

## Section 2.2a – Linear Equations

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### Linear Equations

- A linear equation in Standard Form is an equation of the form  $Ax + By = C$ , where  $A, B$ , and  $C$  are constants and  $x$  and  $y$  are variables. All linear equations are functions except a vertical line.
- Another form is Slope-Intercept Form  $y = mx + b$ , where  $m$  is the slope and  $b$  is the y-intercept

### Solutions to a Line

- Next is **figuring out if a point is on a line**. That is the same as saying: Is the **following point a solution** to the **equation of the line**.
  - ✓ If the **point is a solution**, then when you plug the  $(x, y)$  into the given equation, it will **stay equal**, and the **point is on the line**
  - ✓ If the **point is not a solution**, then when you plug the  $(x, y)$  into the given equation, it will **not stay equal**, and the **point is not** on the line

**Example 1:** Does the line  $y = 2x + 5$  go through the point  $(1, 8)$ ?

#### Solution 1:

- Since  $x$  is **1**, we **plug 1 in for  $x$**  and since  $y$  is **8**, we **plug 8 in for  $y$** .
- Work through the equation and see if it stays equal.
- If **it does**, it's **a solution** (A point on the line)
- If **it doesn't**, it's **not a solution** (Not a point on the line)

$$y = 2x + 5$$

$$8 = 2(1) + 5$$

$$8 = 2 + 5$$

$$8 = 7$$

- 8 DOES NOT EQUAL 7

So that means that  $(1, 8)$  is **NOT a solution** to  $y = 2x + 5$

In other words, the point at  $(1, 8)$  is **not on the line** with the equation  $y = 2x + 5$

**Example 2:**

- Does the line  $y = -\frac{2}{5}x + 6$  go through the point (10, 2)?

**Solution 2:**

Plug 2 in for y

Plug 10 in for x

$$y = -\frac{2}{5}(10) + 6 \quad \rightarrow \quad 2 = -\frac{2}{5}(10) + 6$$

$$2 = -\frac{20}{5} + 6 \quad \rightarrow \quad 2 = -4 + 6 \quad \rightarrow \quad 2 = 2$$

(10, 2) is a solution to the equation  $y = -\frac{2}{5}x + 6$

**Graphing Linear Equations in Slope-Intercept Form:**  $y = mx + b$

- Identify the  $y$  – *intercept*, plot that point.
- Identify the Slope in the given equation and trace it to your next point, plot that
- Repeat step #2
- Connect the points to create your line.

$m = \text{Slope} = \frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{Run}} \quad b = \text{y-intercept}$

**OR**

- Select three values of  $x$  that are multiples of the denominator of the slope.
- Solve for  $y$  in each case.
- Plot three points from steps 1 and 2. Draw a straight line through the points

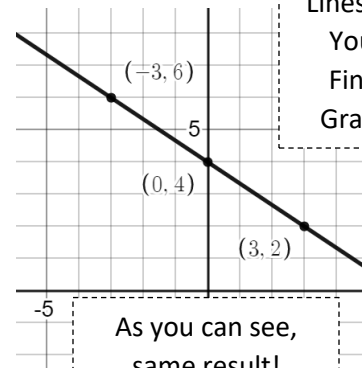
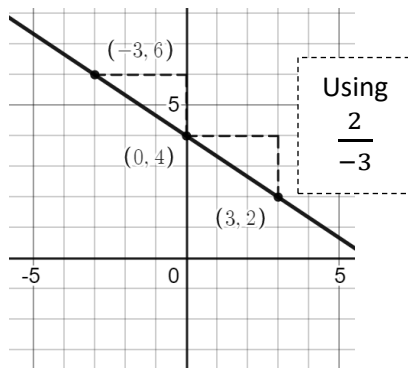
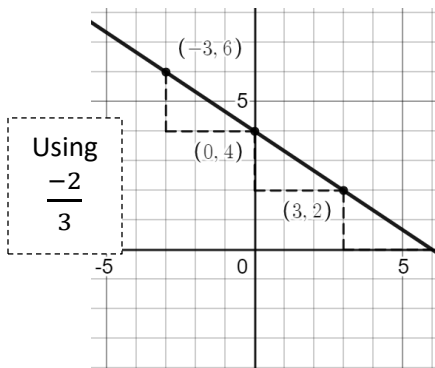
This step is more cumbersome given the Slope-Intercept Equation

