

3.3.10 - Point-Slope form

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

$m = \text{slope}$

ordered pair = (x_1, y_1)
1 point on the line

Example 1:

A line has a slope of -3 and contains the point (2, 6).
 x, y_1

Write the equation of the line in point-slope form.

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

$$y - 6 = -3(x - 2)$$

Example 2:

A line has a slope of 4 and contains the point (3, -5).
 x, y_1

Write the equation of the line in point-slope form.

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

$$y - (-5) = 4(x - 3)$$

$$y + 5 = 4(x - 3)$$

Example 3:

A line has a slope of $-\frac{1}{2}$ and contains the point (-1, -7).

Write the equation of the line in point-slope form.

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

$$y + 7 = -\frac{1}{2}(x + 1)$$

Example 4:

Given the equation,

$$y - 6 = -2(x - 3)$$

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

What is the slope of the line?

What is an ordered pair on the line?

slope: -2

m

ordered pair: $(3, 6)$

(x_1, y_1)

Example 5:

Given the equation,

$$y - 4 = \frac{1}{2}(x + 10)$$

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

What is the slope of the line?

What is an ordered pair on the line?

slope: $\frac{1}{2}$

ordered pair:

$(-10, 4)$

(x_1, y_1)

Example 6:

Given the equation,

$$y + 4 = 8(x + 2)$$

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

What is the slope of the line?

What is an ordered pair on the line?

slope: 8

ordered pair: $(-2, -4)$

Example 7:

Given the equation,

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

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

What is the slope of the line?

What is an ordered pair on the line?

slope: -2

ordered pair: $(-3, 0)$