

## Definitions:

**Linear function:** a function  $f$  is a linear function provided there exist real numbers  $b$  and  $m$  such that for every  $x$  in the domain of  $f$ ,

$$f(x) = mx + b$$

(Remember the old slope-intercept form:  $(y=mx+b)$ ?)

**SLOPE of a line:** If  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  are coordinates of any two points on a non-vertical line, then slope can be given by:

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

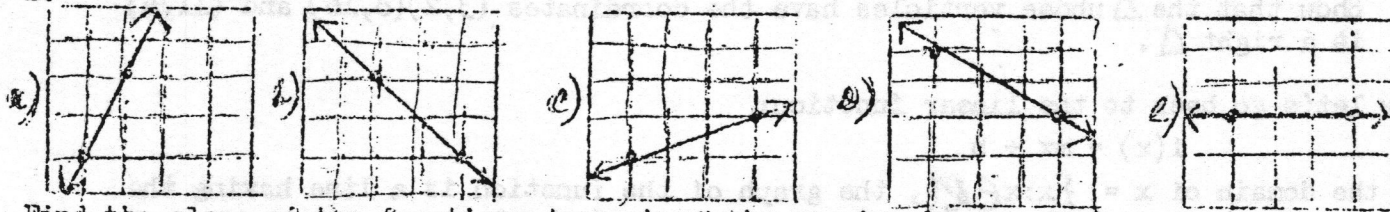
$$\left( \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \right)$$

$$\left( \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}} \right)$$

(L to R)

## EXERCISE I

1.



Find the slope of the functions in each of the graphs above.

2. Find the slope of the function having these two points in two ways:

(1) plot the points, draw a line connecting the two points and determine the slope of the line by inspection.

(2) solve for  $m$  algebraically

a)  $(2,4); (5,7)$

e)  $(-3,-1); (-1,-3)$

b)  $(-2,3); (4,5)$

f)  $(-2,5); (0,4)$

c)  $(2,1); (-3,4)$

g)  $(-2,3); (5,3)$

d)  $(-3,4); (2,1)$

h)  $(4,5); (-2,-1)$

3. Why could we not include a line containing the points  $(3,-2)$ , and  $(3,5)$  in question #2?

4. What do you know about the monotonicity of a linear function having,

(a) a positive slope?

(b) a negative slope?

## More definitions:

Two non-vertical lines are parallel if they have the same slope.

The converse of this is also true: (If 2 lines have the same slope then the two lines are parallel)

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

(We call these negative reciprocals)  
the converse also true.

## EXERCISE II

(2)

1. Find the slope of all lines:
- (1) parallel to the line containing these pairs of points, and
  - (2) perpendicular to this line
- a)  $(3,5)(4,7)$                       c)  $(-2,-1)(-3,-4)$   
 b)  $(-2,3)(4,2)$                       d)  $(3,-2)(5,3)$
2. Classify the lines determined by the two pairs of points as parallel, perpendicular, or neither one.
- a)  $(-2,7), (3,6)$  and  $(4,2), (9,1)$                       b)  $(0,0), (-5,3)$  and  $(5,2), (0,5)$   
 c)  $(2,5), (8,7)$  and  $(-3,1), (-2,-2)$                       d)  $(5,3), (-5,-2)$  and  $(6,-2), (4,5)$
3. Show that the  $\Delta$  whose vertices have the coordinates  $(3,2)(8,16)$  and  $(11,4)$  is a right  $\Delta$ .

Now let's go back to the linear function:

$$f(x) = mx + b$$

If the domain of  $x = \{x: x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ , the graph of the function is a line having the slope  $m$  and intersecting the  $y$ -axis at the point  $(0, b)$

$$y = mx + b, \text{ when } m \neq 0$$

$$m = \text{slope}$$

$$b = y\text{-intercept}$$

## EXERCISE III

1. Find the slope of the graph of these functions and
2. Determine the point at which the line would cross the  $y$ -axis.
  - a)  $y = 3x + 5$                       c)  $2x + 3y = 9$
  - b)  $y = -x - 4$                       d)  $3x - 2y = 12$
  - e)  $7x - 3y - 4 = 0$
3. Graph the functions having the given slopes and  $y$ -intercepts. (Use graph paper)
  - a)  $m = 2$      $b = 1$                       d)  $m = -\frac{3}{8}$      $b = 5$
  - b)  $m = \frac{2}{5}$      $b = -3$                       e)  $m = 1$      $b = -2$
  - c)  $m = -3$      $b = 2$                       f)  $m = 0$      $b = 4$
4. Give the equations of each of the functions in #3.
5. Graph these functions by using the slope and  $y$ -intercept of the equation. (Do not plot any points other than the  $y$ -intercept and the point found from the slope).
  - a)  $y = 3x + 2$                       d)  $2x + 3y = 9$
  - b)  $2y = 7x + 6$                       e)  $5x - 2y = 8$
  - c)  $x + y = 7$                       f)  $3y = 5x$

