x - 6)$

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

$+2 = \quad +2$

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

Standard

$Ax + By = C$

To graph:

1. Change to slope-intercept form or make an x,y table of values.

Standard, $Ax + By = C$
to

Slope-Intercept, $y = mx + b$

$4x - 3y = 6$

$-4x \quad = -4x$

$-3y = -4x + 6$

$-3 = \quad -3$

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