



Introduction

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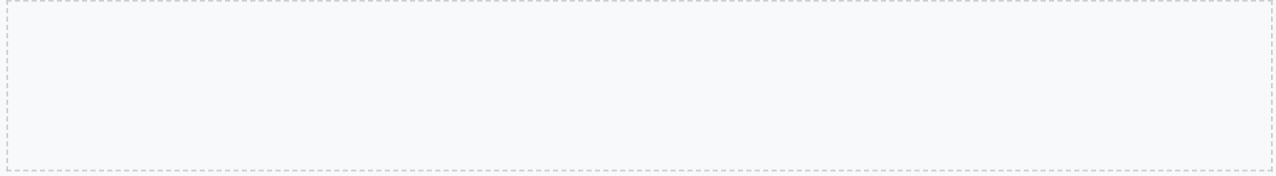
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Graph the following linear equations on a coordinate plane:

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Solving Problems Using Slope-Intercept Form

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For example, the equation $y = 2x + 3$ can be used to solve the problem of finding the equation of a line that passes through the points (2, 5) and (4, 7). By using the slope-intercept form, we can find the equation of the line to be $y = 2x + 1$.

Exercise 3: Solving Problems

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1. Find the equation of the line that passes through the points (2, 3) and (4, 5).
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Real-World Applications

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Exercise 4: Real-World Applications

Use the slope-intercept form to solve the following real-world problems:

1. A company's profit is modeled by the equation $P = 200x + 1000$, where x is the number of units sold. What is the profit when 50 units are sold?
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Review

Review the key concepts and formulas learned in this worksheet.

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Exercise 5: Review

Identify the slope and y-intercept of the following linear equations:

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3. $y = 4x - 1$

Challenge

Solve the following challenging problems using the slope-intercept form:

1. Find the equation of the line that passes through the points (1, 2) and (3, 4).
2. Graph the linear equation $y = 3x - 2$ and identify the x-intercept and y-intercept.
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Critical Thinking

Use critical thinking to solve the following problems:

1. A linear equation is given in the form $y = mx + b$. What is the slope and y-intercept of the equation?
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Reflection

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Conclusion

Congratulations on completing this worksheet on understanding the slope-intercept form of a linear equation $y = mx + b$. You have learned how to identify and write linear equations in slope-intercept form, graph linear equations, and solve problems using the slope-intercept form.

Remember to practice and review the concepts learned in this worksheet to reinforce your understanding of the slope-intercept form. With practice and review, you will become proficient in using the slope-intercept form to solve a wide range of problems and make informed decisions in your personal and professional life.

Advanced Concepts

In this section, we will explore advanced concepts related to the slope-intercept form of a linear equation. We will discuss how to find the equation of a line given two points, how to graph linear equations, and how to solve systems of linear equations. These concepts are crucial in mathematics and are used to model a wide range of real-world phenomena.

Case Study: Finding the Equation of a Line Given Two Points

Suppose we are given two points (2, 3) and (4, 5) and we want to find the equation of the line that passes through these points. We can use the slope-intercept form to find the equation of the line. First, we need to find the slope of the line using the formula $m = (y_2 - y_1) / (x_2 - x_1)$, where (x1, y1) and (x2, y2) are the coordinates of the two points. Plugging in the values, we get $m = (5 - 3) / (4 - 2) = 2 / 2 = 1$. Now that we have the slope, we can use the point-slope form of a linear equation, $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$, to find the equation of the line. Using the point (2, 3), we get $y - 3 = 1(x - 2)$, which simplifies to $y = x + 1$. Therefore, the equation of the line that passes through the points (2, 3) and (4, 5) is $y = x + 1$.

Graphing Linear Equations

Graphing linear equations is an essential skill in mathematics. To graph a linear equation, we need to find the x-intercept and the y-intercept of the line. The x-intercept is the point at which the line crosses the x-axis, and the y-intercept is the point at which the line crosses the y-axis. We can find the x-intercept by setting $y = 0$ and solving for x , and we can find the y-intercept by setting $x = 0$ and solving for y . Once we have the x-intercept and the y-intercept, we can plot these points on a coordinate plane and draw a line through them to graph the linear equation.