6. Find the equations of the lines meeting these conditions:
- a) y-intercept = 4 ; parallel to the graph of  $2y-4x=7$
  - b) y-intercept = -2; perpendicular to the graph of  $3y=9x+2$
  - c) y-intercept = 7 ; parallel to the graph of  $6x+3y=4$
  - d) y-intercept = -1; perpendicular to the graph of  $x-4y=13$
  - e) passing through (3,-1) ; parallel to the graph of  $2x+4y=7$
  - f) passing through (4,3) ; perpendicular to the graph of  $8x+4y=11$

Special Cases of linear functions:

- A. Constant function - If  $m=0$ , the polynomial  $y=mx+b$  is equivalent to  $b$ . The function  $f$  with  $f(x)=b$  is the constant function. If its domain is  $R$ , the graph of  $f$  is a horizontal line through the point  $(0,b)$ .
- B. Direct variation - (also called the multiplying function) - the special case of the linear function  $y=mx+b$  when  $b=0$ . The function  $y=mx$  expresses direct variation, that is  $y$  varies directly with  $x$  (or  $y$  is directly proportional to  $x$ ) because the ratio  $\frac{y}{x}$  is a nonzero constant. This constant, called the constant of variation or the constant of proportionality or a parameter can be represented by  $m$  or, as is most frequently done, by  $k$ .

Let  $f$  be the function whose ordered pairs  $(x,y)$  are given in this table. Observe that the quotient, or ratio  $\frac{y}{x}$  for every pair of numbers is the same.

$$\frac{y}{x} = -\frac{1}{4} \text{ or } y = -\frac{1}{4}x$$

the constant of variation is  $-\frac{1}{4}$   $(k = -\frac{1}{4})$

x	y	$\frac{y}{x}$
1	$-\frac{1}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{4}$
4	-1	$-\frac{1}{4}$
8	-2	$-\frac{1}{4}$
-12	3	$-\frac{1}{4}$

The graph of every direct variation with domain  $R$  is a line that has slope  $m$  and passes through the origin.

NOTE: the constant function + the direct variation = the linear function.

$$f(x) = b$$

$$g(x) = mx$$

$$[f+g](x) = mx + b$$

EXERCISE IV

1. Graph these constant functions:
  - a)  $y=3$
  - b)  $y=-2$
2. Given that  $p$  varies directly as  $q$  and that the value of  $p$  is 5 when the value of  $q$  is 10, find:
  - a) the constant of variation
  - b) the value of  $p$  when 28 is the value of  $q$

3. State whether these functions are linear or not. If the function is linear, is it a direct variation? (4)

a)  $f(x) = 2x + 1$

d)  $f(x) = 1/x$

b)  $f(x) = 3/4x$

e)  $f(x) = 5$

c)  $f(x) = 2x^2$

f)  $f(x) = -x$

4. Assume that y varies directly as x

a) If the value of y is 120 when the value of x is 40, find the value of y when x has the value of 13.

b) If y is 6 when x is 42, find the value of x when y is 17.

5. Show that the set of ordered pairs

$$\left\{ (4, -2), (5, -2\frac{1}{2}), (6, -3), (7, -3\frac{1}{2}), (8, -4) \right\}$$

is an example of direct variation. Find the constant of variation,

Definition: A zero of a function is any number in the domain which makes the value of the function equal to zero

To find a zero of the function, set  $f(x) = 0$  and solve for x.

Example: Given that  $f(x) = 3x - 12$ , find a zero of the function.

Solution:

$$f(x) = 3x - 12$$

$$3x - 12 = 0$$

$$3x = 12$$

$$x = 4$$

$$\text{Check: } f(4) = 3(4) - 12 = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

EXERCISE V

1) Find a zero of these function:

a)  $f(x) = 5x + 2$

b)  $f(x) = -2x + 4$

2) Find the value of the function for each element of the given set to determine which of the elements are zeros of the function.

a)  $f(x) = x + 5$

b)  $f(x) = 3x - 7$

c)  $f(x) = 2x - 16$

$$\left\{ 5, 0, -5 \right\}$$

$$\left\{ 7, 0, 2, 1/3 \right\}$$

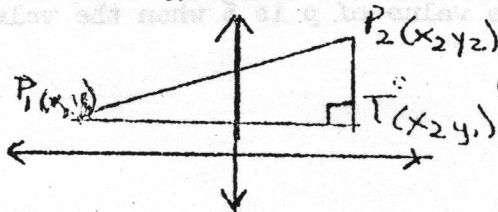
$$\left\{ 0, 2, 8 \right\}$$

3) How do you determine the x-intercept of a line? What is its relationship to what we're doing here?

