

Review of Lines:

The general form for the equation of a line is $Ax + By = C$ where A and B aren't both zero. The graph of all the solution pairs of the equation form a line.

Examples:

1. $2x + 3y = 6$

To get the x -intercept, set y equal to zero and solve for x . $2x = 6 \Rightarrow x$ -intercept is 3.

To get the y -intercept, set x equal to zero and solve for y . $3y = 6 \Rightarrow y$ -intercept is 2.

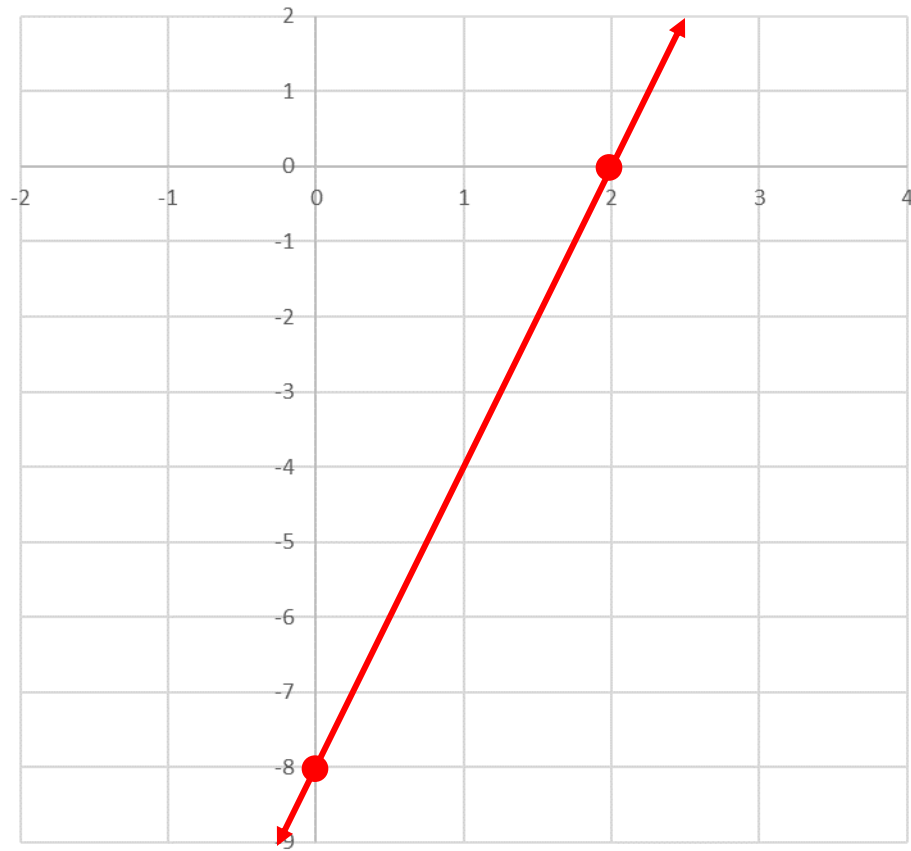
Plot the intercepts and connect the dots.



