

# Welcome To Math 34A!

## Differential Calculus

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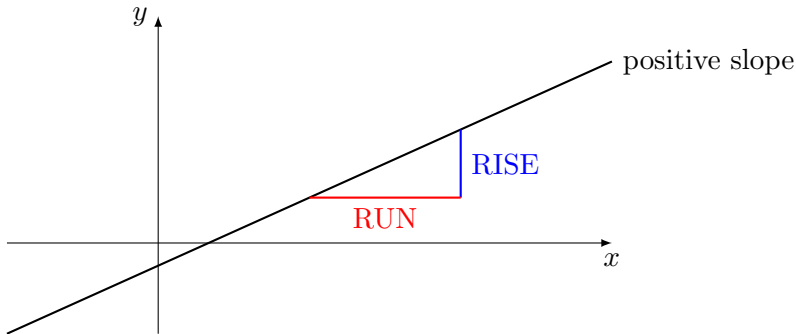
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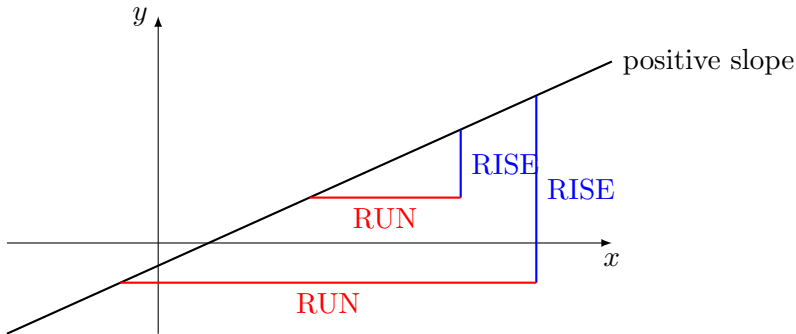
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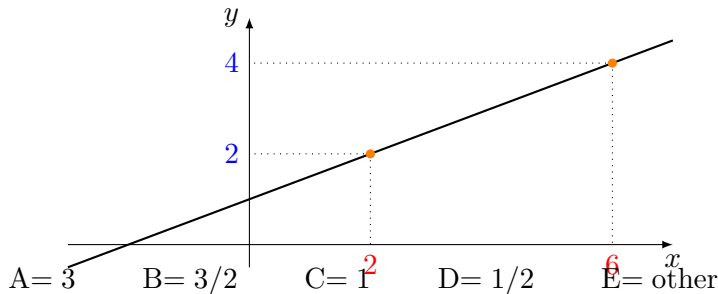
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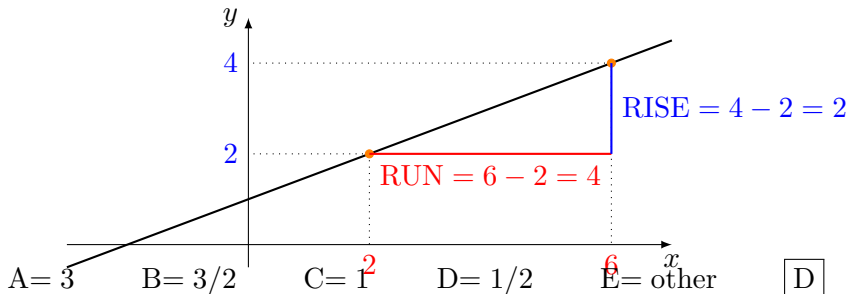
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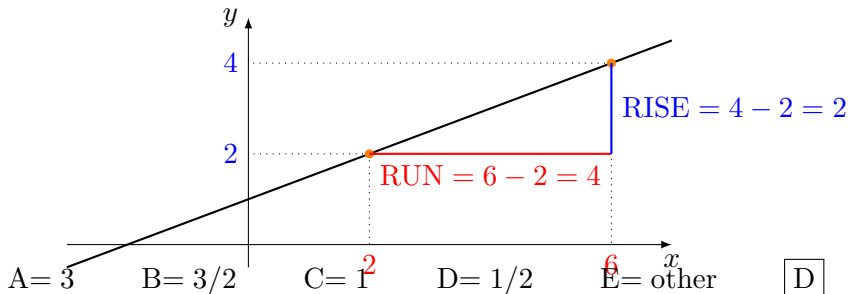
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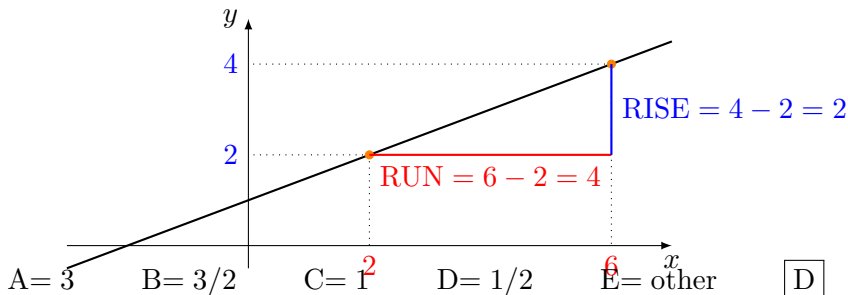