**Example 3:** Graph  $y = -\frac{2}{3}x + 4$  (Slope is the constant in front of the  $x$ )

**Solution 3:** This is why we love Slope-Intercept Form: Identify the  $y$ -intercept: + 4

Plot it.

Draw your slope using  $\frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$ : Either  $\frac{-2}{3}$  or  $\frac{2}{-3}$  You'll end up with the same results!



As you can see, same result!

**Graphing Linear Equations in Standard Form:  $Ax + By = C$**

1. To find the  $y$  – **intercept** (where the line crosses the  $y$  – *axis*), set  $x = 0$  and solve for  $y$ .  
To find the  $x$  – **intercept** (where the line crosses the  $x$ -axis), set  $y = 0$  and solve for  $x$ .
2. To get a third point, pick another value for  $x$ , and solve for  $y$ .
3. Plot the three points from steps 1 and 2 and draw a straight line through the points.

**Example 4:** Graph  $3x + 2y = 6$

**Solution 4:** Three points picked: Solve for three missing values

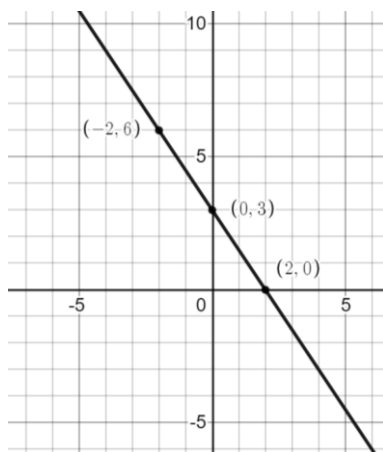
$x$	$y$
0	
	0
-2	

$3x + 2y = 6$	$3x + 2y = 6$	$3x + 2y = 6$
$3(0) + 2y = 6$	$3x + 2(0) = 6$	$3(-2) + 2y = 6$
$y = 3$	$x = 2$	$y = 6$

Therefore, the ordered pairs are:

$x$	$y$
0	3
2	0
-2	6

Plot these three points:  $(0, 3)$ ,  $(2, 0)$ ,  $(-2, 6)$ , and draw a straight line through the three points. **Extend the line in both directions.**



<b>Summary of Ordered Pair <math>(x, y)</math></b>	
$x$	$y$
Domain	Range
Input	Output
Independent Variable	Dependent Variable

**Example 5:** Graph the following function:  $3x - 4y = 6$

**Solution 5:**

- In this scenario we can use both of our equation to ensure we do not have to estimate points
- First let's see what the  $x$ -intercept and  $y$ -intercept are using our Standard Form Table of Values

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

For the  $y$ -intercept

$$\begin{aligned}
 3x - 4y &= 6 \\
 3(0) - 4y &= 6 \\
 -4y &= 6 \\
 y &= -\frac{6}{4} \\
 y &= -\frac{3}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

For the  $x$ -intercept

$$\begin{aligned}
 3x - 4y &= 6 \\
 3x - 4(0) &= 6 \\
 3x &= 6 \\
 x &= 2
 \end{aligned}$$

