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$$y = mx + b$$

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➤  $y = mx + b$  is a Slope - intercept form of the equation of a line.

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Slope

y - intercept

Recall: y-intercept is the point where a graph intersects or touches the y-axis.

Note: A line will always intersect the y-axis unless the line is vertical.

- A vertical line will do one of two things: A = it will never intersect the y-axis or B = it will fully coincide with the y-axis.

Slope = is the pattern number when we use a sentence to describe a pattern: "when x increases by one, y increases/decreases by a number".

Slope = the measure of steepness of a line.

Slope = ratio of rise to run expressed as a fraction.

$$\text{slope} = m = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

Where  $x_1$  and  $y_1$  are coordinates of point  $P_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $y_2$  are coordinates of point  $P_2$  and both points are on the line.

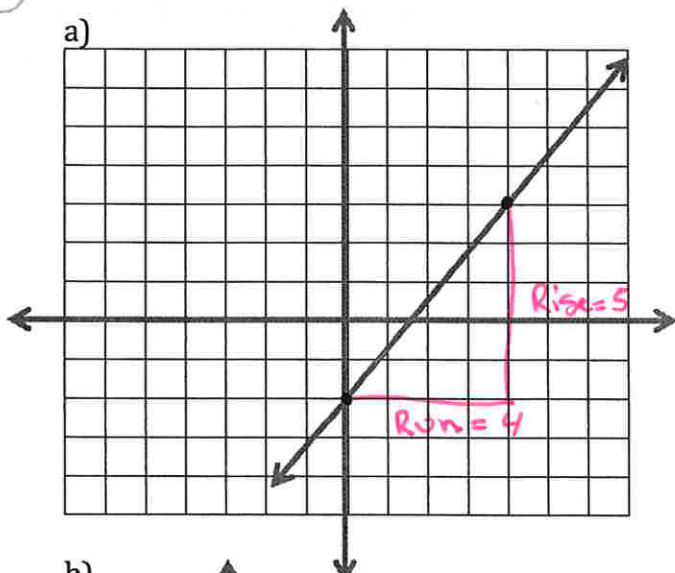
➤ The steeper the line = the large is the number "m".

$$\text{Slope} = \frac{\uparrow \text{ or } \downarrow}{\leftarrow \text{ or } \rightarrow}$$

➤ We can categorize the slope of a line in one of the four types:

Positive Slope	Negative Slope	Zero Slope	Undefined = Infinite Slope
The line is <b>increasing.</b>	The line is <b>decreasing.</b>	The line is <b>horizontal = flat.</b>	The line is <b>vertical.</b>
$m > 0$	$m < 0$	$m = 0$	$m$ is <i>undefined</i>
$y = +\#x + b$	$y = -\#x + b$	$y = \pm\#$	$x = \pm\#$

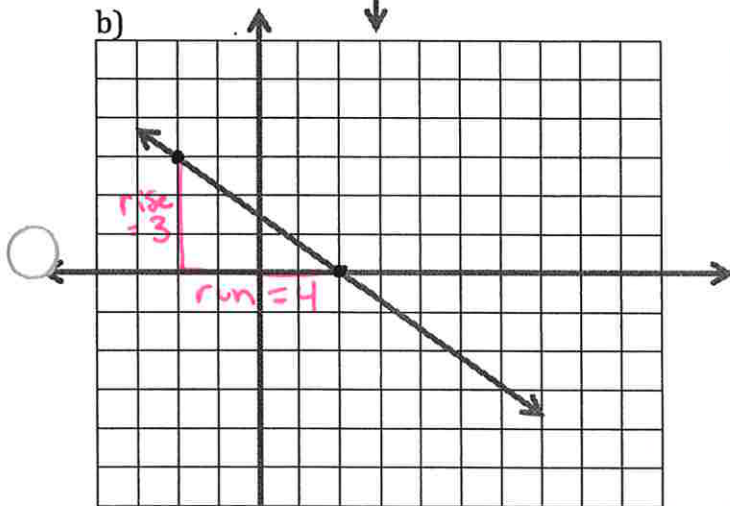
You can determine a slope of a line from a graph by drawing in a useful right-angled triangle:



$$m = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$$

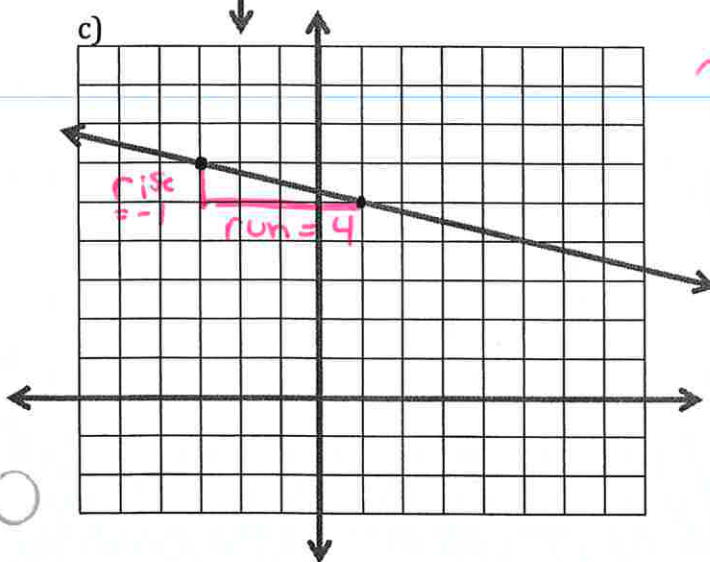
$$m = \frac{5}{4}$$

"up five over four"



$$m = \frac{-3}{4}$$

"down three over four"



$$m = \frac{-1}{4}$$

"down one, over four"

- You can calculate the slope of line given coordinates of two points that are on the line. Use the formula:

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

- a) Determine the slope of a line that passes through A (-2,5) and ~~A~~<sup>B</sup>(6,7).

$$m = \frac{1}{4}$$

- b) Determine the slope of a line that passes through A (0,3) and ~~A~~<sup>B</sup>(-9, 4).

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{4 - 3}{-9 - 0} = \frac{1}{-9} = -\frac{1}{9}$$

$$M = -\frac{1}{9}$$

- c) Determine the slope of a line that passes through A (<sup>x<sub>1</sub></sup>14, <sup>y<sub>1</sub></sup>-6) and ~~A~~<sup>B</sup>(<sup>x<sub>2</sub></sup>12, <sup>y<sub>2</sub></sup>-7).

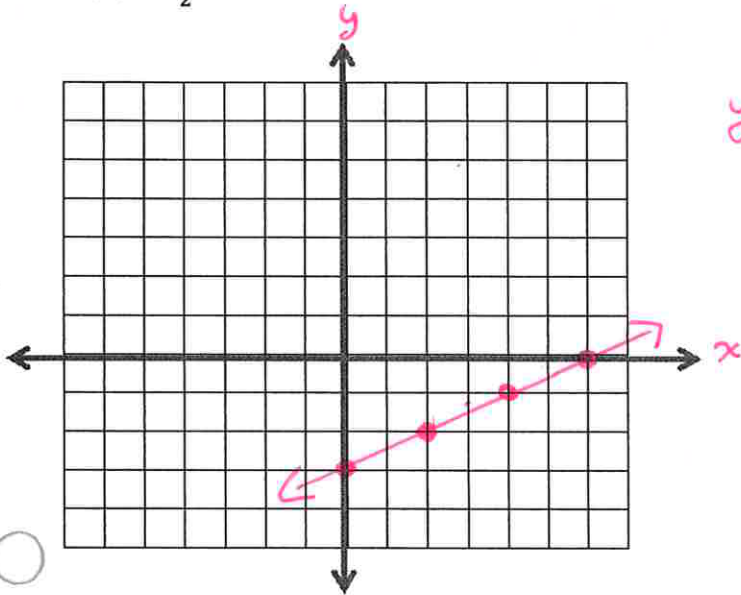
$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{-7 - (-6)}{12 - 14} = \frac{-7 + 6}{-2} = \frac{-1}{-2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$M = \frac{1}{2}$$

Practice graphing a line given an equation:

Note: If the equation given to you is not in  $y=mx+b$  form, use algebra to change the equation so it is in the form  $y=mx+b$ .