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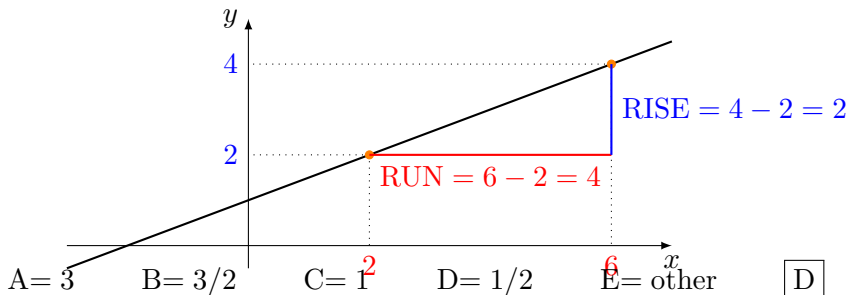


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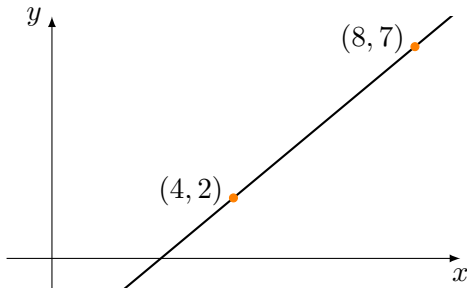
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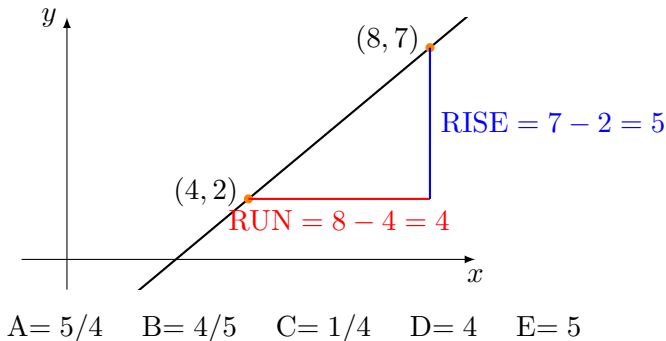
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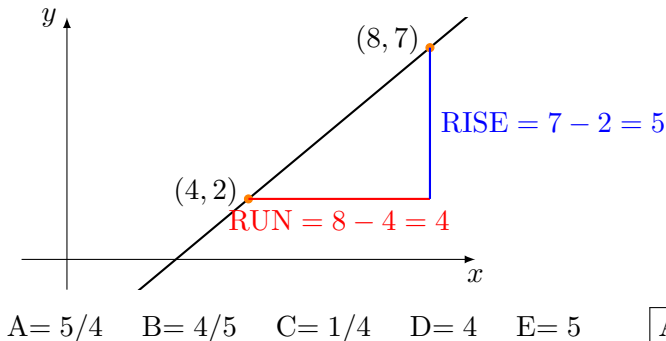
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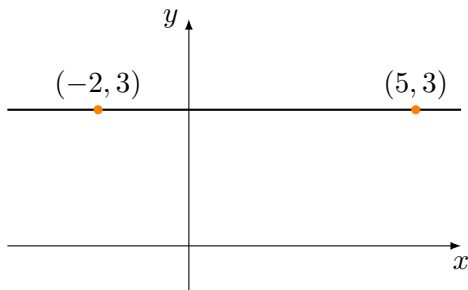
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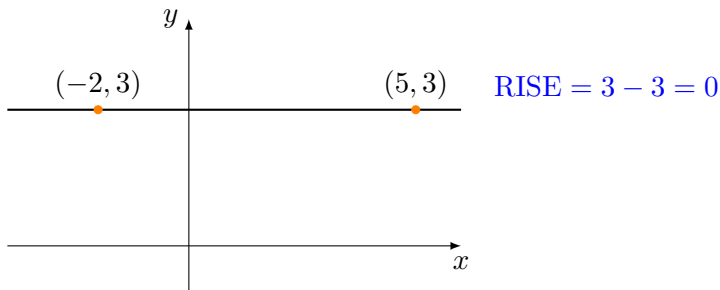


