

## 2.1 Midpoint and Review of $y = mx + b$

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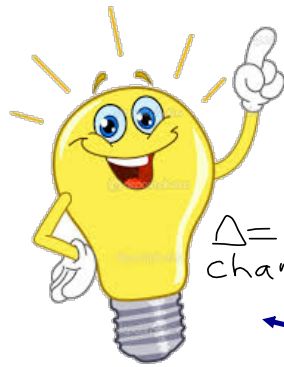
To write the equation of a line you need **slope** and **y-intercept**

$$y = mx + b$$

• *Parallel* lines have the same slope.

• *Perpendicular* lines have slopes that are negative reciprocals.

$$m = \frac{1}{2} \quad m = -\frac{2}{1}$$

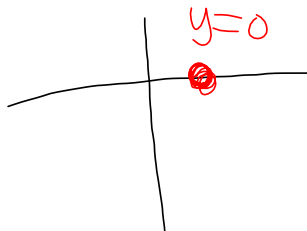


$\Delta =$   
change

• Given two points, find slope using

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

• *Same x-int* means find the x-int by substituting  $y = 0$ , then use this point,  $(x, 0)$ , as a point on the line.



• Can use any point  $(x, y)$  on the line to substitute along with  $m$  to find  $b$ .

1. Find the equations of the following lines:

$$y = mx + b$$

a) passes through (4,2) with a slope of 3

m	b
$m = 3$	Need a point (4,2) $y = 3x + b$ $2 = 3(4) + b$ $2 = 12 + b$ $2 - 12 = b$ $-10 = b$

$\therefore y = 3x - 10$

b) passes through C(3,-4) and D(-1,7)

m	b
$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$ $= \frac{7 - (-4)}{-1 - 3}$ $= -\frac{11}{4}$	$y = -\frac{11}{4}x + b$ *need a point $-4 = -\frac{11}{4}(3) + b$ $-\frac{4}{1} = -\frac{33}{4} + b$ $-\frac{16}{4} + \frac{33}{4} = b \rightarrow \frac{17}{4} = b$

$\therefore y = -\frac{11}{4}x + \frac{17}{4}$

c) perpendicular to  $4x + 3y - 7 = 0$  with the same x-intercept as  $2x + 3y - 12 = 0$

m	b
$4x + 3y - 7 = 0$ $\frac{3y}{3} = \frac{-4x + 7}{3}$ $y = -\frac{4}{3}x + \frac{7}{3}$ $m = -\frac{4}{3}$ $m_{\perp} = \frac{3}{4}$ <i>perpendicular</i>	*Need a point $\rightarrow$ x-intercept $2x + 3y - 12 = 0$ $2x + 3(0) - 12 = 0$ $2x = 12$ $x = 6$ $(6, 0)$ $x$ $y$

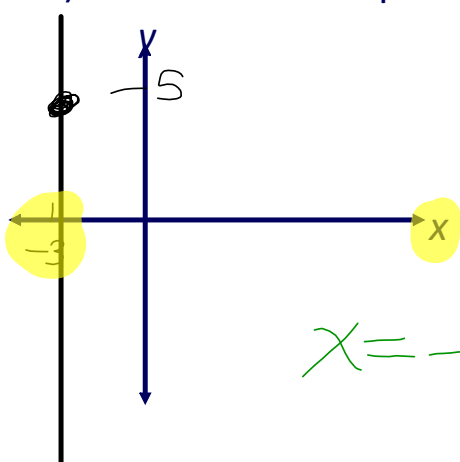
point  
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x-int  
y=0