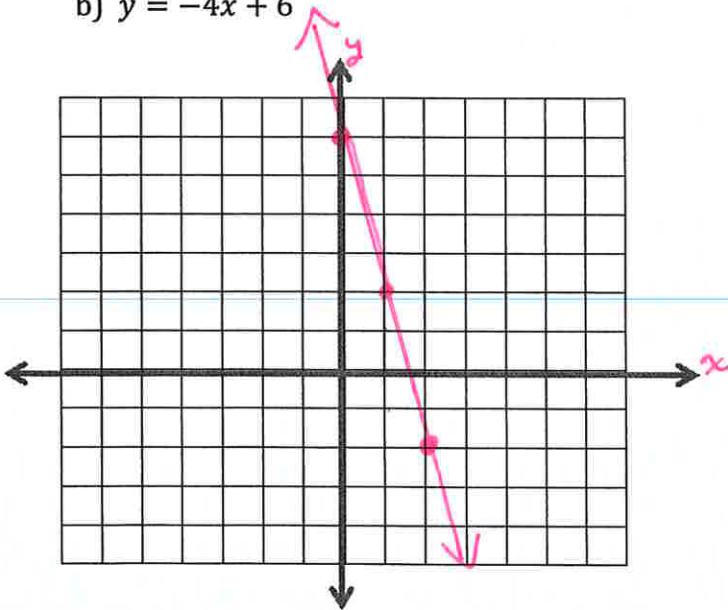
a)  $y = \frac{1}{2}x - 3$



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Annotations:  
-  $x$  so  $\uparrow$  (pointing to the x term)  
-  $y$  intercept (pointing to the -3)  
- + So across 2 (pointing to the denominator 2)

b)  $y = -4x + 6$



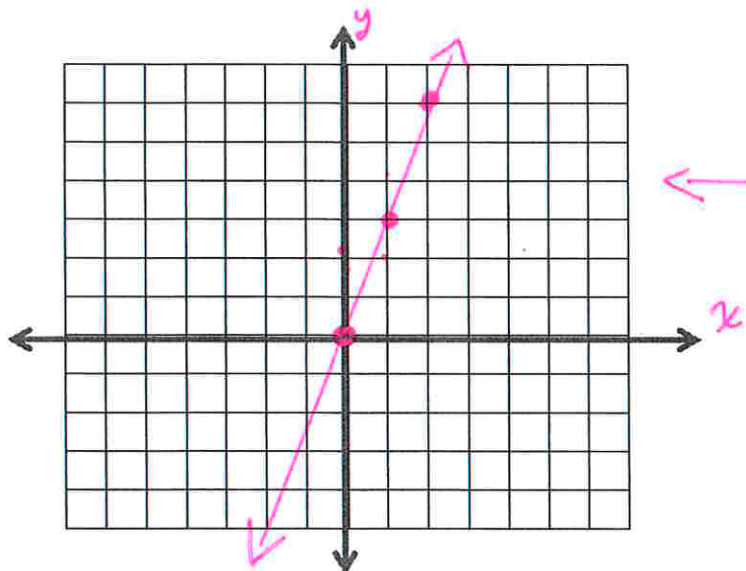
$y = -4x + 6$   
 $y = \frac{-4}{1}x + 6$

(up 3 over 1)