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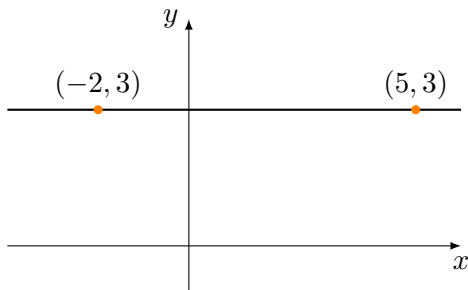
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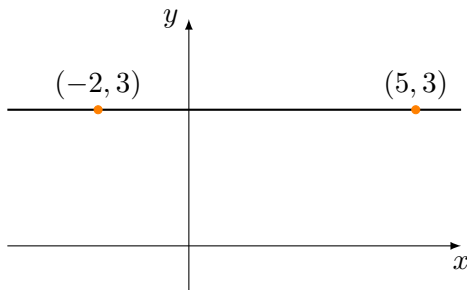
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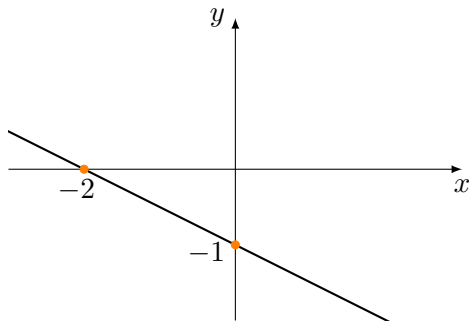
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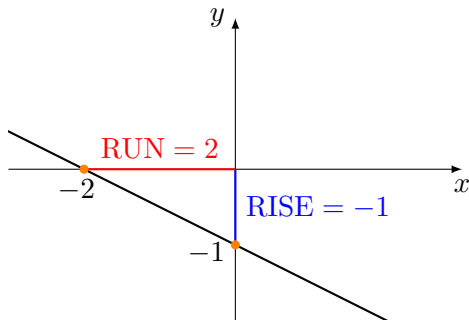
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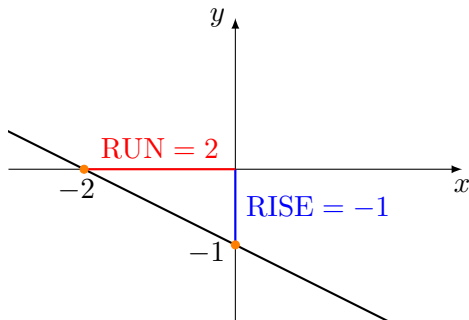
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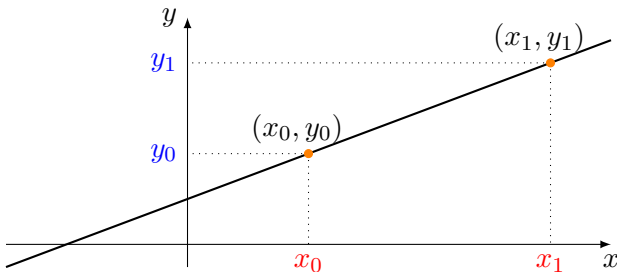
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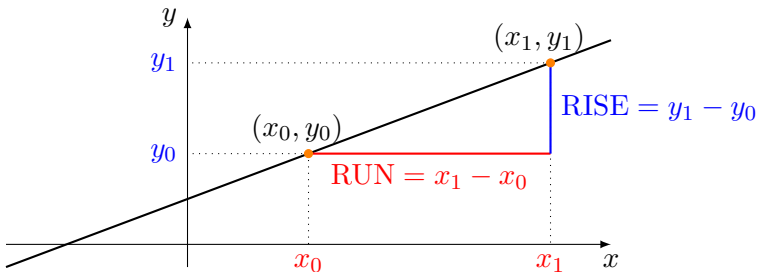
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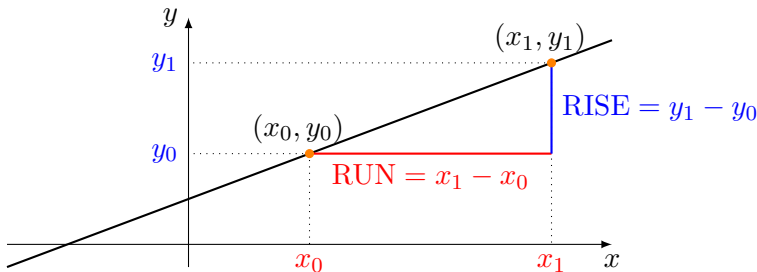
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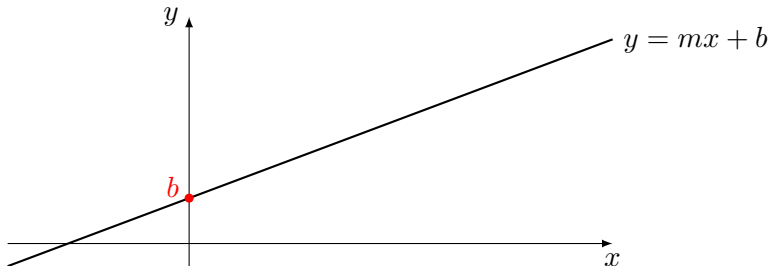
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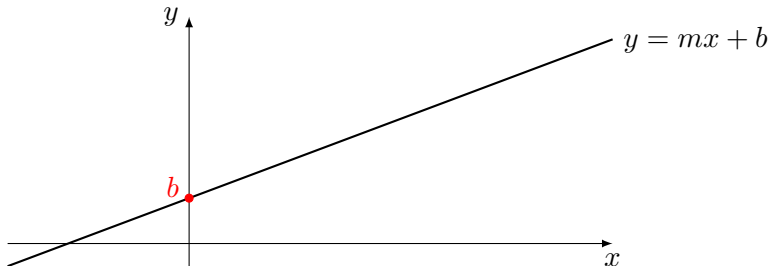
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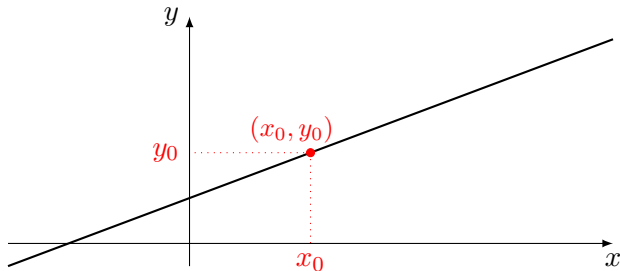
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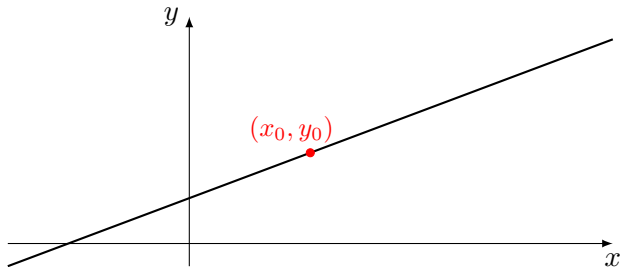
