

4.5 notes

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4.5 General Form of the Equation for a Linear Function

Notice: no 'm' or 'b' so doesn't give us slope or y-intercept.

General Form of the Equation of a Linear Relation
 $Ax + By + C = 0$
 is the general form of the equation of a line, where A is a whole number, and B and C are integers.

must be positive.

can be positive or negative.

Ex. 1: Write each equation in general form. $\rightarrow Ax + By + C = 0$

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

Aside
 $3(-\frac{2}{3})$
 $= -\frac{6}{3}$
 $= -2$

$$3(y = -\frac{2}{3}x + 4)$$

$$3y = -2x + 12$$

$$+2x \quad +2x$$

$$2x + 3y = 12$$

$$2x + 3y - 12 = 0$$

- ① get rid of fractions: multiply by LCD (least common denominator)
- ② bring all terms to one side so:
 - $\rightarrow A$ is positive
 - \rightarrow set equal to zero
 - \rightarrow in order: $Ax + By + C = 0$

General form:
 $\rightarrow A$ is positive ✓
 \rightarrow no fractions ✓
 \rightarrow right order and $= 0$ ✓

also must get rid of fractions here first!

b) $y - 1 = \frac{3}{5}(x + 2)$

Aside
 $5(\frac{3}{5})$
 $= \frac{15}{5}$
 $= 3$
 $5(\frac{6}{5})$
 $= \frac{30}{5}$
 $= 6$

$$5(y - 1 = \frac{3}{5}x + \frac{6}{5})$$

$$5y - 5 = 3x + 6$$

$$+5 \quad +5$$

$$5y = 3x + 11$$

$$-5y \quad -5y$$

$$0 = 3x - 5y + 11 \quad \text{or} \quad 3x - 5y + 11 = 0$$

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Ex. 2: Graph the line whose equation is $3x + 2y - 18 = 0$ by finding the x- and y-intercepts of the line.

Determine the x-intercept: **let $y = 0$**

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x + 2(0) - 18 = 0 \\ 3x \quad -18 = 0 \\ \hline \quad \quad +18 \quad +18 \end{array}$$

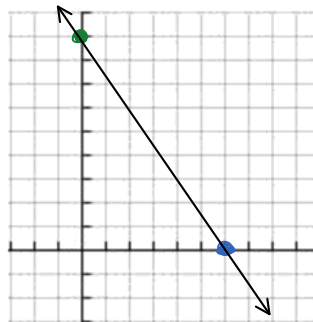
$$\begin{array}{r} 3x = 18 \\ \hline x = 6 \end{array}$$

Determine the y-intercept: **let $x = 0$**

$$\begin{array}{r} 3(0) + 2y - 18 = 0 \\ \quad \quad +18 \quad +18 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2y = 18 \\ \hline y = 9 \end{array}$$

$$y = 9$$



$$3x + 2y - 18 = 0$$

Ex. 3: Determine the slope of a line with the equation: $3x - 2y - 16 = 0$

→ Get into $y = mx + b$ so isolate y .

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x - 2y - 16 = 0 \\ \quad \quad +2y \quad \quad +2y \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x \quad -16 = 2y \\ \hline \frac{3x}{2} \quad -\frac{16}{2} = \frac{2y}{2} \end{array}$$

$$\frac{3}{2}x - 8 = y$$

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

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