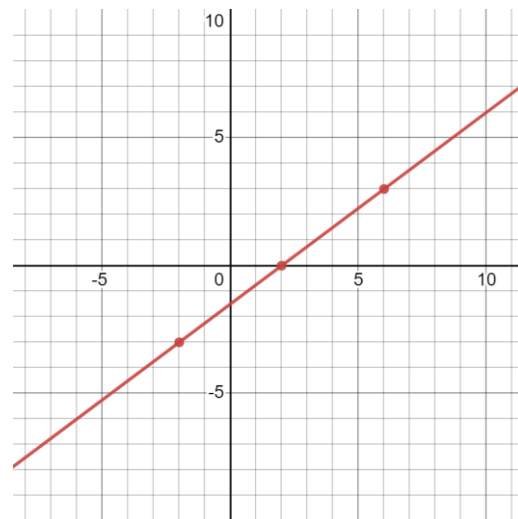
- As we can see, the  $x$ -intercept is an exact whole number, but the  $y$ -intercept would be an estimation
- Let's use our algebra to manipulate the equation from Standard Form to Slope-Intercept Form
- This way we will have an exact point and the we can simply map the slope from there.

Algebra produces a Slope of:  $\frac{3}{4}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 3x - 4y &= 6 \\
 -4y &= -3x + 6 \\
 y &= \frac{3}{4}x - \frac{6}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now we have:  
 $x$ -intercept:  $(2, 0)$   
 slope:  $\frac{3}{4}$

Using a combination of equations helps us find 'perfect' points and then using the slope to map the line.



**Section 2.2a – Practice Questions****EMERGING LEVEL QUESTIONS**

Determine whether the given ordered pair is a solution to the equation (a point on the line).

1.  $(2, 3); 3x - 5y = -9$

2.  $(0, 4); y = -\frac{1}{3}x + 4$

3.  $(1, -1); 3y = 5 - 2x$

4.  $(6, 8); \frac{1}{3}x - \frac{1}{4}y = 4$

5.  $(4, 2); x = 4$

6.  $(-1, 3); y = -1$

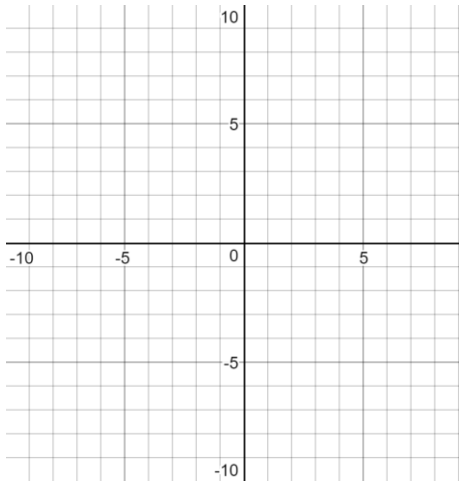
7.  $(4, -3); 0.05x - 1.2y = 3.8$

8.  $(\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{3}{4}); 60x - 36y = 13$

