

In class work 2 has questions 1 through 2 with a total of 7 points. This assignment is due at the end of the class period (9:55 AM).

1. A line L contains the points $(x = 5, y = 2)$ and $(x = 7, y = -1)$.

- 1 (a) Find an *equation* of the line L .

Solution: The slope of the line L is

$$\frac{2 - (-1)}{5 - 7} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

An equation of the line L is

$$y - 2 = -\frac{3}{2}(x - 5).$$

Using the other point, we get a syntactically different equation—it is

$$y + 1 = -\frac{3}{2}(x - 7).$$

A good way to check an equation of a line is to paste the data in to the equation and see if it is true. Pasting $(x = 5, y = 2)$ into our first equation for L , we have

$$\left[2 - 2 = -\frac{3}{2}(5 - 5) \right] = [0 = 0] = \text{True}.$$

And pasting in $(x = 7, y = -1)$, we have

$$\left[-1 - 2 = -\frac{3}{2}(7 - 5) \right] = [-3 = -3] = \text{True}.$$

Similarly, you should check that the equation $y + 1 = -\frac{3}{2}(x - 7)$ is also correct. The question *doesn't* ask for a particular form for the equation of the line, but converting to a slope-intercept form, we have

$$y = -\frac{3}{2}x + \frac{19}{2}.$$

- 1 (b) Find the x -*intercept* of the line L .

Solution: To find the x-intercept of the line $y - 2 = -\frac{3}{2}(x - 5)$, set y to zero and solve for x ; we have

$$\begin{aligned}\left[0 - 2 = -\frac{3}{2}(x - 5)\right] &= \left[\frac{4}{3} = x - 5\right], \\ &= \left[x = \frac{19}{3}\right]\end{aligned}$$

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(c) Find the y -intercept of the line L .

Solution: To find the y-intercept of the line $y - 2 = -\frac{3}{2}(x - 5)$, set x to zero and solve for y ; we have

$$\begin{aligned}\left[y - 2 = -\frac{3}{2}(0 - 5)\right] &= \left[y - 2 = \frac{15}{2}\right] \\ &= \left[y = \frac{19}{2}\right]\end{aligned}$$

2. An equation of a line L is $2y + 3x = 6$.

- 1 (a) Find the *slope* of the line L .

Solution: To find the slope of the line $2y + 3x = 6$, we solve $2y + 3x = 6$ for y and match to the slope-intercept form $y = mx + b$ (the slope being m). Solving $2y + 3x = 6$ for y gives $y = -\frac{3}{2}x + 3$. And matching this to $y = mx + b$ gives $m = -\frac{3}{2}$.

- 1 (b) Find the *x-intercept* of the line L .

Solution: We have

$$[3x = 6] = [x = 2].$$

- 1 (c) Find the *y-intercept* of the line L .

Solution: We have

$$[2y = 6] = [y = 3].$$

- 1 (d) Draw a graph of the line L .

