

1.4 Rate of Change & Linear Equations

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Slope formula: $\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$

Ex 1: Find the slope of a line that contains points P(-7, 2) and Q(-3, -1)

$$\frac{-1 - 2}{-3 - (-7)} = \frac{-3}{4}$$

Slope $-\frac{3}{4}$

Try a) (-3, -2) and (-1, 2)

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

Slope 2

b) (-4, 6) and (-4, -2)

$$\frac{-2 - 6}{-4 - (-4)} = \frac{-8}{0}$$

undefined

Slope-intercept form

$$y = mx + b$$

slope \uparrow \uparrow y-int

Ex 2: Write an equation in slope-intercept form for a line that has a slope of $\frac{4}{3}$ and passes through (6, -5)

$$-5 = \frac{4}{3}(6) + b$$

$$-5 = 8 + b$$

$$-8 - 8$$

$$-13 = b$$

$$y = \frac{4}{3}x - 13$$

Try... slope of $-\frac{1}{2}$ point (-6, 7)

$$7 = -\frac{1}{2}(-6) + b$$

$$7 = 3 + b$$

$$-3 - 3$$

$$4 = b$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 4$$

Point-Slope form $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$
 (x_1, y_1) coordinate point
slope

Ex 3: It takes 16 minutes to swim 4 laps, and 28 minutes to swim 7 laps. Write an equation in point-slope form.

$(16, 4)$ $(28, 7)$

$$m = \frac{7-4}{28-16} = \frac{3}{12} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$y - 4 = \frac{1}{4}(x - 16)$$

OR

$$y - 7 = \frac{1}{4}(x - 28)$$

Try... write an equation in point-slope form for a line that passes through $(-5, 9)$ and $(8, -1)$

$$m = \frac{-1-9}{8-(-5)} = \frac{-10}{13}$$

$$y - 9 = \frac{-10}{13}(x + 5)$$

OR

$$y + 1 = \frac{-10}{13}(x - 8)$$

HW: Pg 27 #5-31 odd