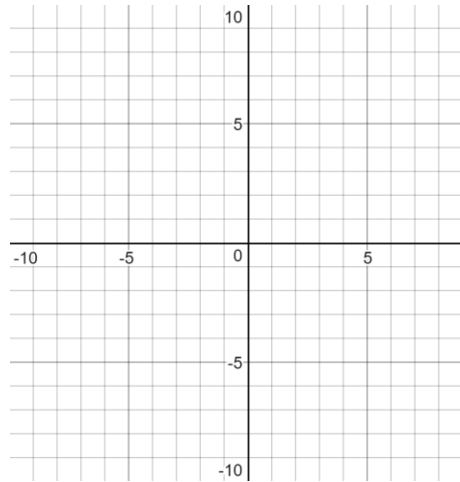
**PROFICIENT LEVEL QUESTIONS**

Graph the following Linear Equations

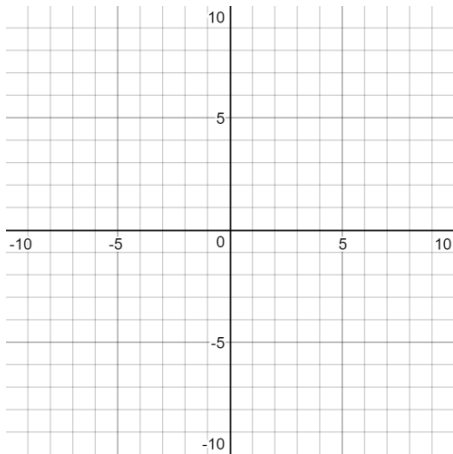
9.  $2x + 3y = 6$



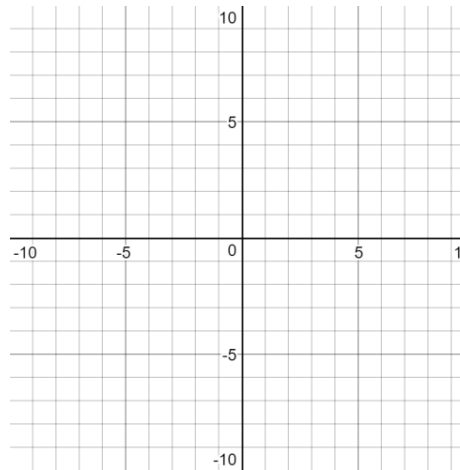
10.  $2x + y = -4$



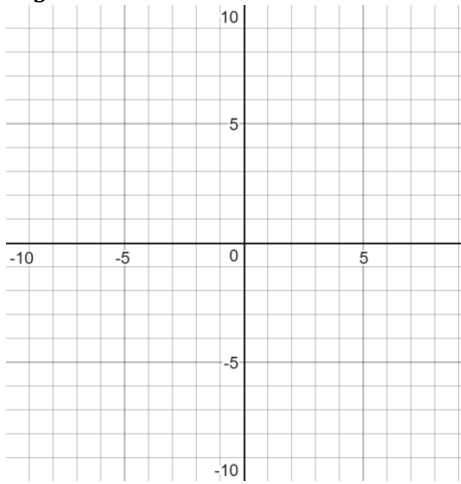
11.  $2x - \frac{1}{2}y = 2$



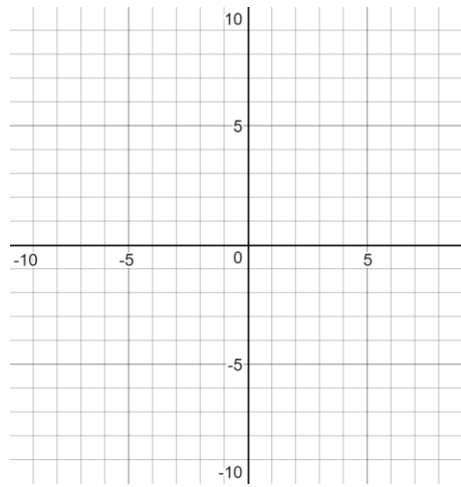
12.  $3x + 2y = 5$



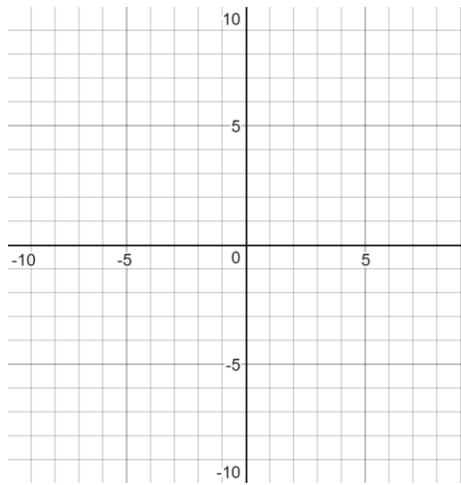
13.  $\frac{2}{3}x - 0.4y = 2$



