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Writing Linear Equations Using Two Points

CHAPTER 5 SECTION 3

Writing an Equation Using Two Points



- Find the slope between the two points using $m = \frac{y_2 y_1}{x_2 x_1}$
- Plug the slope into the equation y=mx+b
- Choose one of the points to plug in for x and y
- o Find b
- o Rewrite the Equation in slope-intercept form

Example:

- Given two points: (1,6) and (3,-4)
- Write a linear equation:

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$
 $m = \frac{-4 - 6}{3 - 1} = \frac{-10}{2} = -5$

$$y = mx + b$$
 $y = -5x + b$ $6 = -5(1) + b$

$$y = -5x + 11$$

$$b = 11$$

Examples:

• 1. (1,6) and (3,4)

$$M = \frac{4-6}{3-1} = \frac{-2}{3} = -1$$

$$6 = -1(1) + b$$

• 2. (6,-2) and (-4,3)

$$M = \frac{3-7\lambda}{-4-6} = \frac{5}{-10} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

Examples.

$$M = \frac{-3-5}{3+71} = \frac{-8}{4} = \frac{-8}{4} = \frac{-1}{4} =$$

$$m = \frac{6-7}{4-3} = \frac{-1}{1} = -\frac{1}{1}$$

Examples:

• 5. (6,5) and (8,15)

$$m = \frac{15-5}{8-6} = \frac{10}{3} = 5$$

$$y = m \times + b$$

$$5 = 5(4) + b$$

$$5 = 30 + b$$

$$30 = 30$$

$$30 = 5x - 25$$

• 6. (3,-4) and (1,7)

$$m = \frac{7 - -4}{1 - 3} = \frac{11}{-3} = -5.5$$

$$y = mx + b$$

$$7 = 5.5(1) + b$$

$$7 = 5.5 + b$$

$$5.5 + 5.5$$

$$13.5 = b$$

$$y = -5.5 \times 10.5$$

Class Work



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$$y = mx+b$$
 (5) $m = 0$
 $y = -\frac{1}{a}(a)+b$ $y = mx+b$
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Closure



- · Write on a piece of Paper
 - o 1. How to find equation of a line when given slope and yintercept
 - o 2. How to find equation of a line given slope and a point
 - o 3. Find equation of a line given two points
 - 4. How to find an equation of a line that is parallel to another

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