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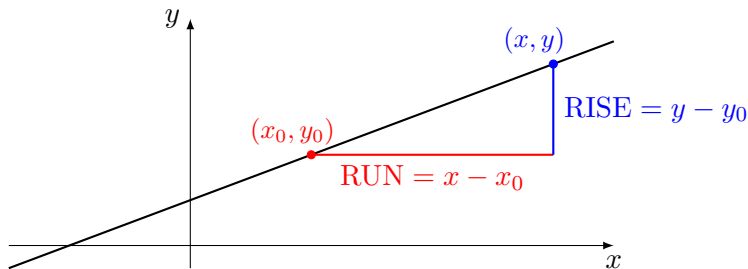
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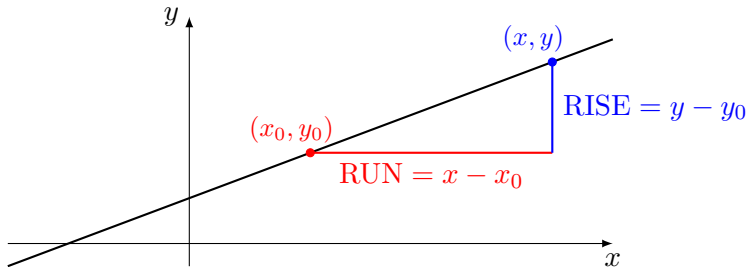
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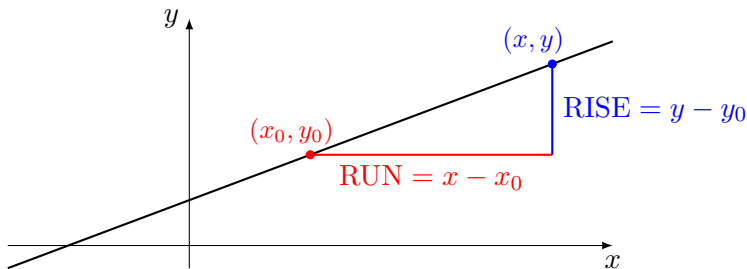
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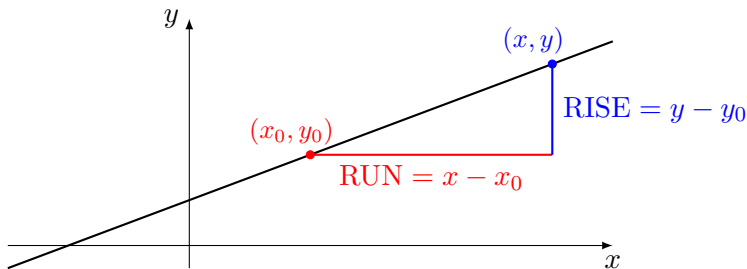
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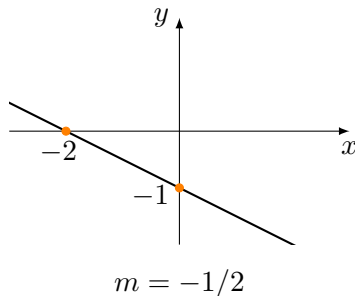
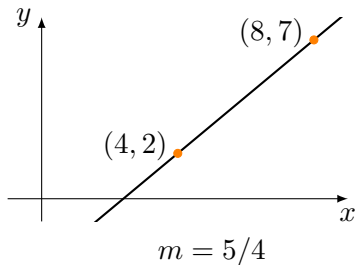
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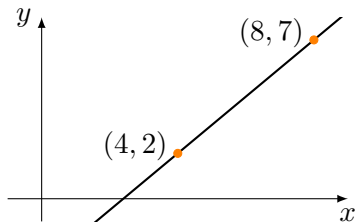
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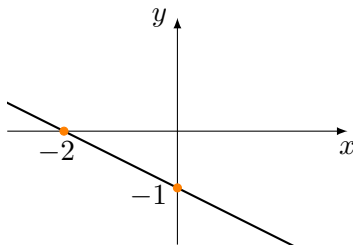
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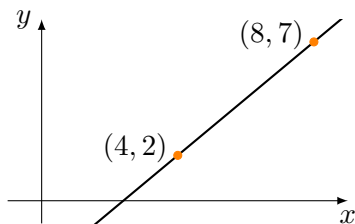
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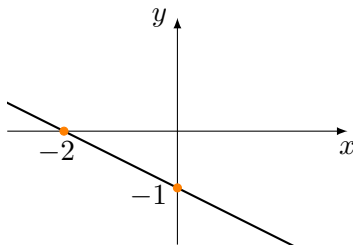
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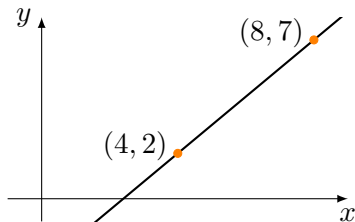
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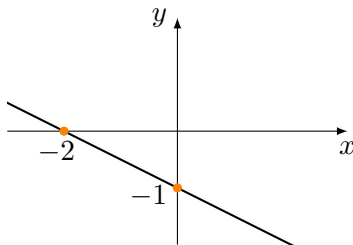
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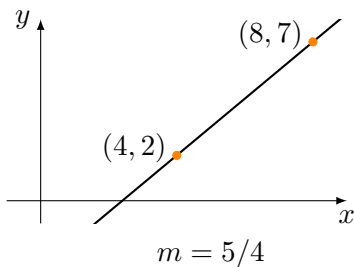