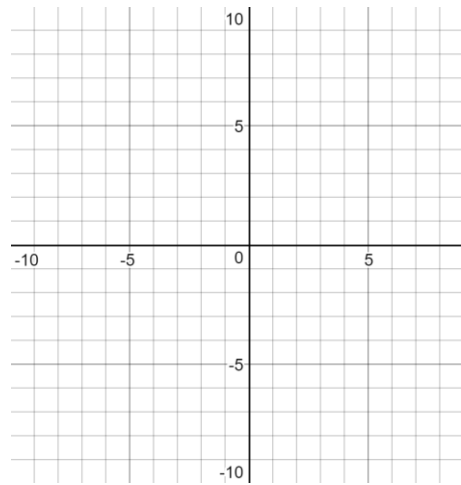
14.  $y = -2x - 1$



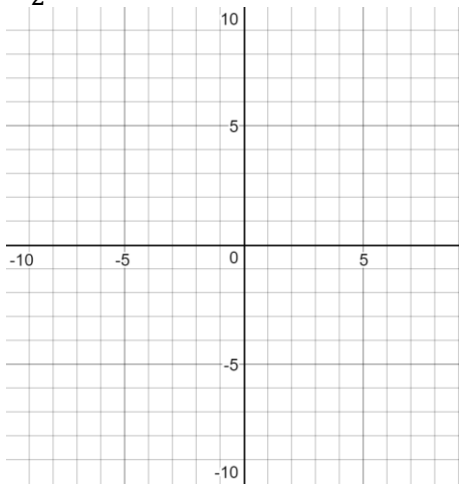
15.  $y = -\frac{3}{4}x + 1$



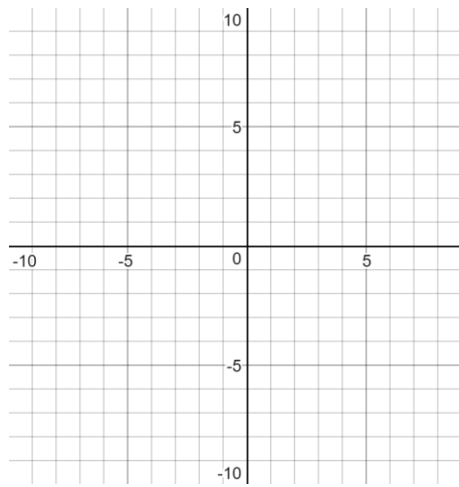
16.  $y = \frac{2}{3}x - 2$



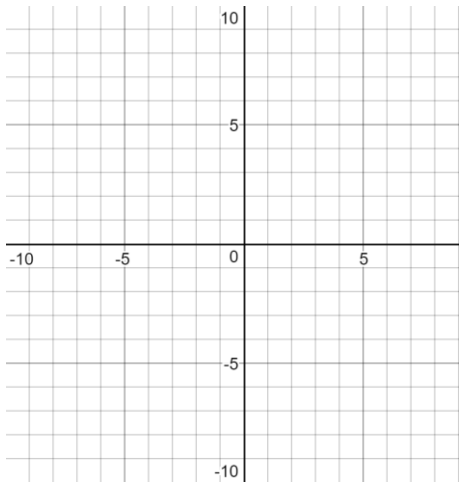
17.  $\frac{1}{2}x + 0.6y = 3$



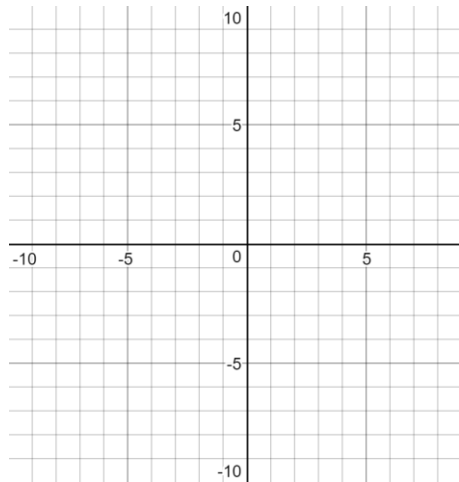
18.  $-0.4x + \frac{1}{3}y = 1$



19.  $x = 3$



20.  $y = -2$





**Section 2.2a Answer Key available on the Website**

**Extra Work Space**