2. $4x - y = 8$

x -int: 2

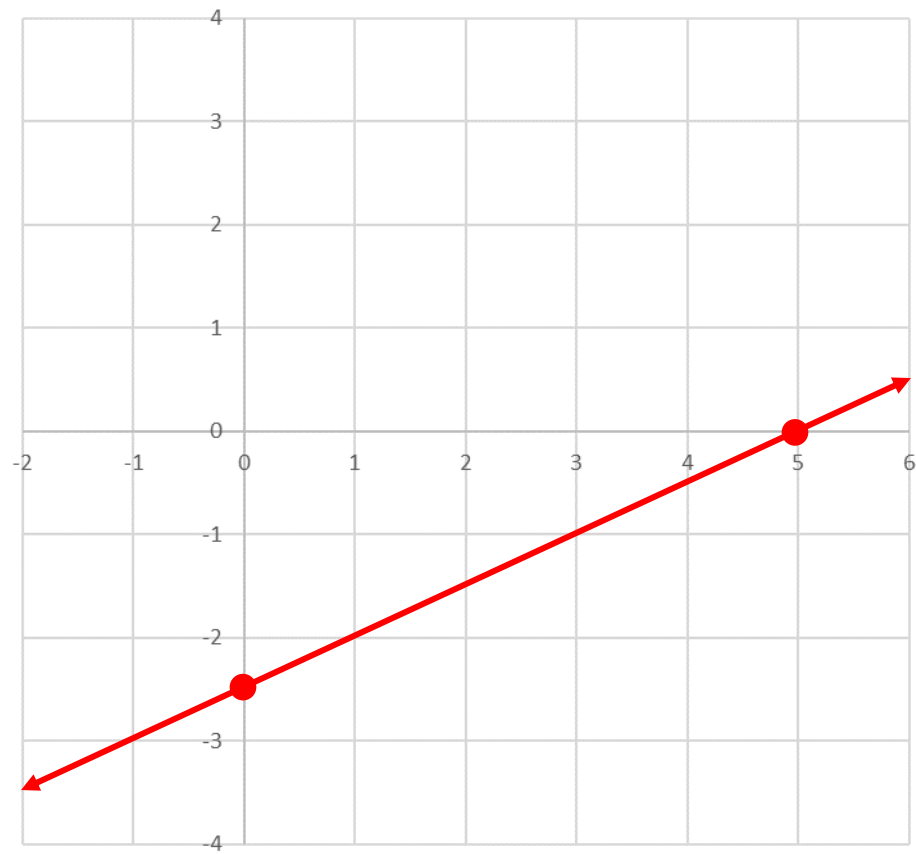
y -int: -8



3. $-2x + 4y = -10$

x -int: 5

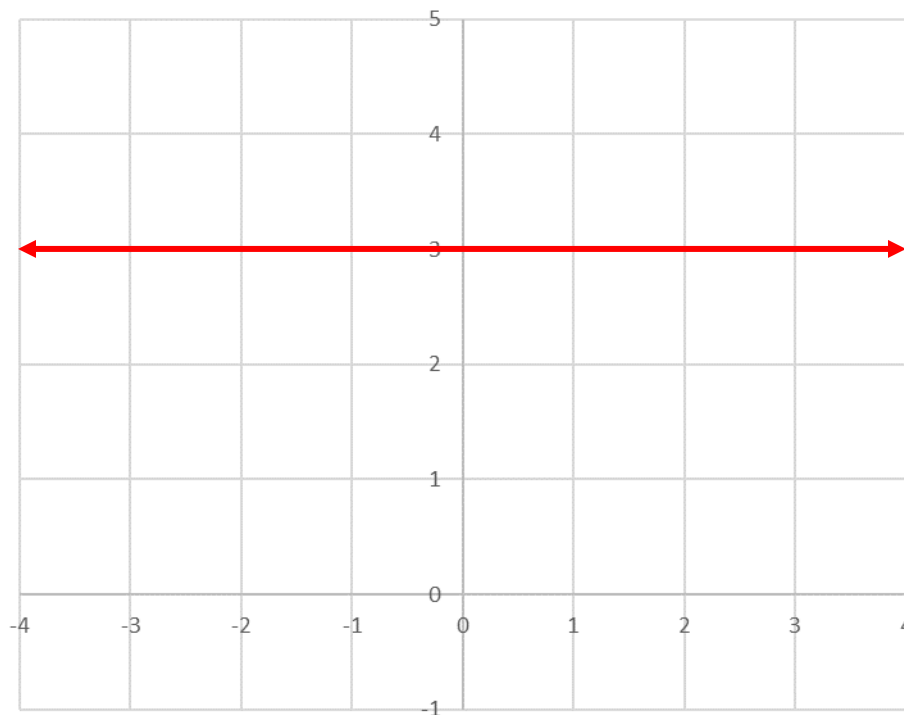
y -int: $-\frac{5}{2}$



4. $4y = 12$

When the x variable is missing, there is no x -intercept. The solution line is horizontal, and it can be graphed by solving the equation for y .

