3-6 Lines in the Coordinate Plane

Warm Up

Substitute the given values of m, x, and y into the equation y = mx + b and solve for b.

1.
$$m = 2, x = 3, and y = 0$$
 $b = -6$

2.
$$m = -1, x = 5, and y = -4$$
 b = 1

Solve each equation for y.

3.
$$y - 6x = 9$$
 $y = 6x + 9$

4.
$$4x - 2y = 8 \ y = 2x - 4$$

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Write equations of lines in slope-intercept form

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slope-intercept form

y = mx + b

m = slope b = y intercept

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Writing the Equation of a Line with Two Points:

- 1. Use slope formula to find the slope using two points
- 2. Plug the slope and one of the points into slope-intercept form (y = mx + b)
- 3. Solve for b
- 4. Rewrite the equation in y = mx + b form (where m and b are now numbers)



Example 1B: Writing Equations In Lines

Write the equation of each line in the given form.

the line through (-1, 0) and (1, 2) in slopeintercept form

$$m = \frac{2-0}{1-(-1)} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

$$y = mx + b$$

$$0 = 1(-1) + b$$

$$1 = b$$

$$y = x + 1$$

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Find the slope.

Slope-intercept form

Substitute 1 for m, -1 for x, and 0 for y.

Write in slope-intercept form using m = 1 and b = 1.



Check It Out! Example 1b

Write the equation of each line in the given form.

the line through (-3, 2) and (1, 2) in slope intercept form

$$m = \frac{2-2}{1-(-3)} = \frac{0}{4} = 0$$

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

$$y - 2 = 0(x - 1)$$

$$y - 2 = 0$$

Find the slope.

Point-slope form

Substitute 0 for m, 1 for x_1 , and 2 for y_1 .

Simplify.



Example 1A: Writing Equations In Lines

Write the equation of each line in the given form.

the line with slope 6 through (3, -4) in slope

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