

Straight Line Equation $y = mx + c$

- Find the gradient and y -intercept of the lines with the equations
 - $y = 3x + 7$
 - $y = 5x - 4$
 - $y = \frac{1}{3}x + 5$
 - $y = -2x + 1$
 - $y = -x - 3$
 - $y = 9 - 4x$
 - $y - 8x = 1$
 - $y + 3x = 5$
 - $6x - y = 3$
 - $2y + 8x = 4$
 - $3y - 9x = 15$
 - $2x + 5y = 20$
 - $4x - 3y = 12$
 - $4x + y - 6 = 0$
 - $5x - 7y - 2 = 0$
- A line which passes through the point $(0, 4)$ has gradient 5.
Write down the equation of the line.
- A line which passes through the point $(0, 2)$ has gradient -2 .
Write down the equation of the line.
- The gradient of a line is 3. The point with coordinates $(4, 2)$ lies on the line.
Find the equation of the line.
- A line which passes through the point $(4, 23)$ has gradient 4.
Write down the equation of the line.
- The gradient of a line is -1 . The point with coordinates $(5, -1)$ lies on the line.
Find the equation of the line.
- A line passes through the points with coordinates $(1, 3)$ and $(2, 8)$.
Find the equation of the line.
- A line passes through the points with coordinates $(2, 11)$ and $(5, 23)$.
Find the equation of the line.
- Find the equation of the line which passes through $(6, 1)$ and $(8, 9)$.
- A line passes through the points with coordinates $(3, 5)$ and $(-3, -7)$.
Find the equation of the line.
- A line passes through the points with coordinates $(5, -3)$ and $(8, -9)$.
Find the equation of the line.
- Find the equation of the line which passes through $(-4, 2)$ and $(1, 1)$.

Worked Solutions Courtesy of national5maths.co.uk

① (a) $y = mx + c$
 $y = 3x + 7$
 $m = 3$ $c = 7$
 ✓ ✓

② (b) $y = 5x - 4$
 $m = 5$ $c = -4$
 ✓ ✓

③ (c) $y = \frac{1}{3}x + 5$
 $m = \frac{1}{3}$ $c = 5$
 ✓ ✓

④ (d) $y = -2x + 1$
 $m = -2$ $c = 1$
 ✓ ✓

⑤ (e) $y = -x - 3$
 $m = -1$ $c = -3$
 ✓ ✓

⑥ (f) $y = -4x + 9$
 $m = -4$ $c = 9$
 ✓ ✓

⑦ (g) $y = 8x + 1$
 $m = 8$ $c = 1$
 ✓ ✓

⑧ (h) $y = -3x + 5$
 $m = -3$ $c = 5$
 ✓ ✓

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{i} \quad 6x - y &= 3 \\ \text{(x-1)} \quad -y &= -6x + 3 \\ \Rightarrow y &= 6x - 3 \\ \underline{m=6} \quad \underline{c=-3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{j} \quad 2y + 8x &= 4 \\ \text{(\div 2)} \quad y + 4x &= 2 \\ y &= -4x + 2 \\ \underline{m=-4} \quad \underline{c=2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{k} \quad 3y &= 9x + 15 \\ \text{(\div 3)} \quad y &= 3x + 5 \\ \underline{m=3} \quad \underline{c=5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{l} \quad 5y &= -2x + 20 \\ \text{(\div 5)} \quad y &= -\frac{2}{5}x + 4 \\ \underline{m=-\frac{2}{5}} \quad \underline{c=4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{m} \quad -3y &= -4x + 12 \\ \text{(x-1)} \quad 3y &= 4x - 12 \\ \text{(\div 3)} \quad y &= \frac{4x}{3} - 4 \\ \underline{m=\frac{4}{3}} \quad \underline{c=-4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{n} \quad y &= -4x + 6 \\ \underline{m=-4} \quad \underline{c=6} \end{aligned}$$

