

Lesson 4 – General Form $Ax+By+C=0$

x-intercept- the x coordinate of the point when a line or curve crosses the x-axis; the value of x when $y=0$.

y-intercept – the y coordinate of the point when a line or curve crosses the y-axis; the value of y when $x=0$

Example 1:

For the linear equation $2x+3y-12=0$,

- a) state the x-intercept

Therefore, the coordinates for the x-intercept is (,)

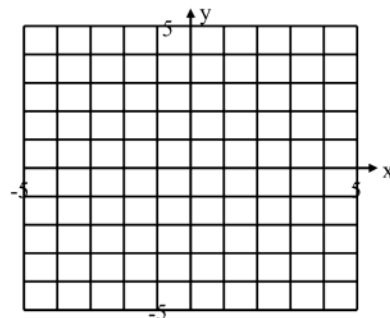
- b) state the y-intercept

Therefore, the coordinates for the y-intercept is (,)

- c) use the intercepts to graph the line.

- d) What is the slope of this graph?

- e) Determine the equation of the line using slope-intercept form, that is, **$y=mx+b$**



Example 2:

Change the equation from standard form $2x + 3y - 12 = 0$ to slope-intercept form algebraically.

Example 3:

Parents of the cheerleading squad rent a hall. They arrange a talent show as a fundraiser. The relationship between the number of tickets sold, x , and the profit, y , in dollars, may be represented by the equation $24x - 2y - 1680 = 0$.

- a) What is the slope of the line?
- b) Identify the y -intercept.
- c) How many tickets must the parents sell to reach the break-even point.

Example 4:

Rewrite the equation each equation in general form, $Ax + By + C = 0$. What is the x and y intercepts of these lines?

- a) $y = -(2/3)x + 6$
- b) $y = (3/4)x - 2$

Special Cases of the equation $Ax + By + C = 0$, when one or more of A, B, C are 0.

$Ax + By = 0$ is a line that passes through the origin $(0,0)$

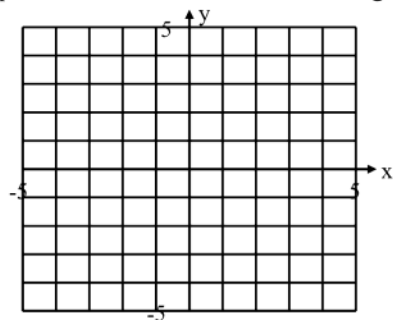
$By + C = 0$ is a horizontal line.

$Ax + C = 0$ is a vertical line.

Example 5:

Describe each of the following lines. Identify the intercepts, then state the domain and range.

- a) $x - 3y = 0$
- b) $2y + 4 = 0$
- c) $3x - 12 = 0$



Example 6:

Brook wants to save \$336 to decorate her bedroom. She has two part-time jobs. On weekends, she works as a snowboard instructor and earns \$12 per hour. On weeknights, she earns \$16 per hour working as a high-school tutor.

- a) Write an equation to represent the number of hours Brooke needs to work as a snowboard instructor, S , and as a tutor, T .

- b) What is the S -intercept of a graph of the equation? What does the S -intercept represent?

- c) What would the T -intercept be? What does it represent?

- d) Suppose Brooke works 8h as a snowboard instructor. How many hours will she need to work as a tutor?

Assignment: Why does a poor man drink coffee + Pg.