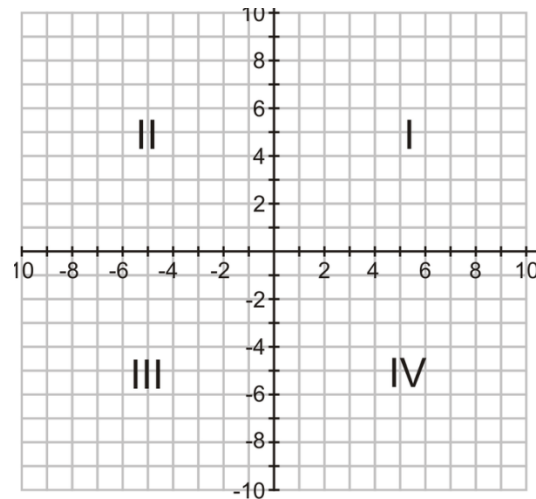


**Pre-Requisite Algebra Skills**

**I. Plotting Points on a Coordinate Plane**

**Recall:** coordinates are represented by  $(x, y)$  where  $x$  shows how many units to move left and right and  $y$  shows how many units to move up and down.

Plot the following coordinates on the coordinate plane:  
 $(4, 6)$ ,  $(-1, 3)$ ,  $(5, -2)$ ,  $(-4, -1)$ ,  $(6, 0)$ , and  $(0, 1)$

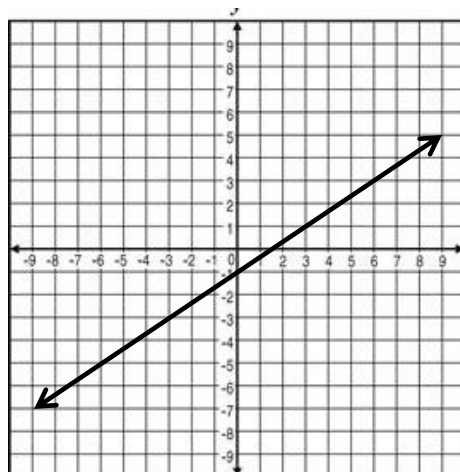


**II. Graphing Lines**

**Recall:**

$y = \frac{2}{3}x - 1$  where  $\frac{2}{3}$  represents the slope ( $\frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$ )

and  $-1$  represents the y-intercept (starting point)



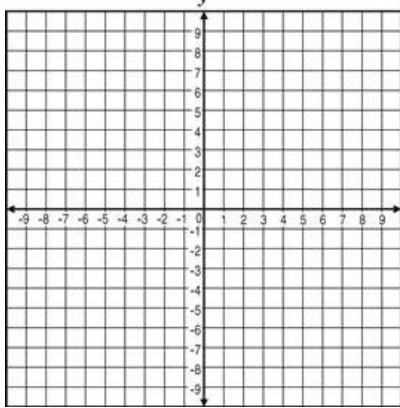
**Recall:**

Horizontal lines have a slope of zero and equations that look like:  $y = 3$

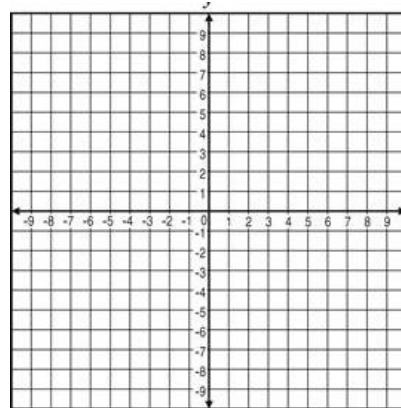
Vertical lines have an undefined slope and equations that look like:  $x = -4$

Graph the following lines:

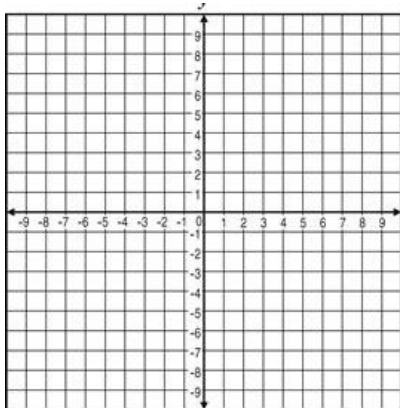
$$y = 5x - 2$$



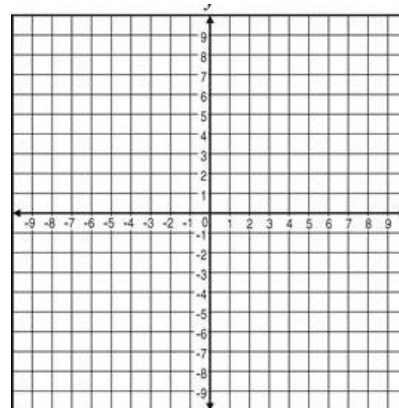
$$y = -4x$$



$$y = -2$$



$$x = 1$$



### III. Writing an Equation Given Two Points

**Recall:** To write an equation in slope-intercept form ( $y=mx+b$ ) you need the slope ( $m$ ) and the y-intercept ( $b$ ).

