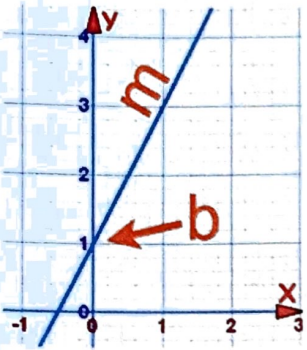


Slope Intercept Equation & Graphing

A **linear equation** is an equation for a straight line. There are many ways of writing a linear equation, but this year we will focus on the **slope-intercept method**:



the # in front of x

slope

$$y = mx + b$$

y-intercept

the # attached with the sign

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

Move

Begin

b y-intercept (x, y)

(where the line crosses the y-axis)

If given a linear equation in slope intercept form, then one could find the slope (m) and y-intercept (b).

Example #1: State the slope and y-intercept of the following equations:

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

m = $\frac{2}{3}$

b = $(0, -4)$

b: $y = \frac{-1}{6}x + 5$

m = $-\frac{1}{6}$

b = $(0, 5)$

c: $y = \frac{1}{3}x - 1$

m = $\frac{1}{3}$

b = $(0, -1)$

d: $y = 2x$

m = $\frac{2}{1}$

b = $(0, 0)$

Working Backwards (Gnikrow) ;)

If given the slope (m) and y-intercept (b), then one can write a linear equation in slope intercept form.

Example #2: Write a linear equation that satisfies the following requirements:

a: slope = $\frac{1}{2}$; y-intercept = -3
m = $\frac{1}{2}$, b = -3

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

b: slope = 5; y-intercept = 11
m = 5, b = 11

$$y = 5x + 11$$

c: m = $-\frac{2}{3}$; b = 0

$$y = -\frac{2}{3}x + 0$$

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

d: horizontal line that crosses y-axis at 5
m = 0, b = 5

$$y = 0x + 5$$

$$y = 5$$

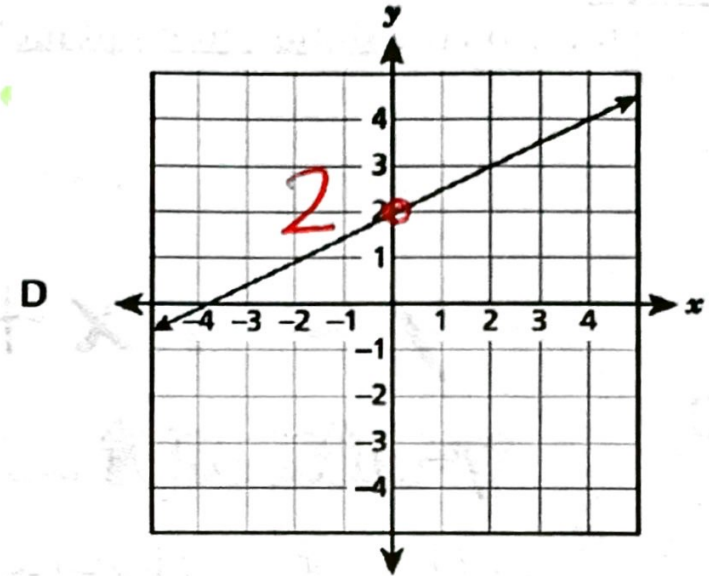
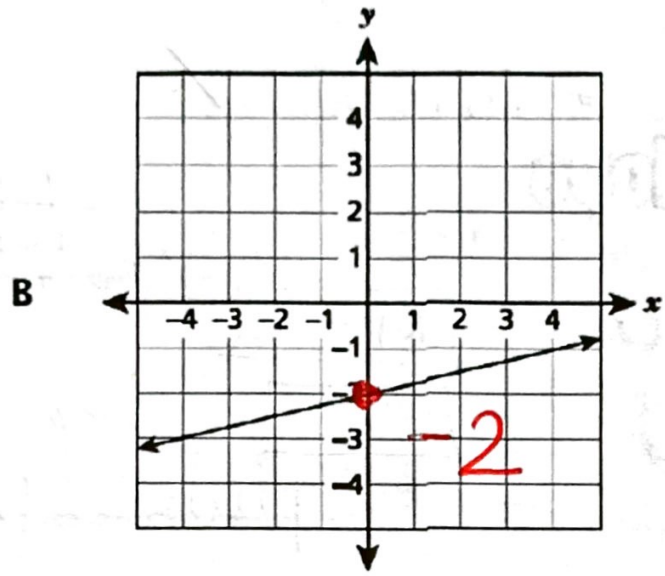
Example #3:

Which function of x has the least value for the y-intercept?

b value

A $y = -4x + 15$

C $y = 2x - 3$



➤ Instead of using the table, you can use the slope-intercept form of an equation to graph the function.

Example #4: Graph:

$$y = 3x + 1$$

more!

$$m = \frac{3}{1}$$

always write as fraction

$$b = (0, 1) \text{ begin!}$$

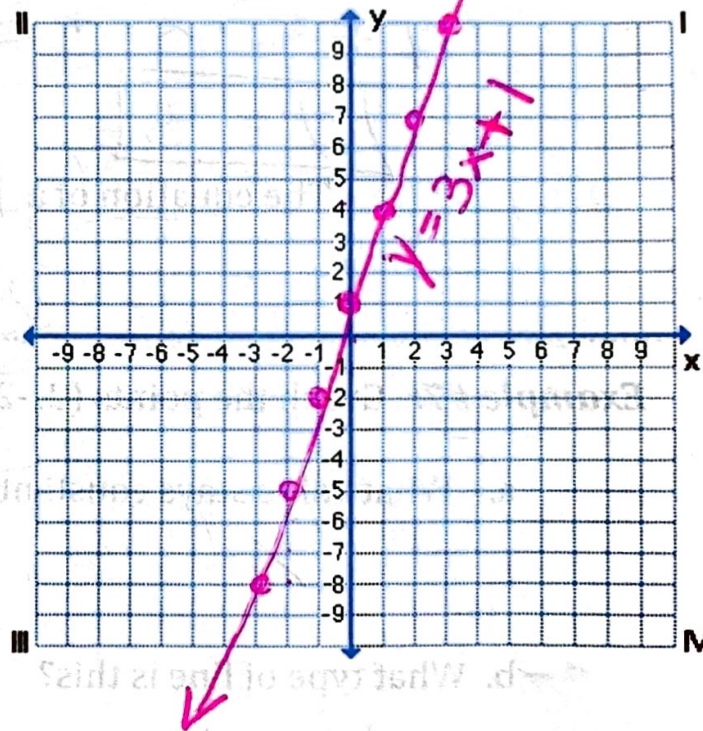
Solution: $(1, 4)$

rise over run

Any point on the line

In which quadrant will the line never enter?

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Example #5: Graph:

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

$$m = \frac{-1}{2}$$

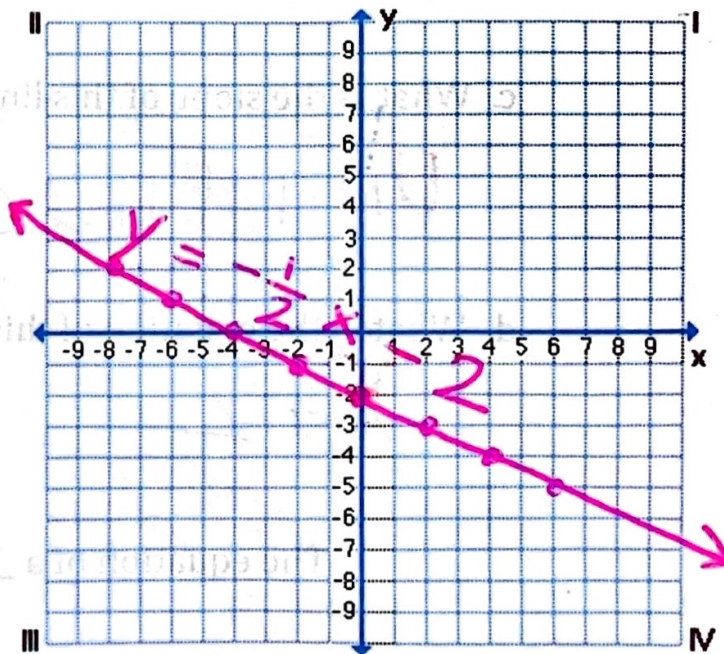
down 1 right 2

$$b = (0, -2)$$

Solution: $(0, -4)$

In which quadrant will the line never enter?