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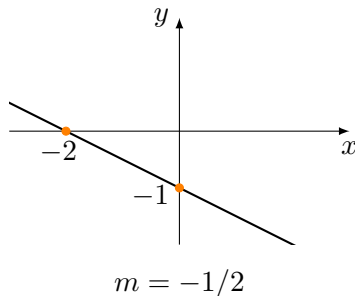
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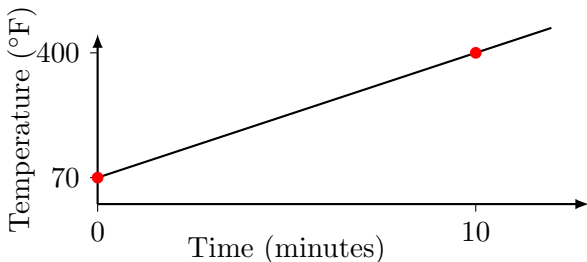
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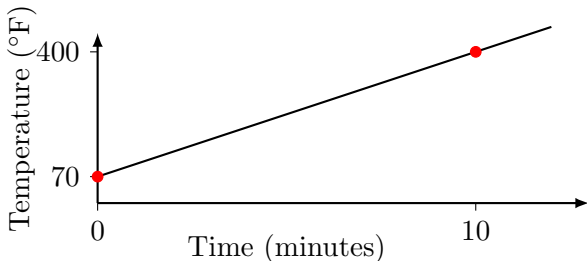