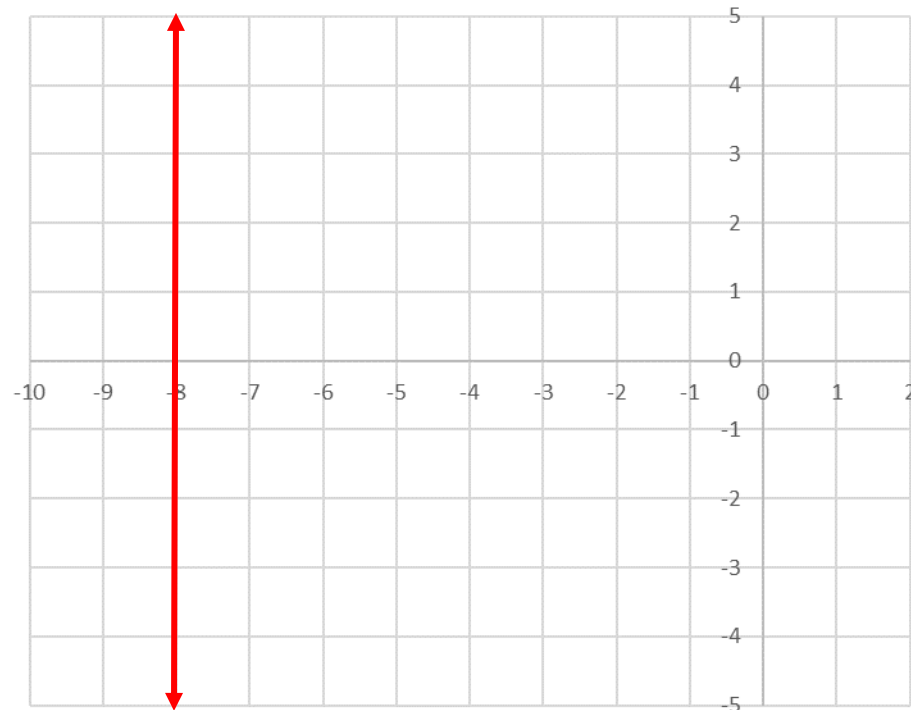
$y = 3$



5. $-3x = 24$

When the y variable is missing, there is no y -intercept. The solution line is vertical, and it can be graphed by solving the equation for x .