$\therefore y = \frac{3}{4}x - \frac{9}{2}$

SPECIAL CASES: Horizontal & Vertical Lines

2. Determine the equation of each of the following lines.

a) a vertical line passing through  $(-3, 5)$

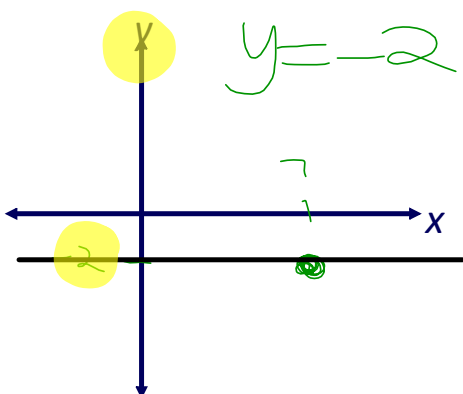


the x-coordinate  
is always -3



$$x = -3$$

b) a horizontal line passing through  $(7, -2)$

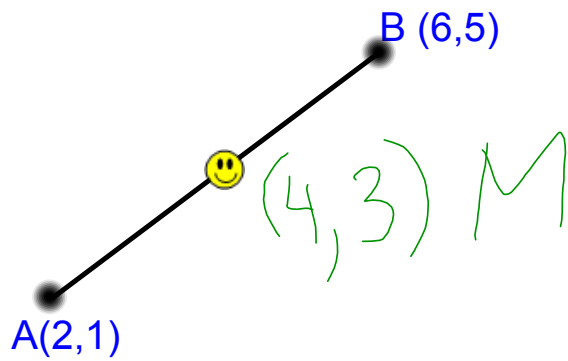


the y-coordinate  
is always -2

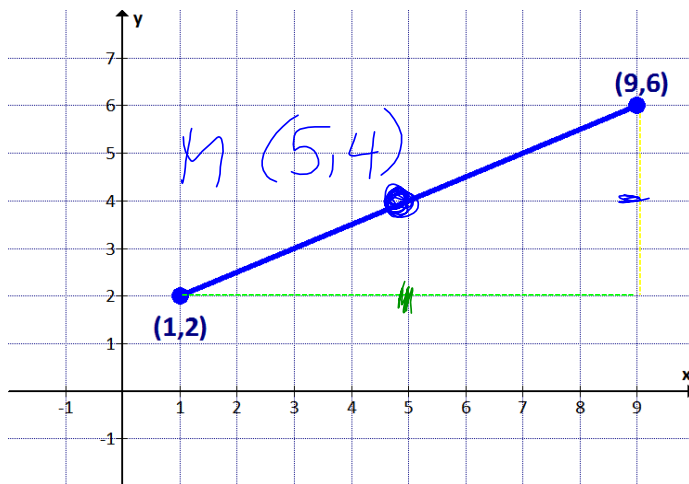


$$y = -2$$

## The Midpoint



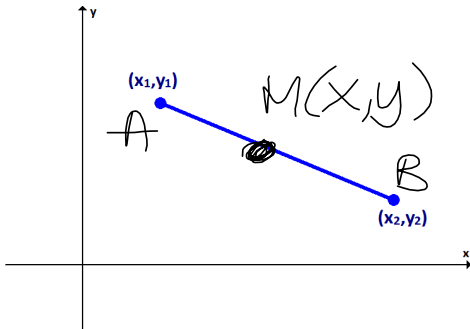
How can you find the midpoint?



How can you determine the midpoint algebraically given the coordinates of the endpoints?

$$x_m = \frac{1+9}{2} = 5$$

$$y_m = \frac{2+6}{2} = 4$$



The coordinates of the midpoint of a line segment are the **means** of the endpoint coordinates.

*aka: average*

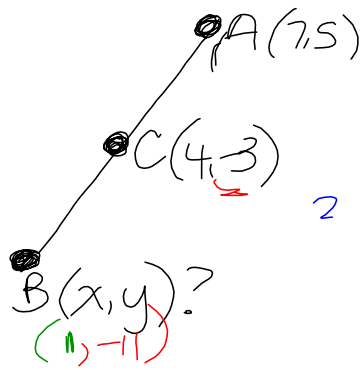
$$M_{AB} = \left( \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$$

Ex. 1 Find the midpoint of the line segment AB where A(2,-4) and B(-3,5).

$$\begin{aligned} M_{AB} &= \left( \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{2 + (-3)}{2}, \frac{-4 + 5}{2} \right) \\ &= \left( -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$



Ex. 2 C(4, -3) is the midpoint of a line segment with endpoints A(7, 5) and B. Determine the coordinates of B.



$$M(x, y) = \left( \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$$

$$x_M = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}$$

$$2(4) = \frac{7 + x_2}{2}$$

$$8 = 7 + x_2$$

$$1 = x_2$$

$$y_M = \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}$$

$$-3 = \frac{5 + y_2}{2}$$

$$-6 = 5 + y_2$$

$$-11 = y_2$$

B (1, -11)

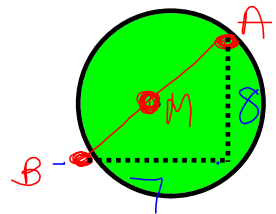
Ex. 3 The diameter of a circle has endpoints A(4, -3) and B(-3, 5).

a) Find the centre of the circle.

$$M_{AB} = \left( \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$$

$$= \left( \frac{4 + (-3)}{2}, \frac{(-3) + 5}{2} \right)$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{2}, 1 \right)$$



∴ Center of circle is  $\left( \frac{1}{2}, 1 \right)$

b) Determine the diameter of the circle.

$$y_2 - y_1$$

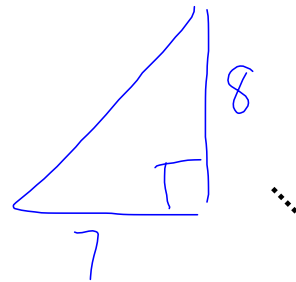
$$5 - (-3)$$

$$= 8$$

$$x_2 - x_1$$

$$= -3 - 4$$

$$= -7$$



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$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

$$(7)^2 + 8^2 = c^2$$

$$49 + 64 = c^2$$

$$113 = c^2$$

$$\pm \sqrt{113} = c$$

$$10.6 = c, \quad c > 0$$