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Horizontal vs. Vertical Lines

Example #6: Graph the points $(-1, 3)$ $(0, 3)$ $(1, 3)$ $(2, 3)$ and connect them.

a. What value stays constant? What is its value?

y 3

b. What type of line is this?

horizontal

c. What is the slope of this line?

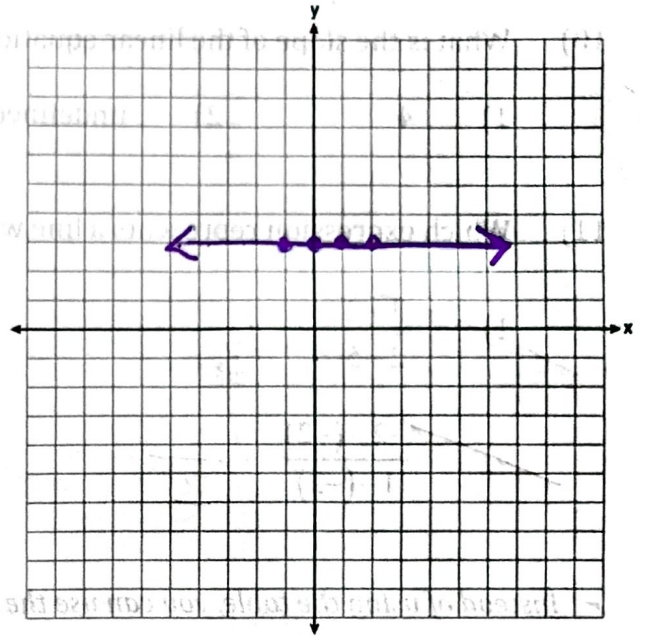
$m = 0$

d. What is the equation of this line? $b = 3$

$y = 0x + 3$

$y = 3$

The equation of a horiz line is always in the form $y = \#$.



Example #7: Graph the points $(2, -2)$ $(2, -1)$ $(2, 0)$ $(2, 1)$ and connect them.

a. What value stays constant? What is its value?

x 2

b. What type of line is this?

Vertical

c. What is the slope of this line?