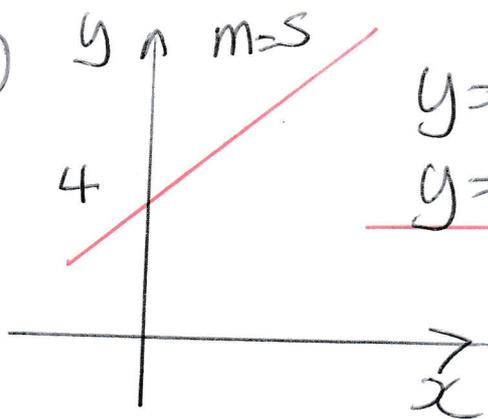
$$\textcircled{o} \quad -7y = -5x + 2$$

$$\text{(x-1)} \quad 7y = 5x - 2$$

$$\text{(\div 7)} \quad y = \frac{5}{7}x - \frac{2}{7}$$

$$\underline{m=\frac{5}{7}} \quad \underline{c=-\frac{2}{7}}$$

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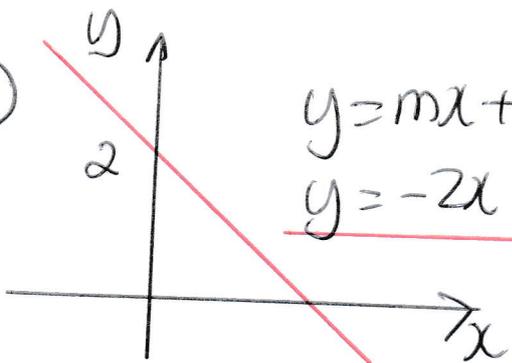


$$y = mx + c$$

$$\underline{y = 5x + 4}$$

POSITIVE 'm'
SLOPES
UP THE WAY
FROM LEFT
TO RIGHT

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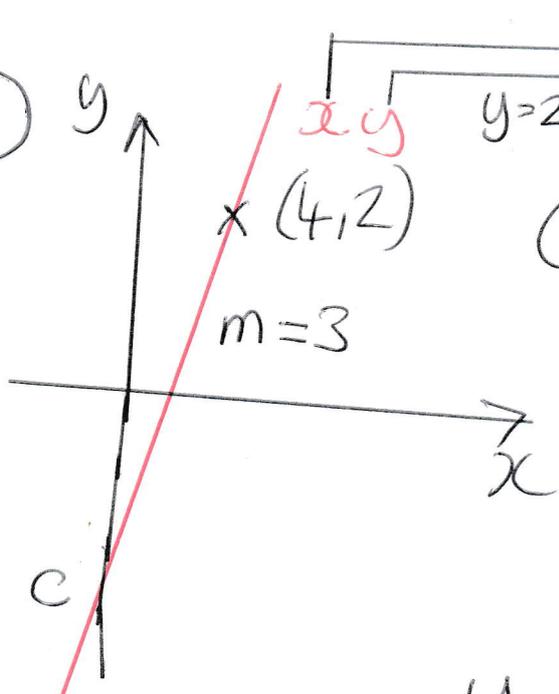


$$y = mx + c$$

$$\underline{y = -2x + 2}$$

NEGATIVE 'm'
SLOPES DOWN
THE WAY FROM
LEFT TO RIGHT

④



$$x = 4$$

$$y = 2$$

$$y = mx + c$$

$$2 = 3 \times 4 + c$$

$$2 = 12 + c$$

$$12 + c = 2$$

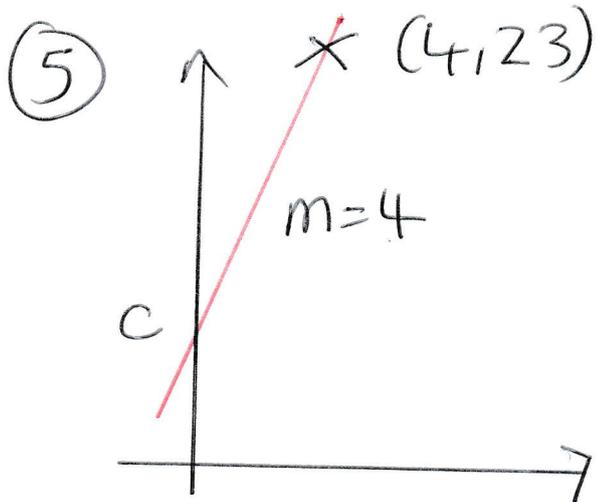
$$c = 2 - 12$$

$$\underline{c = -10}$$

$$y = mx - 10$$

$$\underline{y = 3x - 10}$$

(SINCE $m=3$)