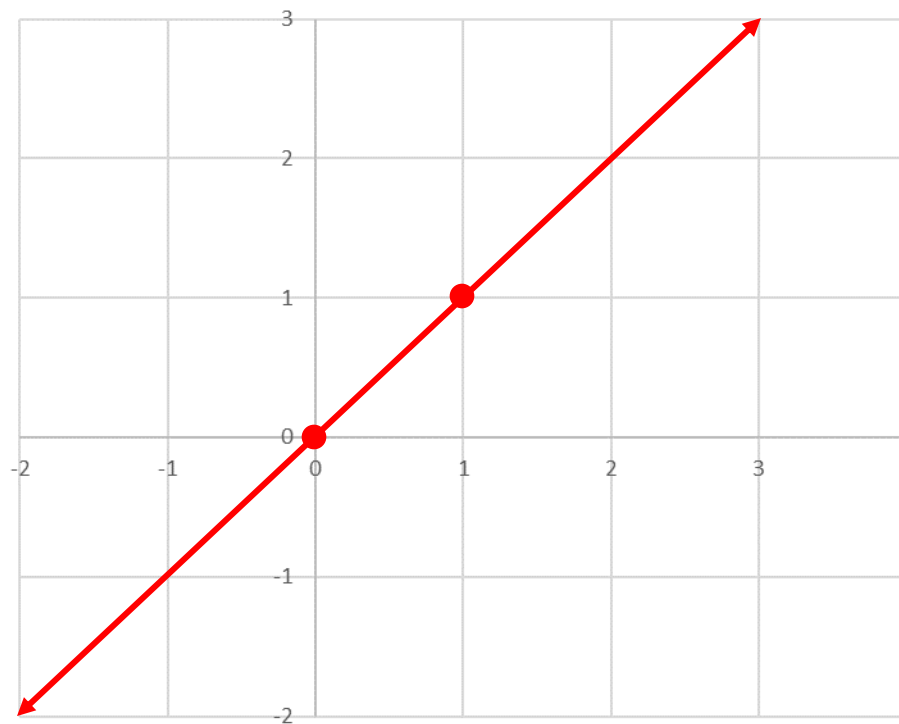
$x = -8$



6. $x - y = 0$

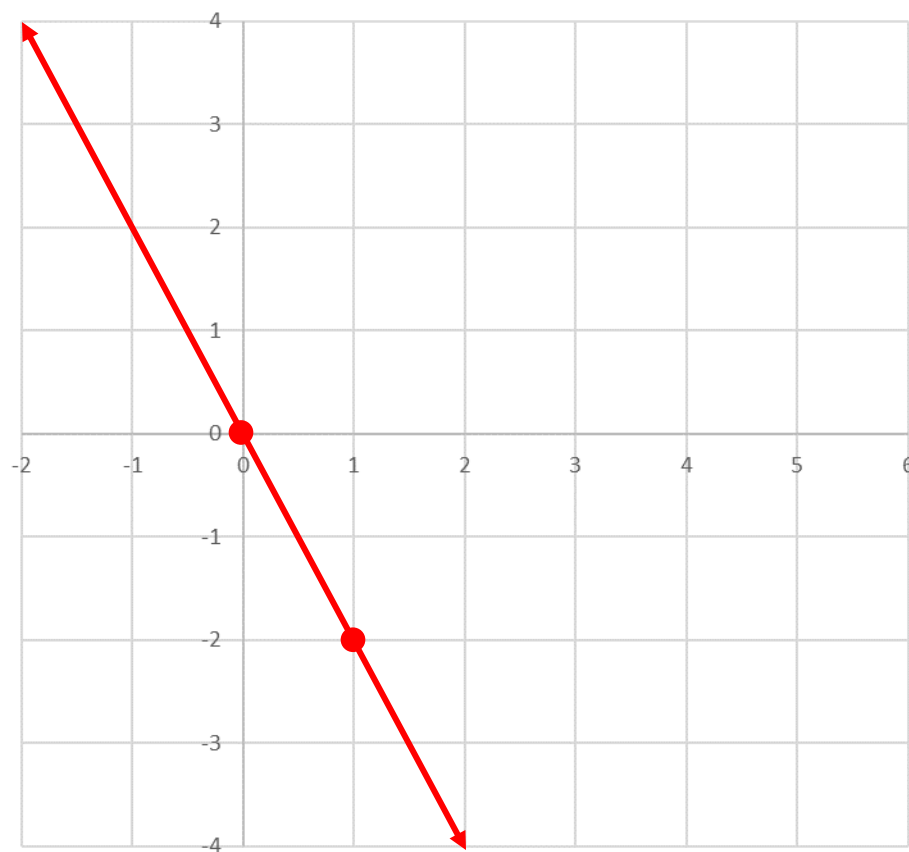
When both x and y are present but the constant is zero, the x and y intercepts are both zero. These two intercepts only provide one point on the solution line-the origin, $(0,0)$.

We'll have to find another point on the solution line in order to graph it. We'll do this by choosing a non-zero value for one of the variables and finding the corresponding value of the other variable. For example, if $x = 1$ then y must also be 1 to satisfy the equation, so our second point on the solution line is $(1,1)$.