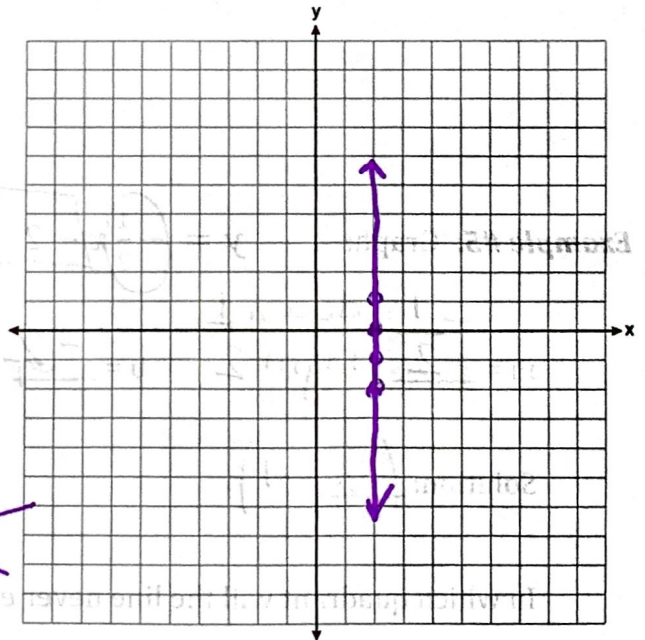
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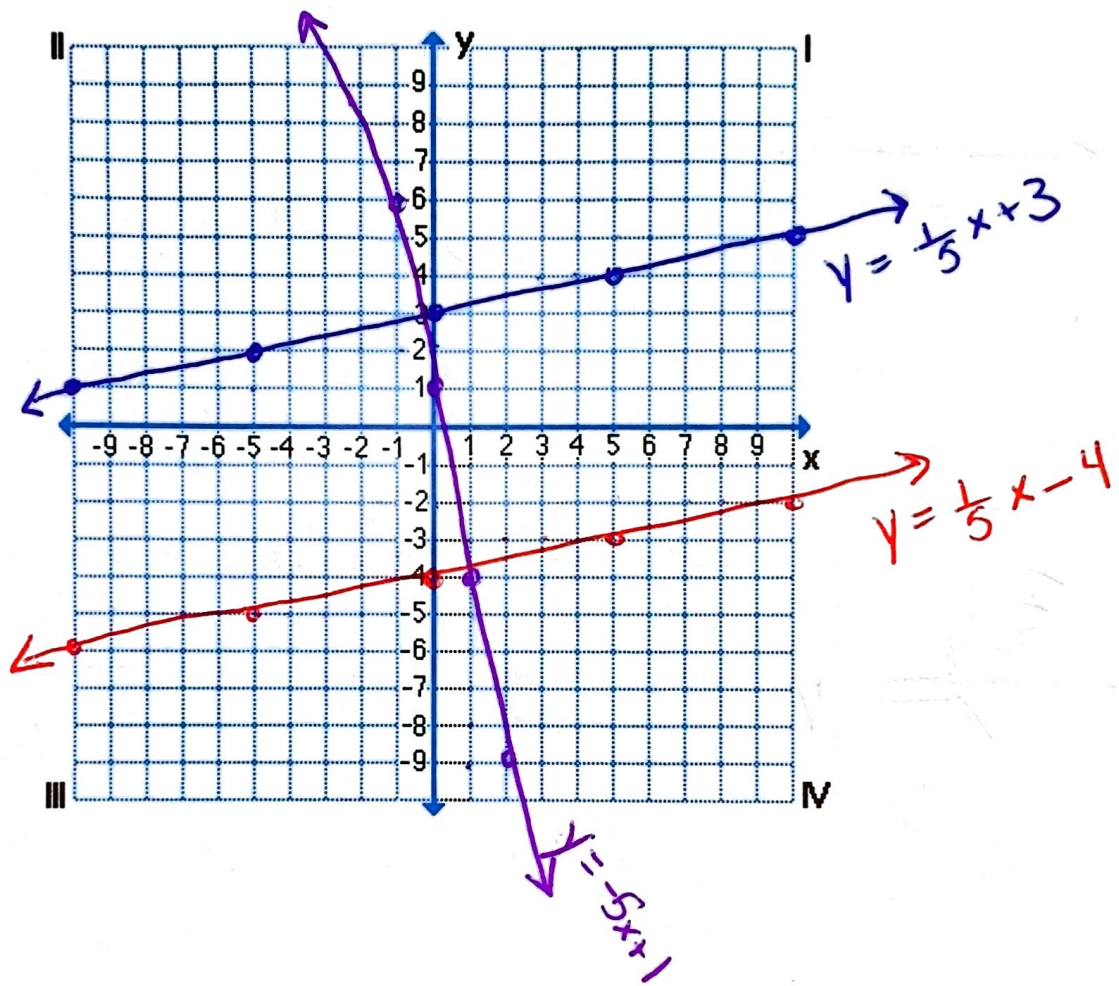
d. What is the equation of this line?

$x = 2$

~~$y = mx + b$~~

The equation of a vertical line is always in the form $x = \#$.





Do you notice anything about the lines and their slopes?

→ Parallel lines have the

same slope

$$y = \frac{1}{5}x - 4$$

$$y = \frac{1}{5}x + 3$$

→ Perpendicular lines have

negative reciprocal slopes

$$y = \frac{5}{1}x + 1$$

$$y = \frac{1}{5}x + 3$$

forms 90 angle