x y

$$(4, 23) \quad m=4$$

SUB $x=4$, $y=23$ AND $m=4$

INTO $y = mx + c$

$$23 = 4 \times 4 + c$$

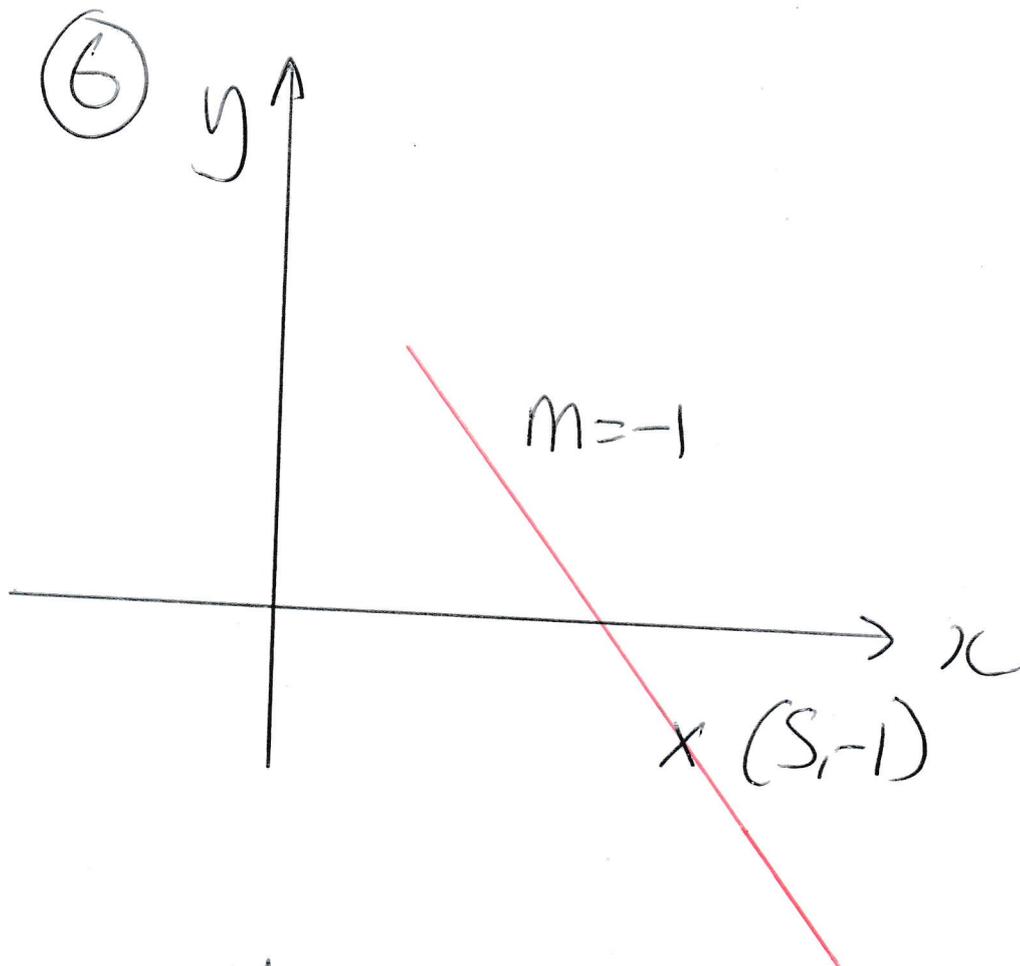
$$23 = 16 + c$$

$$c = 23 - 16$$

$$\underline{c = 7}$$

$$y = mx + c$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{y = 4x + 7} \quad \checkmark$$



$$\rightarrow y = mx + c$$

$(5, -1)$ $m = -1$
 x y

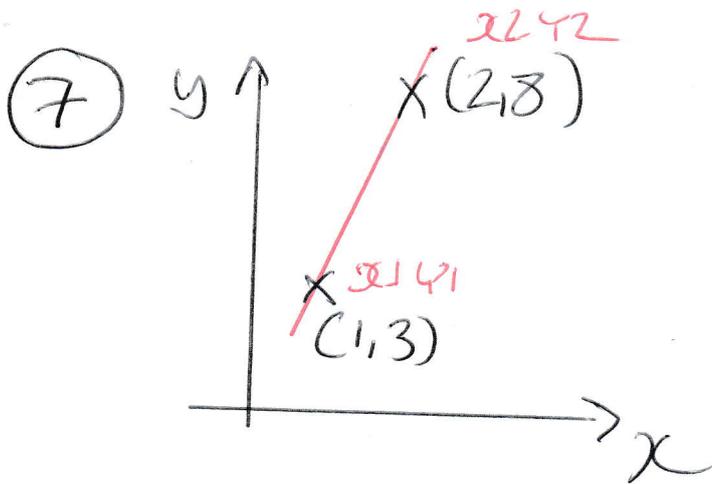
$$-1 = -1 \times 5 + c$$

$$-1 = -5 + c$$

$$-5 + c = -1$$

$$c = -1 + 5 = 4$$

$$\therefore y = mx + c, \underline{y = -x + 4}$$



GRADIENT $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{8 - 3}{2 - 1} = \frac{5}{1} = 5$.

