

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

### Linear Equations

Finding the Slope of a Line – Given two points

Find the slope of the line containing the given points:

<p>1. <math>(-5, -20)</math> &amp; <math>(9, 9)</math>  <math>x_1 \ y_1 \quad x_2 \ y_2</math></p> $m = \frac{9 - (-20)}{9 - (-5)} = \frac{9 + 20}{9 + 5} = \frac{29}{14}$	<p>2. <math>(-2, -1)</math> &amp; <math>(4, 5)</math>  <math>x_1 \ y_1 \quad x_2 \ y_2</math></p> $m = \frac{5 - (-1)}{4 - (-2)} = \frac{5 + 1}{4 + 2} = \frac{6}{6} = 1$
<p>3. <math>(-3, -2)</math> &amp; <math>(-3, 6)</math>  <math>x_1 \ y_1 \quad x_2 \ y_2</math></p> $m = \frac{6 - (-2)}{-3 - (-3)} = \frac{6 + 2}{-3 + 3} = \frac{8}{0}$ $= \text{Undefined}$	<p>4. <math>(5, -3)</math> &amp; <math>(-5, -3)</math>  <math>x_1 \ y_1 \quad x_2 \ y_2</math></p> $m = \frac{-3 - (-3)}{-5 - 5} = \frac{-3 + 3}{-10} = \frac{0}{-10} = 0$
<p>5. <math>(1, 3)</math> &amp; <math>(3, -2)</math>  <math>x_1 \ y_1 \quad x_2 \ y_2</math></p> $m = \frac{-2 - 3}{3 - 1} = \frac{-5}{2}$	<p>6. <math>(-3, 4)</math> &amp; <math>(4, 1)</math>  <math>x_1 \ y_1 \quad x_2 \ y_2</math></p> $m = \frac{1 - 4}{4 - (-3)} = \frac{-3}{4 + 3} = \frac{-3}{7}$
<p>7. <math>(1, -3)</math> &amp; <math>(7, 3)</math>  <math>x_1 \ y_1 \quad x_2 \ y_2</math></p> $m = \frac{3 - (-3)}{7 - 1} = \frac{3 + 3}{6} = \frac{6}{6} = 1$	<p>8. <math>(0, 0)</math> &amp; <math>(0, -6)</math>  <math>x_1 \ y_1 \quad x_2 \ y_2</math></p> $m = \frac{-6 - 0}{0 - 0} = \frac{-6}{0} = \text{undefined}$
<p>9. <math>(-9, 1)</math> &amp; <math>(1, 1)</math>  <math>x_1 \ y_1 \quad x_2 \ y_2</math></p> $m = \frac{1 - 1}{1 - (-9)} = \frac{0}{1 + 9} = \frac{0}{10} = 0$	<p>10. <math>(18, -5)</math> &amp; <math>(18, 20)</math>  <math>x_1 \ y_1 \quad x_2 \ y_2</math></p> $m = \frac{20 - (-5)}{18 - 18} = \frac{20 + 5}{0} = \frac{25}{0}$ $= \text{undefined}$

11.  $(-5, -2) \& (8, 13)$   
 $x_1 \ y_1 \quad x_2 \ y_2$

$$m = \frac{13 - (-2)}{8 - (-5)} = \frac{13 + 2}{8 + 5} = \frac{15}{13}$$

12.  $(4, -17) \& (-20, -1)$   
 $x_1 \ y_1 \quad x_2 \ y_2$

$$m = \frac{-1 - (-17)}{-20 - 4} = \frac{-1 + 17}{-24} = \frac{16}{-24} = -\frac{2}{3}$$

13.  $(10, 17) \& (7, 8)$   
 $x_1 \ y_1 \quad x_2 \ y_2$

$$m = \frac{8 - 17}{7 - 10} = \frac{-9}{-3} = 3$$

14.  $(-15, -6) \& (8, 3)$   
 $x_1 \ y_1 \quad x_2 \ y_2$

$$m = \frac{3 - (-6)}{8 - (-15)} = \frac{3 + 6}{8 + 15} = \frac{9}{23}$$

15.  $(-12, 1) \& (4, 1)$   
 $x_1 \ y_1 \quad x_2 \ y_2$

$$m = \frac{1 - 1}{4 - (-12)} = \frac{0}{4 + 12} = \frac{0}{16} = 0$$

16.  $(12, -3) \& (-17, 3)$   
 $x_1 \ y_1 \quad x_2 \ y_2$

$$m = \frac{3 - (-3)}{-17 - 12} = \frac{3 + 3}{-29} = \frac{6}{-29}$$

17.  $(-15, 9) \& (0, 3)$   
 $x_1 \ y_1 \quad x_2 \ y_2$

$$m = \frac{3 - 9}{0 - (-15)} = \frac{-6}{0 + 15} = \frac{-6}{15} = -\frac{2}{5}$$

18.  $(5, 6) \& (8, 13)$   
 $x_1 \ y_1 \quad x_2 \ y_2$

$$m = \frac{13 - 6}{8 - 5} = \frac{7}{3}$$

19.  $(-10, -2) \& (-8, 8)$   
 $x_1 \ y_1 \quad x_2 \ y_2$

$$m = \frac{8 - (-2)}{-8 - (-10)} = \frac{8 + 2}{-8 + 10} = \frac{10}{2} = 5$$

20.  $(7, -9) \& (-13, -6)$   
 $x_1 \ y_1 \quad x_2 \ y_2$

$$m = \frac{-6 - (-9)}{-13 - 7} = \frac{-6 + 9}{-20} = \frac{3}{-20}$$