Example: Graphing a Linear Equation

Suppose we want to graph the linear equation $y = 2x + 3$. To find the x-intercept, we set $y = 0$ and solve for x : $0 = 2x + 3$, $2x = -3$, $x = -3/2$. To find the y-intercept, we set $x = 0$ and solve for y : $y = 2(0) + 3$, $y = 3$. Therefore, the x-intercept is $(-3/2, 0)$ and the y-intercept is $(0, 3)$. We can plot these points on a coordinate plane and draw a line through them to graph the linear equation.

Solving Systems of Linear Equations

Solving systems of linear equations is a crucial skill in mathematics. A system of linear equations is a set of two or more linear equations that have the same variables. To solve a system of linear equations, we can use the substitution method or the elimination method. The substitution method involves solving one of the equations for one of the variables and then substituting this expression into the other equation. The elimination method involves adding or subtracting the equations to eliminate one of the variables.

Case Study: Solving a System of Linear Equations

Suppose we want to solve the system of linear equations $y = 2x + 3$ and $y = -x - 2$. We can use the substitution method to solve this system. First, we solve the first equation for y : $y = 2x + 3$. Then, we substitute this expression into the second equation: $2x + 3 = -x - 2$. Now, we can solve for x : $2x + x = -2 - 3$, $3x = -5$, $x = -5/3$. Now that we have the value of x , we can substitute it into one of the original equations to find the value of y . Using the first equation, we get $y = 2(-5/3) + 3$, $y = -10/3 + 3$, $y = -10/3 + 9/3$, $y = -1/3$. Therefore, the solution to the system is $x = -5/3$ and $y = -1/3$.

Real-World Applications

The slope-intercept form of a linear equation has numerous real-world applications. It is used to model population growth, design roller coasters, and model financial transactions. It is also used in physics to model the motion of objects, in engineering to design bridges and buildings, and in economics to model the behavior of markets.

Example: Real-World Application

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Suppose a company's profit is modeled by the equation $P = 200x + 1000$, where x is the number of units sold. This equation is in slope-intercept form, where the slope is 200 and the y-intercept is 1000. The slope represents the rate of change of the profit with respect to the number of units sold, and the y-intercept represents the initial profit when no units are sold. By using this equation, the company can predict its profit based on the number of units sold and make informed decisions about production and pricing.

Review and Practice

In this section, we will review the key concepts learned in this chapter and provide practice problems for you to reinforce your understanding. We will review the slope-intercept form of a linear equation, graphing linear equations, and solving systems of linear equations. We will also provide practice problems for you to apply these concepts to real-world scenarios.

Practice Problems

- Find the equation of the line that passes through the points (2, 3) and (4, 5).
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Conclusion

In conclusion, the slope-intercept form of a linear equation is a powerful tool for modeling real-world phenomena. It is used to graph linear equations, solve systems of linear equations, and make informed decisions in a wide range of fields. By understanding the slope-intercept form, you can apply mathematical concepts to real-world scenarios and make a positive impact in your community.

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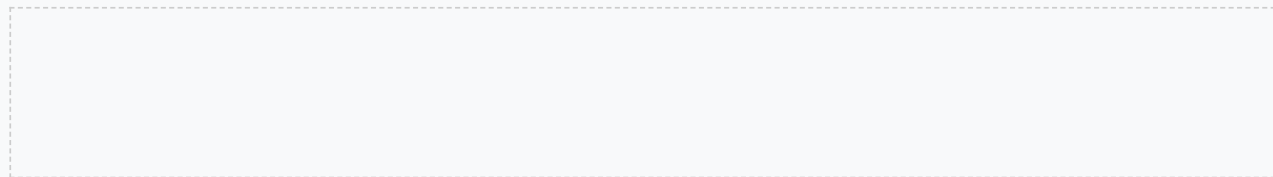
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