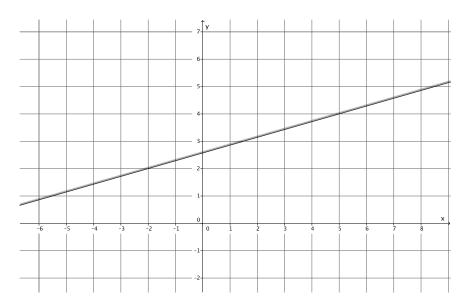
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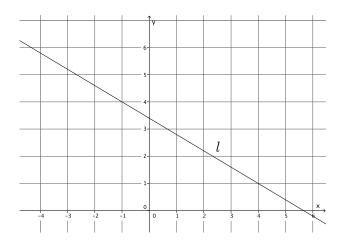
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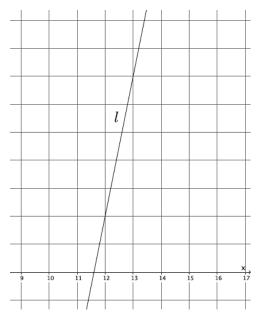


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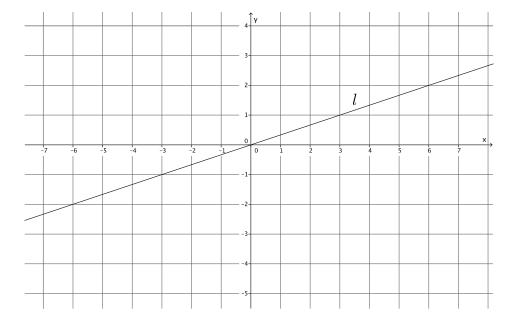
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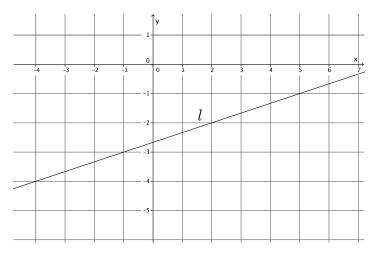


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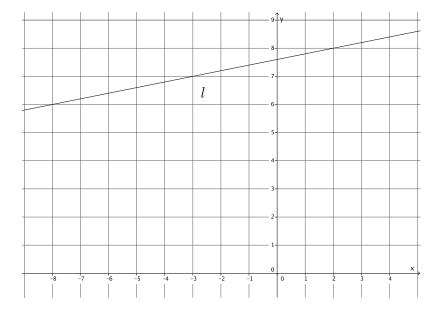


Exercises

1. Write the equation for the line l shown in the figure.



2. Write the equation for the line $\it l$ shown in the figure.

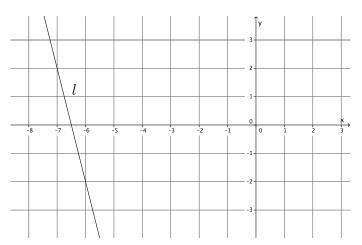


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Determine the equation of the line that goes through points (-4,5) and (2,3).

4. Write the equation for the line $\it l$ shown in the figure.



5. A line goes through the point (8,3) and has slope m=4. Write the equation that represents the line.

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Lesson Summary

Let (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) be the coordinates of two distinct points on a line l. We find the slope of the line by

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}.$$

This version of the slope formula, using coordinates of x and y instead of p and r, is a commonly accepted version.

As soon as you multiply the slope by the denominator of the fraction above, you get the following equation:

$$m(x_2 - x_1) = y_2 - y_1$$
.

This form of an equation is referred to as the point-slope form of a linear equation.

Given a known (x, y), then the equation is written as

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

The following is slope-intercept form of a line:

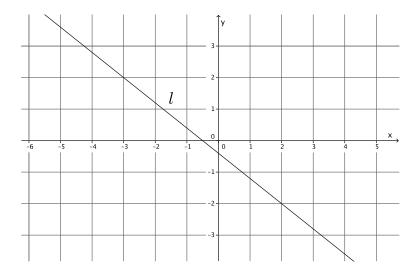
$$v = mx + b$$
.

In this equation, m is slope and (0, b) is the y-intercept.

To write the equation of a line you must have two points, one point and slope, or a graph of the line.

Problem Set

1. Write the equation for the line *l* shown in the figure.



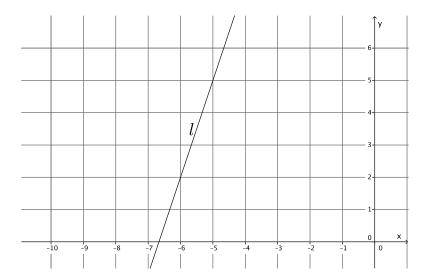


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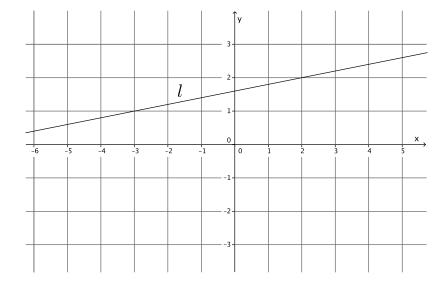
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Write the equation for the line $\it l$ shown in the figure.



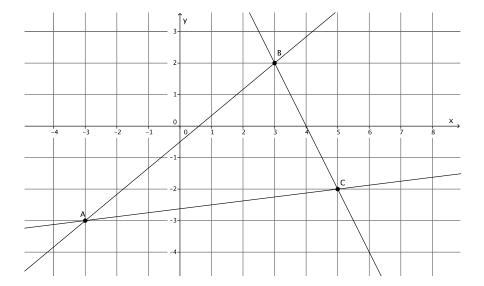
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4. Triangle ABC is made up of line segments formed from the intersection of lines L_{AB} , L_{BC} , and L_{AC} . Write the equations that represent the lines that make up the triangle.



- 5. Write the equation for the line that goes through point (-10, 8) with slope m = 6.
- 6. Write the equation for the line that goes through point (12, 15) with slope m = -2.
- 7. Write the equation for the line that goes through point (1, 1) with slope m = -9.
- 8. Determine the equation of the line that goes through points (1, 1) and (3, 7).

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