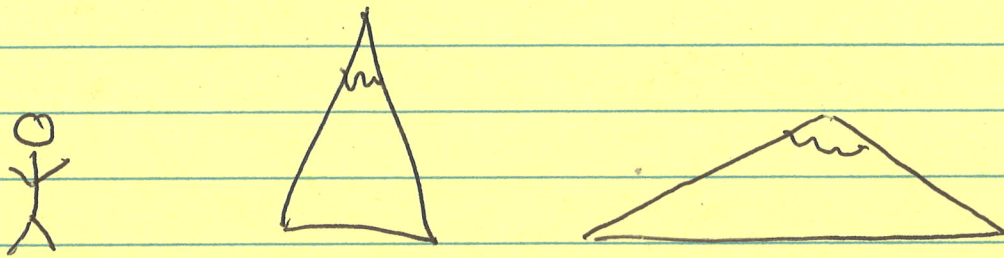


Lecture 09/10/23 The Slope of a Line



Slope measures steepness of lines! How do we calculate it?

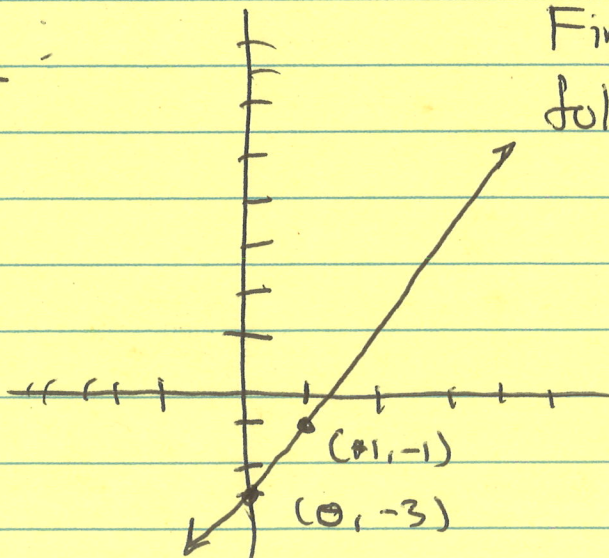
① Take any two points on your line (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) .

② $m = \text{slope} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$.

Ex: Find the slope of the line passing through $(11, 6)$ and $(-2, 3)$

$$m = \frac{6 - 3}{11 - (-2)} = \boxed{\frac{3}{13}}$$

Ex:

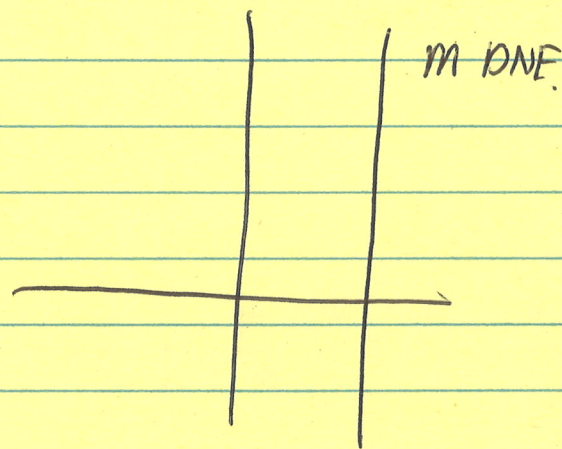
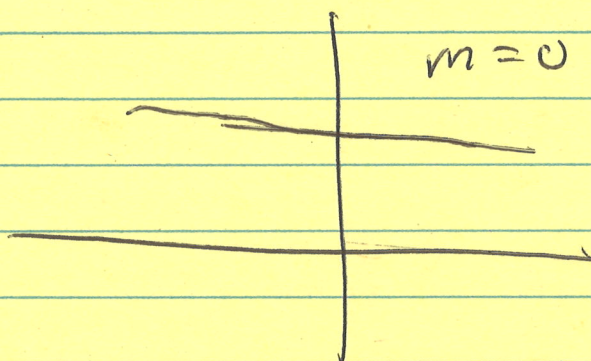
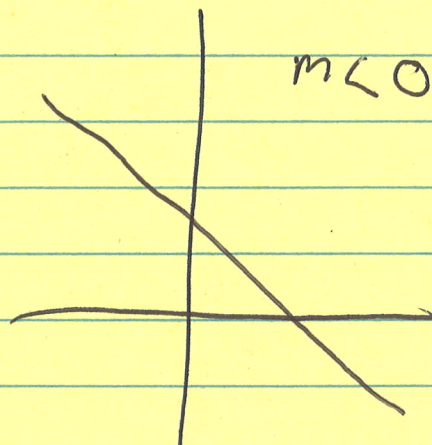
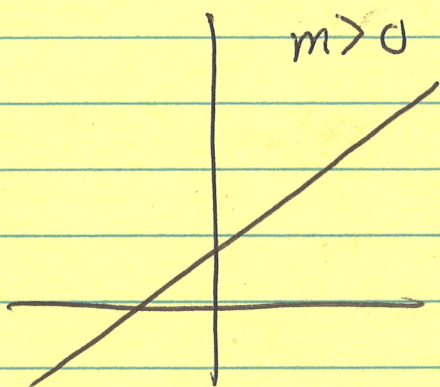


Find the slope of the following line.

① identify two points

$$\frac{-3 - (-1)}{0 - 1} = 2$$

Positive vs. Neg slope



Ex: Find two points that satisfy the linear equation below. Then ~~graph the equation~~. Find the slope of the line.

$$4x + 5y = 18$$

① Set $x = 0$, solve for y .
 $(0, \frac{18}{5})$ is a point

$$5y = \frac{18}{1} \quad , \text{so}$$

② Set $y = 0$ solve for x
 $(\frac{18}{4}, 0)$ is a point

$$x = \frac{18}{4} \quad , \text{so}$$

$$m = \frac{\frac{18}{4} - 0}{0 - \frac{18}{5}} = \boxed{\frac{15}{16}}$$

Ex Graph the line with slope $-\frac{1}{2}$ that goes through $(2, -3)$