c)  $y = 3x$

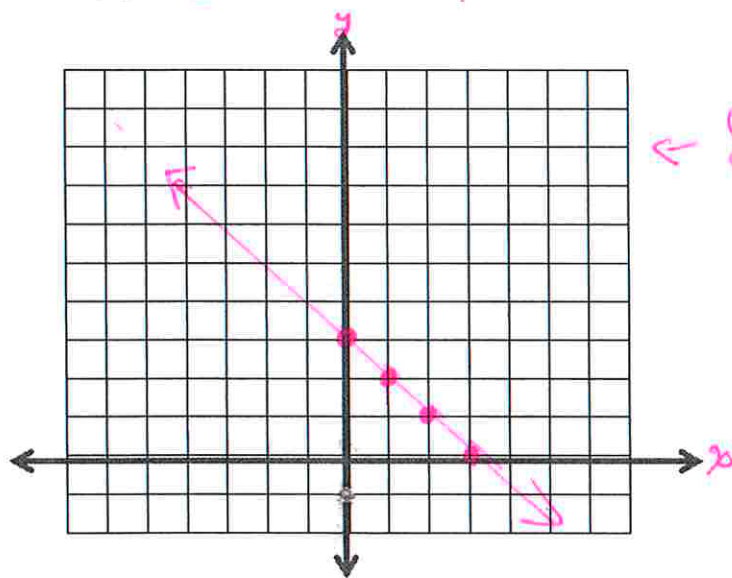
$\rightarrow y = \frac{3}{1}x + 0$

Slope =  $\frac{\uparrow \downarrow}{\rightarrow}$



$\leftarrow y = \frac{3}{1}x + 0$

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



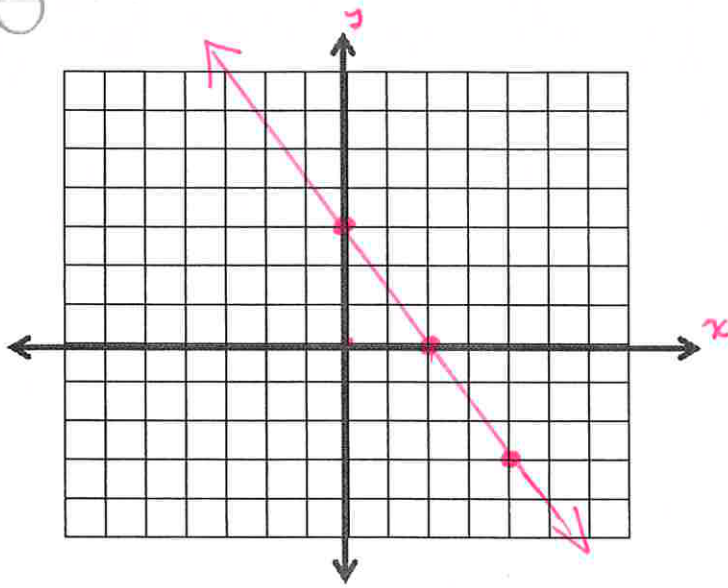
$\leftarrow y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 3$

LVL 4 Turn  $y = mx + b$  Using Algebra

$y = mx + b$   
 ↑ slope      ↑ y intercept

Slope = "pattern #" =  $\frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{run}}$   
 = Natural of steep