Given points  $(1, 6)$  and  $(3, -4)$

$$\frac{-4-6}{3-1} = \frac{-10}{2} = -5 \quad \text{calculate slope}$$

$$6 = -5(1) + b \quad \text{plug in the slope and any point to find } b$$

$$6 = -5 + b$$

$$11 = b$$

$$y = -5x + 11 \quad \text{write the equation}$$

**note:** a line parallel to this line would have a slope of  $-5$   
(parallel lines have the same slope)

a line perpendicular to this line would have a slope of  $\frac{1}{5}$   
(perpendicular lines have opposite reciprocal slopes)

Write the equation of the line given points  $(1, 3)$  and  $(-2, 5)$ :

parallel slope:

perpendicular slope:

Write the equation of the line given points (4, 7) and (-1, -3):

parallel slope:

perpendicular slope:

#### IV. Systems of Equations

##### Recall:

Substitution is best used when one variable can be easily isolated.

$$\begin{aligned}x &= -7y - 10 \\ 3x + 8y &= 9\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}3(-7y - 10) + 8y &= 9 && \text{sub one variable in for the} \\ -21y - 30 + 8y &= 9 && \text{other and solve} \\ 13y &= 39 \\ \mathbf{y} &= \mathbf{3}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x &= -7(3) - 10 && \text{plug the variable in} \\ x &= -21 - 10 && \text{to solve for the other} \\ \mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{-31}\end{aligned}$$

Elimination is best used when one variable can easily be set up to have opposite coefficients.

$$\begin{aligned}3x - 4y &= -5 \\ 5x - 2y &= -6\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}3x - 4y &= -5 \\ -10x + 4y &= 12\end{aligned} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{mult. the 2}^{\text{nd}} \text{ equation by } -2 \text{ to} \\ \text{get the } y \text{ terms to cancel} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}-7x &= -7 \\ \mathbf{x} &= \mathbf{1}\end{aligned} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{add straight down} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}3(1) - 4y &= -5 \\ 3 - 4y &= -5 \\ -4y &= -8 \\ \mathbf{y} &= \mathbf{2}\end{aligned} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{plug the variable in to solve} \\ \text{for the other} \end{array}$$

Solve the following systems using substitution or elimination:

$$\begin{aligned}2x - 3y &= -2 \\ 4x + y &= 24\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}2x + y &= 9 \\ 3x - y &= 16\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}-4x + 3y &= -2 \\ y &= x + 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}2x - y &= 9 \\ 3x + 4y &= -14\end{aligned}$$

## V. Factoring Trinomials

**Recall:** (always check if you can factor out a GCF first)

AC Method  $\rightarrow 6x^2 + 5x - 4 = 0$  ( $ax^2 + bx + c$ )

$\begin{array}{l} -24 \\ 1 \ 24 \end{array}$  Multiply a and c. Find factors of ac  
that add up to b.

$\begin{array}{l} 2 \ 12 \\ -3 \ 8 \end{array}$

Replace middle term with chosen factors.

$\begin{array}{l} 4 \ 6 \end{array}$

$$6x^2 - 3x + 8x - 4 = 0$$

Factor by grouping.

$$3x(2x - 1) + 4(2x - 1) = 0$$

$$(2x - 1)(3x + 4) = 0$$

Set each factor equal to 0 and solve.

$$2x - 1 = 0 \text{ so } x = \frac{1}{2} \quad 3x + 4 = 0 \text{ so } x = -\frac{4}{3}$$

Shortcut when  $a = 1$

$$x^2 - 5x - 14 = 0$$

Find factors of c that add up to b.

$\begin{array}{l} -14 \\ 1 \ 14 \end{array}$

$\begin{array}{l} 2 \ -7 \end{array}$

$$(x + 2)(x - 7) = 0$$

$$x = -2, x = 7$$

Solve the following equations by factoring:

$$3x^2 - 14x - 5 = 0$$

$$6x^2 - 5x = 4$$

$$x^2 + 7x + 6 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$$

## VI. Solving Equations

### Recall:

- Check for distribution.
- Move all terms with the variable to one side.
- Combine like terms.
- Isolate the variable by undoing addition and subtraction then multiplication and division (opposite operation on the other side)

Solve:

$$5(x + 3) + 9 = 3(x - 4) + 6$$

$$\frac{1}{2}x - 3 = 2 - \frac{3}{4}x$$

$$4b + 5 = 1 + 5b$$

## VII. Simplifying Radicals

$$\sqrt{75}$$

$$\sqrt{32}$$

$$\sqrt{144}$$

### Recall:

\* Know your perfect squares!

\* Not a perfect square? Break down into factors that include a perfect square.

$$\frac{\sqrt{20}}{2\sqrt{5}}$$

## VIII. Fraction Work → ALWAYS SIMPLIFY

### Recall:

**Multiplication** (straight across)  $\frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{4}{5} = \frac{8}{15}$

**Division** (multiply by reciprocal)  $\frac{4}{3} \div \frac{2}{5} = \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{5}{2} = \frac{20}{6} = \frac{5}{3}$

**Addition and Subtraction**  
(find common denominator)  $\frac{2}{3} + \frac{4}{5} = \frac{10}{15} + \frac{12}{15} = \frac{22}{15}$

$$\frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{7}$$

$$6 \div \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\frac{2}{5} + \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\frac{7}{3} - \frac{2}{9}$$