

Working with the Slope Formula:

The slope, m , of a line AB, where A has coordinates (x_1, y_1) and B has coordinates (x_2, y_2) , and x does not = 0, is the ratio of the difference of the y -values to the difference of the corresponding x -values.

Slope: $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$ or $\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$

There are four types of slope you can have:

1) Positive Slope – as a point moves from left to right along a line that is rising, y increases as x increases.

Example:

2) Negative Slope – as a point moves from left to right along a line that is falling, y decreases as x increases.

Example:

3) Zero Slope – a line parallel to the x -axis (horizontal line)

Example:

4) No Slope – a line parallel to the y -axis (vertical line)

Example:

*** Parallel lines have the same slope.

*** Perpendicular lines have slopes that are negative reciprocals of each other.

Examples:

1) Given line AB where A(2,2) and B(4,5). Find the slope of the line.

2) Find the value of k so that that the slope of the line passing through the points (2,3) and (k,4) will be $1/3$

3) Find the slope of the line that passes through the points $C(-2,1)$ and $D(0,4)$.

4) Line CD passes through the points $(-4,-2)$ and $(8,7)$. A) Find the slope. B) Does line CD pass through the point $(11,11)$?

5) Find the slope of the line that passes through $A(4,-2)$ and $B(1,5)$.

6) Using $A(-2,1)$ and $B(1,2)$. State how CD is related to AB given $C(-1,3)$ and $D(0,0)$. Prove & explain.

7) Given $A(-2,1)$ and $B(1,2)$, how is line CD related to line AB when $C(2,1)$ and $D(5,2)$. Prove & explain.

8) The vertices of a triangle are $(-3,-1)$, $(-3,5)$, and $(6,-1)$. Find the slope of each side of the triangle. What kind of triangle do you have?

Find the slope of the given points:

1) $O(3,7)$ & $P(9,3)$

2) $Q(-1,-7)$ & $R(6,4)$

3) V(-3,-6) & U(-3,-9)

4) T(-2,-9) & S(-9,3)

5) W(2,-1) & X(-5,-1)

6) Y(13,14) & Z(14,15)

7) D(-4,2) & C(-5,0)

8) B(0,0) & A(-7,-8)

9) E(22.2,12.9) & F(-2.3,-7.6)

10) G(21.34,-6) & H(5.1,8.67)