e)  $4y - 12 = -6x$

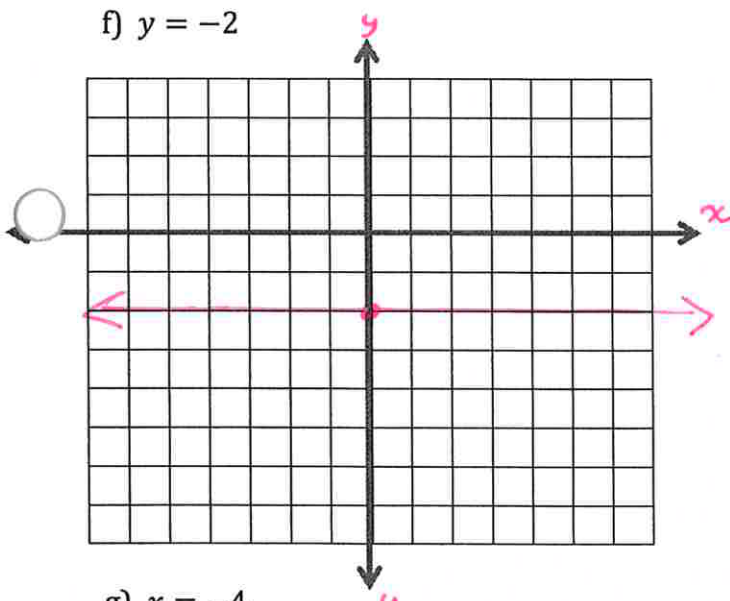


$4y - 12 = -6x$   
 $+12$                        $+12$

$\frac{4y}{4} = \frac{-6x + 12}{4}$

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

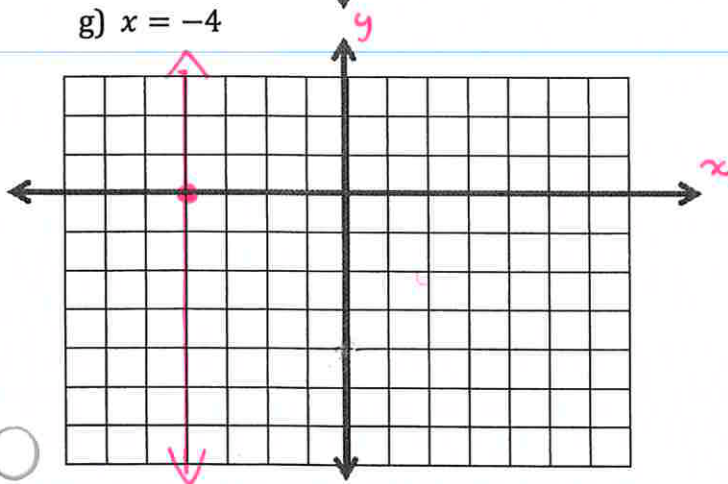
f)  $y = -2$



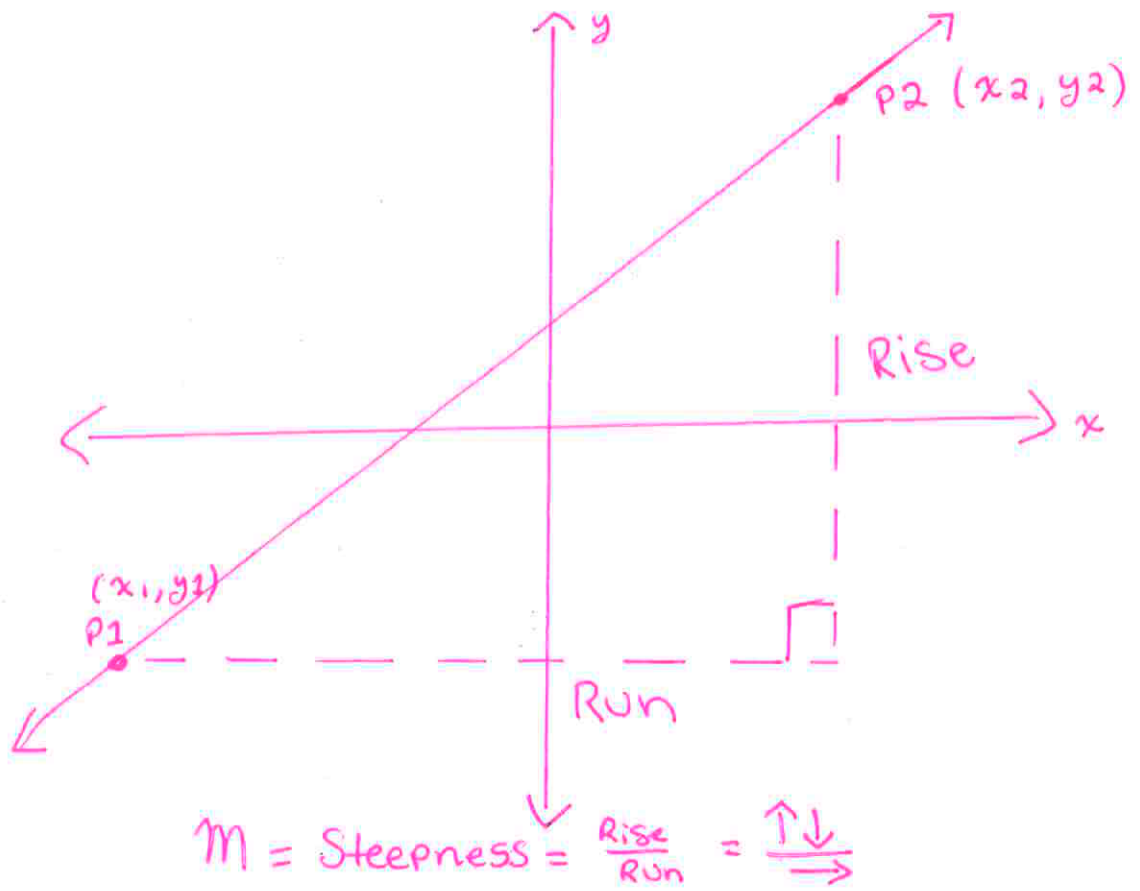
$y = -2 \rightarrow \text{no } x \Rightarrow \text{horizontal line.}$   
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$y = 0x - 2$