-- THE DISTANCE FORMULA --

Let's review the Pythagorean Theorem:

In a right triangle, the square of the length c of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the lengths a and b of the other two sides:  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ . Remember the converse is also true.



To find the distance between  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  we construct a right triangle with these points:  $P_1, P_2$  and the third vertex of

the  $\triangle$ , T, has the coordinates  $(x_2, y_1)$ . Since  $\overline{P_1T}$  and  $\overline{P_2T}$  are parallel to the coordinate axes, their lengths are  $|x_2 - x_1|$  and  $|y_2 - y_1|$ , respectively. Then, by the Pythagorean Theorem,  $d(P_1, P_2)$  (read "the distance from  $P_1$  to  $P_2$ ") satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} [d(P_1, P_2)]^2 &= |x_2 - x_1|^2 + |y_2 - y_1|^2 \\ &= (x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Since distance is a nonnegative number.

DISTANCE FORMULA:

$$d(P_1, P_2) = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

THE MIDPOINT FORMULA -- The coordinates of the midpoint  $M(x, y)$  of the line segment with endpoints  $P_1(x_1, y_1)$  and  $P_2(x_2, y_2)$  are

$$x = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2} \text{ and } y = \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}$$

#### EXERCISE VI

- 1) In each of these exercises, find
- the length of the line segment with endpoints as given and
  - the coordinates of the midpoint of the segment.

Express all radicals in simple form.

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|-----------------------|---|
| a) (2, -1) and (5, 3) | e) $(-1/2, 6)$ and $(-1/2, -4)$         |
| b) (3, -5) and (4, 6) | f) (1, 2) and (7, 10)                   |
| c) (3, 5) and (-1, 5) | g) (3, -1) and (4, -3)                  |
| d) (4, 6) and (4, 22) | h) $(\sqrt{2}, 1)$ and $(3\sqrt{2}, 2)$ |

#### INVERSE OF A FUNCTION

- Every linear function has an inverse except where  $m = 0$ .
- A linear function and its inverse both graph symmetric with respect to  $y = x$ . If you graph a function and its inverse and connect any two corresponding points  $[(x, y)$  and  $(y, x)]$ , the midpoint of that segment will be a point on the graph of  $y = x$ .
- If a linear function is monotonic increasing, its inverse is also increasing. The same holds true for decreasing functions. (These also hold true for all functions.)

#### EXERCISE VII

1. Find the inverses of these functions:

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|------------------|------------------|
| a) $y = 2x + 5$  | c) $y = -2x + 5$ |
| b) $y = 3x + 10$ | d) $y = 6x - 4$  |
| e) $y = 7x$      |                  |

2. a) Graph the function  $y = 2x + 1$   
 b) Graph its inverse on the same coordinate plane  
 c) Draw 3 line segments, connecting corresponding points.  
 d) Draw the  $y=x$  axis of symmetry in the same plane. Does it bisect your three line segments from (c)?
3. Check the monotonicity of these functions and their inverses.
  - a)  $y = 3x + 4$
  - b)  $y = 4x - 2$
  - c)  $y = -3x + 1$
  - d)  $y = -x - 5$

### BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVES

1. Define; linear function  
 slope  
 zero of a function
2. Given a linear equation:
  - a. determine its slope
  - b. determine its y-intercept
  - c. determine the zero of the function
  - d. graph the line
  - e. write the equation of a line parallel to the given line
  - f. write the equation of a line perpendicular to the given line
3. Describe the relationship between the slopes of:
  - a. parallel lines
  - b. perpendicular lines
4. Write the equation of a line when given:
  - a. two points on the line
  - b. y-intercept and the slope
  - c. any point and the equation of a line parallel or perpendicular to the line
5. Write the equation for direct variation.
6. Given a direct variation equation, determine
  - a. its graph
  - b. the constant of proportionality
  - c. the value of a coordinate of any point when given the other coordinate and the constant of variation
7. Given two points, find
  - a. the distance between the two points
  - b. the midpoint of that segment
8. Given a linear function, determine
  - a. its range
  - b. its domain
  - c. its inverse
  - d. the graph of the function and its inverse