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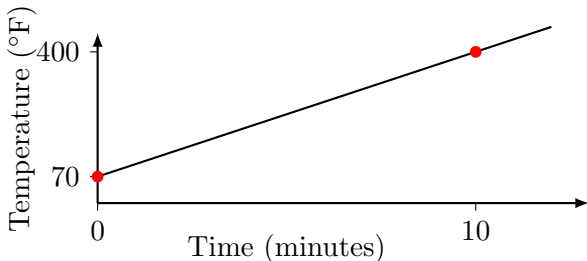
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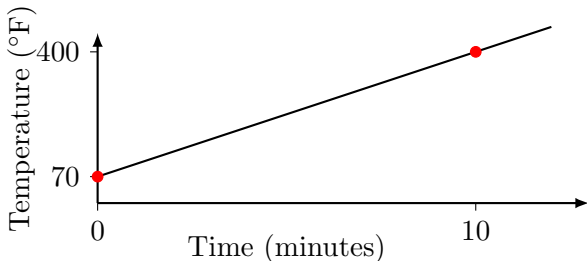
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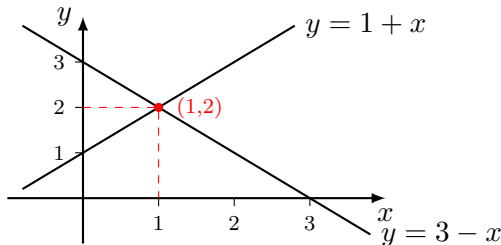
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2. Solve the **two simultaneous equations**
3. **THINK** why this gives the answer!

# One More Example

- 10.** Where does the line  $y = 1 + x$  cross the line  $y = 3 - x$ ?  
Find both the  $x$  and  $y$  coordinates of the crossing point.

Plan:

1. **Draw a picture!** showing two straight lines crossing.
2. Solve the **two simultaneous equations**
3. **THINK** why this gives the answer!





That's it. Thanks for being here.