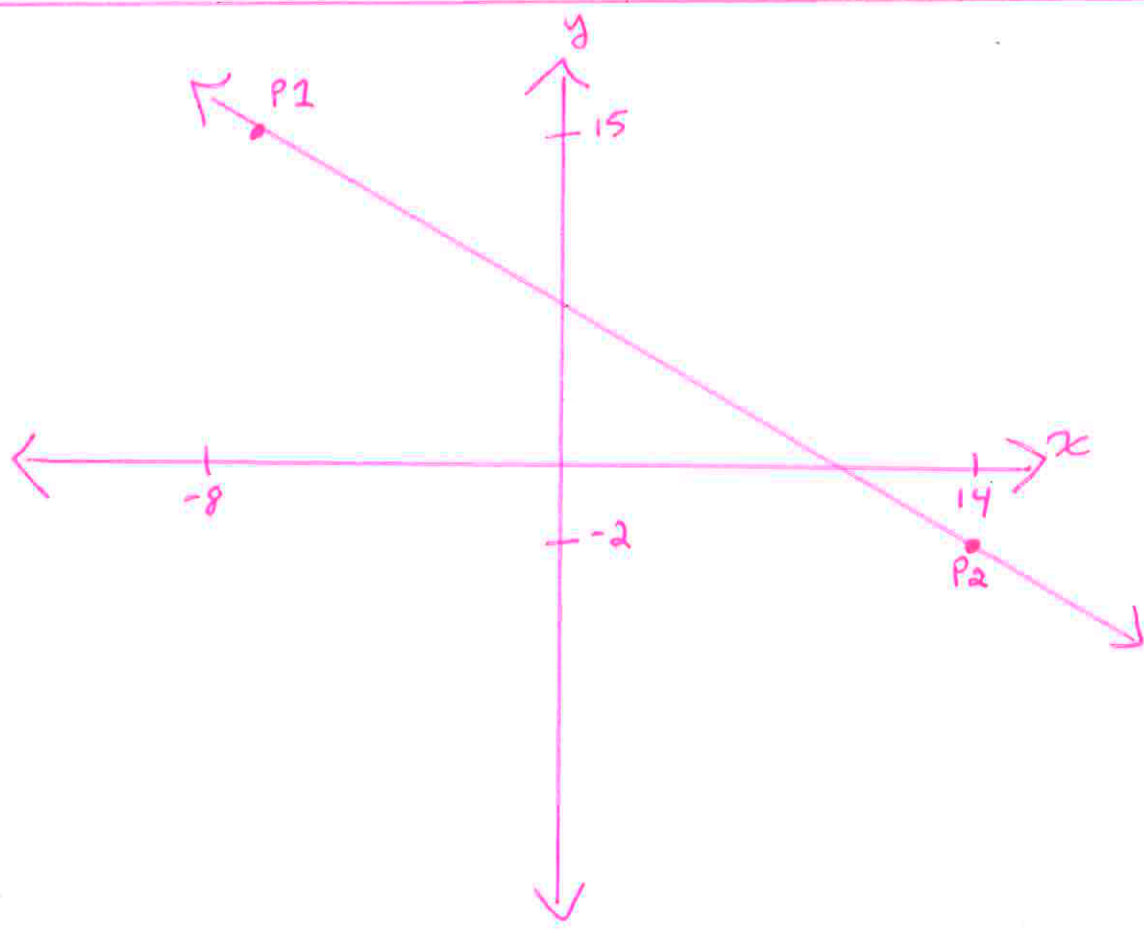
g)  $x = -4$



$x = -4 \rightarrow \text{no } y \Rightarrow \text{vertical line}$



$P_1(-8, 15)$   
 $P_2(14, -2)$



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

$$m = \frac{-2 - 15}{14 - (-8)}$$

$$m = \frac{-17}{14 + 8}$$

$$m = \frac{-17}{22}$$