When this L.A.P. is finished,

1. Check your behavioral objectives - can you do them all?
2. Take the Trial Run
3. Take the test.

LINEAR FUNCTIONSANSWERS

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EXERCISE I

1. a) 2      b) -1      c)  $1/3$       d)  $-2/3$       e) 0  
 2. a) 1      b)  $1/3$       c)  $-3/5$       d)  $-3/5$       e) -1      f)  $-1/2$   
       g) 0      h) 1      3. Slope is undefined due to division by zero.  
 4. a) increasing      b) decreasing

EXERCISE II

1. a) -2,  $-1/2$       b)  $-1/6$ , 6      c) 3,  $-1/3$       d)  $5/2$ ,  $-2/5$   
 2. a) parallel      b) parallel      c) perpendicular      d) neither  
 3. The side determined by (3,2) and (11,4) has a slope of  $1/4$ . The side determined by (11,4) and (8,16) has a slope of -4. Hence, the lines are perpendicular.

EXERCISE III

- 1-2. a) 3, 5      b) -1, -4      c)  $-2/3$ , 3  
       d)  $3/2$ , -6      e)  $7/3$ ,  $-4/3$   
 4. a)  $y = 2x + 1$       b)  $y = 2x/5 - 3$       c)  $y = -3x + 2$   
       d)  $y = -3x/5 + 5$       e)  $y = x - 2$       f)  $y = 4$   
 6. a)  $y = 2x + 4$       b)  $y = (-1/3)x - 2$       c)  $y = -2x + 2$   
       d)  $y = -4x - 1$       e)  $y = -x/2 + 1/2$       f)  $y = 1/2 x + 1$

EXERCISE IV

2. a)  $1/2$       b) 14      3. a) linear;      b) linear, direct variation  
       c) not linear      d) not linear      e) linear  
       f) linear, direct variation  
 4. a) 39      b) 119  
 5.  $y = -2x$ . The constant of variation is  $-2$ .

EXERCISE V

1. a)  $-2/5$       b) 2      c) 8  
 3. Let  $y = 0$  and solve for x. The X-intercept is the zero of the function.

EXERCISE VI

- a) 5,  $(7/2, 1)$       b)  $\sqrt{122}$ ,  $(7/2, 1/2)$       c) 4, (1,5)      d) 16, (4,14)  
 e) 10,  $(-2, 1)$       f) 10, (4,6)      g)  $\sqrt{5}$ ,  $(7/2, -2)$       h) 3,  $(2\sqrt{2}, 3/2)$

EXERCISE VII

1. a)  $y = (x - 5)/2$       b)  $y = (x - 10)/3$       c)  $y = (x - 5)/-2$   
       d)  $y = (x + 4)/6$       e)  $y = x/7$       3. a) and b) are increasing.

- I. Define: a) linear function                      b) slope of a line  
               c) direct variation                    d) zero of a function.

II. Give the following information for each of these linear functions:

$y = 7x - 3$

$2x + 3y = 12$

$3x - 5y = 10$

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|---|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. slope of the line                                  | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. Y-intercept of the line                            | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. monotonicity of the line                           | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. zero of the function                               | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5. inverse of the function                            | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 6. monotonicity of $f^{-1}$                           | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 7. X-intercept of the original line                   | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 8. Slope of the line parallel to the graph of f.      | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 9. Slope of the line perpendicular to the graph of f. | _____ | _____ | _____ |

III. Give the following information for the functions containing the given points:

a)  $(2,5); (3,8)$

b)  $(-2,4); (-5,-3)$

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| 1. the equation of the line:      | _____ | _____ |
| 2. length of determined segment   | _____ | _____ |
| 3. midpoint of determined segment | _____ | _____ |

IV.  $f(x) = 3x - 2$ .

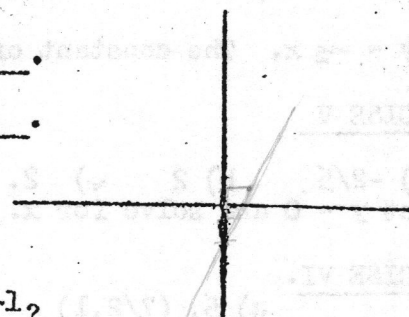
1. The domain of f is \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The range of f is \_\_\_\_\_.

3.  $f^{-1}(x) =$  \_\_\_\_\_

4. Graph f and  $f^{-1}$  on the same coordinate system.

5. What symmetry exists between the graphs of f and  $f^{-1}$ ?



V. 1. Write the equation of the line which has a slope of 5 and Y-intercept 4.

2. Write the equation of the line which has a slope of  $3/4$  and Y-intercept -2.