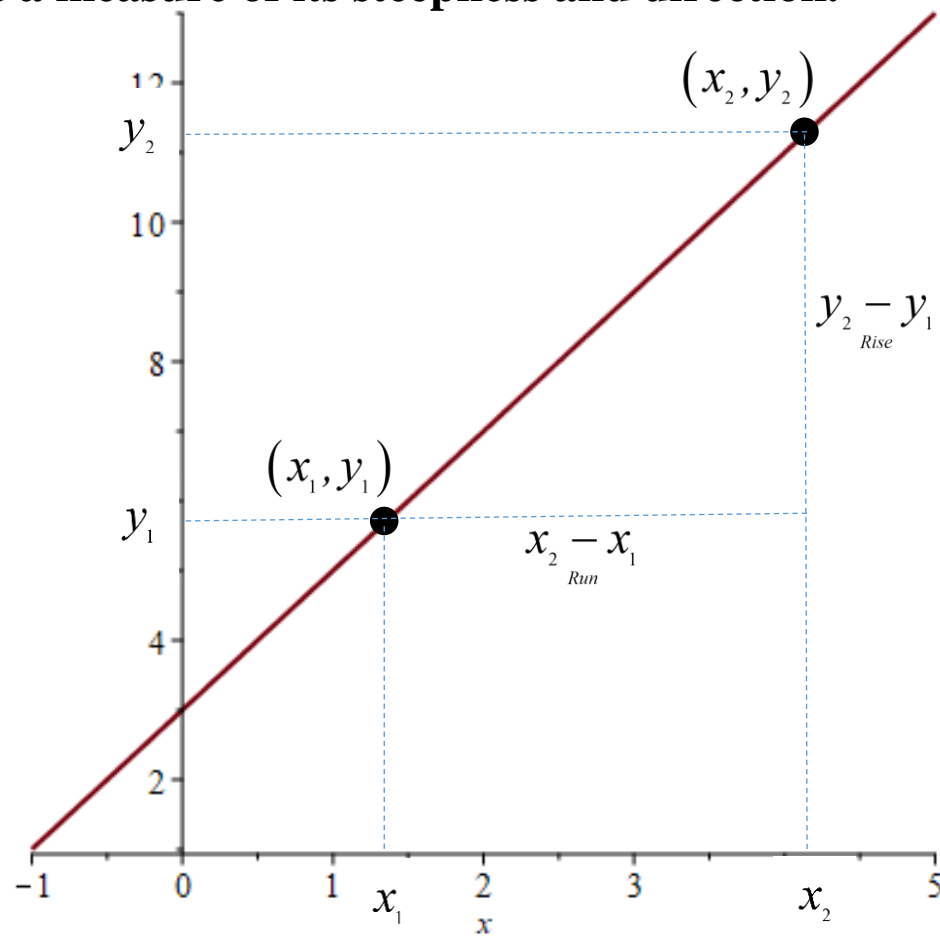
7. $2x + y = 0$

$(0,0)$ is a point on the solution line. If $x=1$ then y must be -2 to satisfy the equation, so our second point on the solution line is $(1,-2)$.



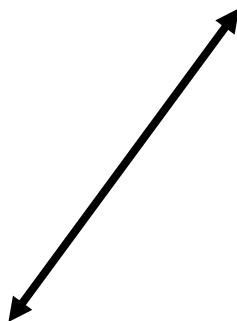
Slope:

The slope of a line is a measure of its steepness and direction.



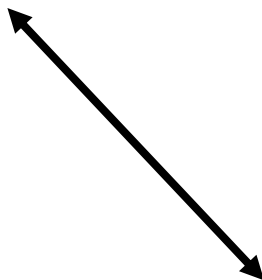
$$\text{slope} = m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{Run}}$$

$m > 0$:



up to the right

$m < 0$:



down to the right

$m = 0$:



horizontal

m undefined:

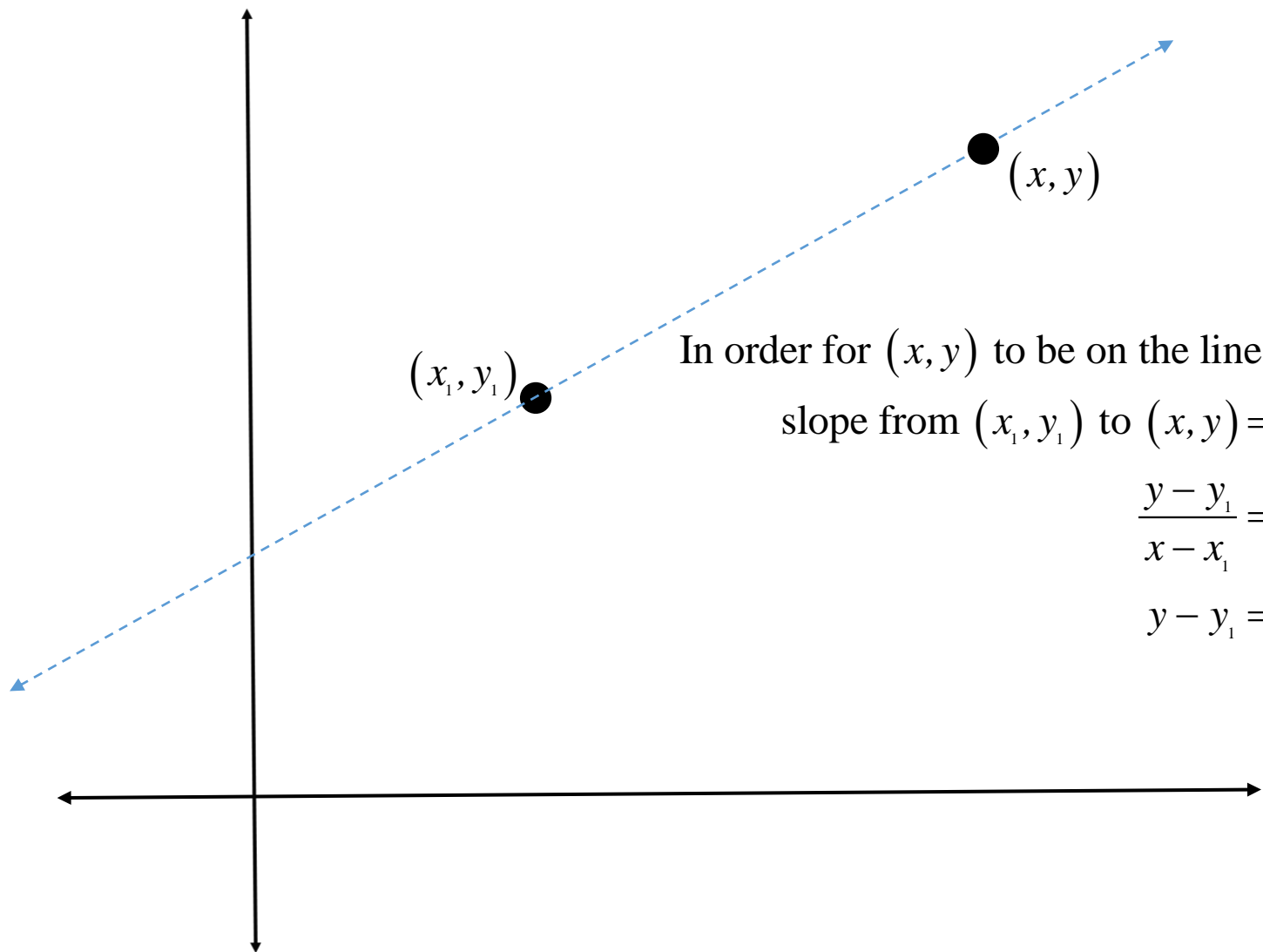


vertical

Finding Equations of Lines from their descriptions:

Point-Slope Form/Formula:

You are given a point on the line, (x_1, y_1) , and the slope of the line, m .



In order for (x, y) to be on the line:

slope from (x_1, y_1) to $(x, y) = m$

$$\frac{y - y_1}{x - x_1} = m$$

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

Examples:

1. Through $(1, 2)$ with a slope of 3.

$$y - 2 = 3(x - 1)$$

2. Through $(1, -2)$ with a slope of $\frac{1}{2}$.

$$y - (-2) = \frac{1}{2}(x - 1) \Rightarrow \boxed{y + 2 = \frac{1}{2}(x - 1)}$$

3. Through $(-1, 0)$ with a slope of $-\frac{2}{3}$.

$$y - 0 = -\frac{2}{3}(x - (-1)) \Rightarrow \boxed{y = -\frac{2}{3}(x + 1)}$$

4. Through $\left(2, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$ with a slope of 0.

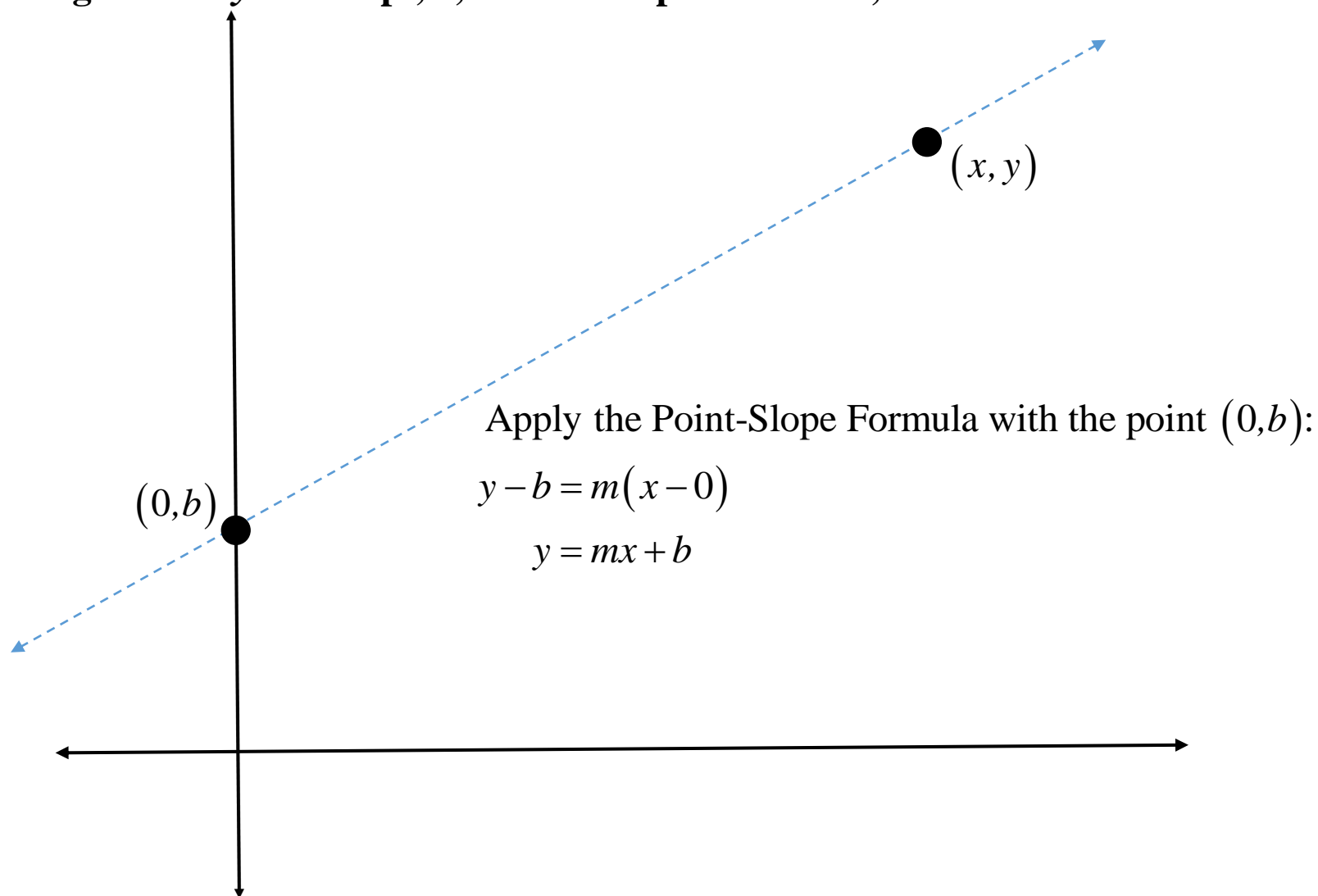
$$y - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0(x - 2) \Rightarrow \boxed{y + \frac{1}{2} = 0}$$

5. Through $(5, -8)$ with undefined slope.

$$x = 5$$

Slope-Intercept Form/Formula:

You are given the y -intercept, b , and the slope of the line, m .



Examples:

1. y-intercept of 2 with a slope of 3.

$$y = 3x + 2$$

2. y-intercept of -3 with a slope of $\frac{1}{2}$.

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x - 3$$

3. y-intercept of 0 with a slope of $-\frac{2}{3}$.

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

4. y-intercept of $\frac{1}{2}$ with a slope of 0.

$$y = 0x + \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \boxed{y = \frac{1}{2}}$$

Determine the slope and y-intercept of the following lines.

1. $y = 2x + 3$

slope is 2

y-intercept is 3

2. $3y = 6 \Rightarrow y = 2 = 0x + 2$

slope is 0

y-intercept is 2

3. $9x + 3y = 6 \Rightarrow 3y = -9x + 6 \Rightarrow y = -3x + 2$

slope is -3

y-intercept is 2

4. $4x = -8 \Rightarrow x = -2$

slope is undefined

There is no y-intercept.

Two lines are parallel if their slopes are the same.

1. Find an equation of the line that passes through the point $(1, -2)$ and is parallel to the line with equation $y = -4x + 5$.

$$y + 2 = -4(x - 1)$$

2. Find an equation of the line that passes through the point $(1, -2)$ and is parallel to the line with equation $x = 5$.

$$x = 1$$

Two non-vertical lines are perpendicular if the product of their slopes is -1.

Every vertical line is perpendicular to every horizontal line.

- 1. Find an equation of the line that passes through the point $(1, -2)$ and is perpendicular to the line with equation $y = -4x + 5$.**

$$y + 2 = \frac{1}{4}(x - 1)$$

- 2. Find an equation of the line that passes through the point $(1, -2)$ and is perpendicular to the line with equation $x = 5$.**

$$y = -2$$