$x_1 y_1$
 $(1, 3), m = 5$

$$y = mx + c$$

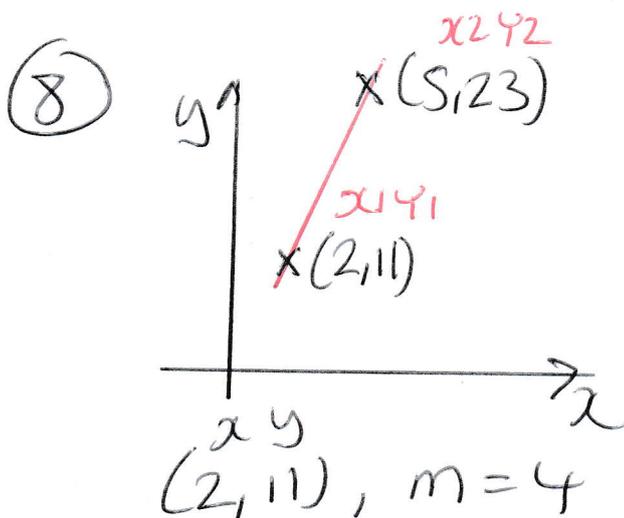
$$3 = 5 \times 1 + c$$

$$3 = 5 + c$$

$$c = -2$$

$$y = mx + c$$

$$y = 5x - 2 \quad \checkmark$$



$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{23 - 11}{5 - 2}$$

$$= \frac{12}{3} = 4$$

$x_1 y_1$
 $(2, 11), m = 4$

$$y = mx + c$$

$$11 = 4 \times 2 + c$$

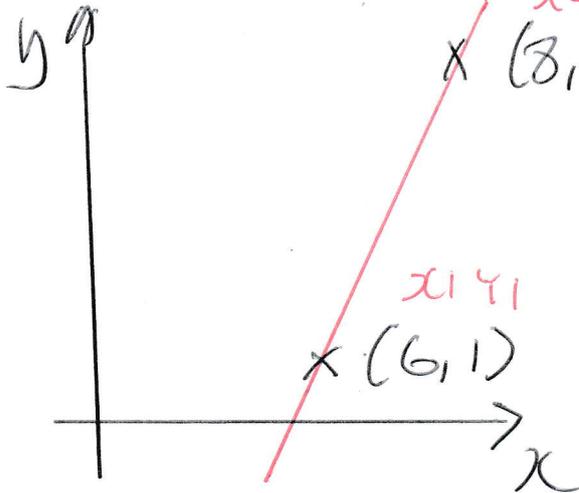
$$11 = 8 + c$$

$$c = 3$$

$$y = mx + c$$

$$y = 4x + 3 \quad \checkmark$$

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

$$= \frac{9 - 1}{8 - 6} = \frac{8}{2}$$

$$= \underline{4}$$

$x_1 y_1$
 $(6, 1), m = 4$

$$y = mx + c$$

$$1 = 4 \times 6 + c$$

$$1 = 24 + c$$

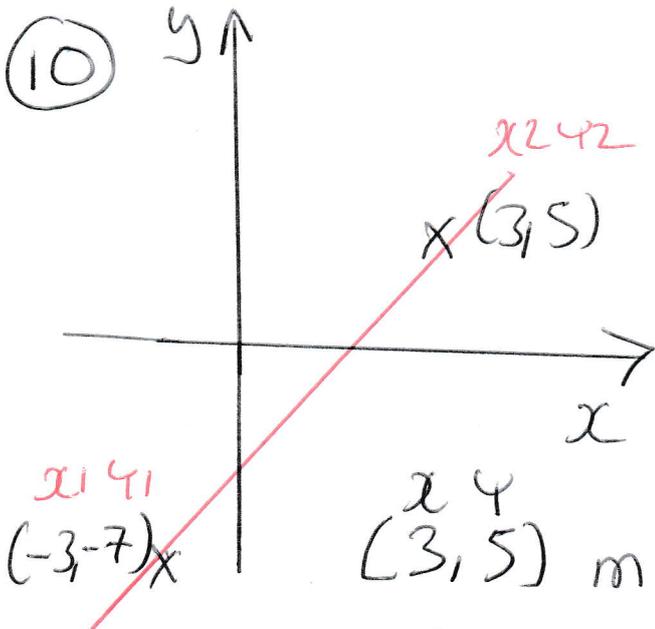
$$c = 1 - 24$$

$$c = -23$$

$$y = mx + c$$

$$\underline{y = 4x - 23}$$
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$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

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

$$= \frac{12}{6} = \underline{2}$$

$x_1 y_1$
 $(-3, -7)$
 $x_2 y_2$
 $(3, 5) m = 2$

$$y = mx + c$$

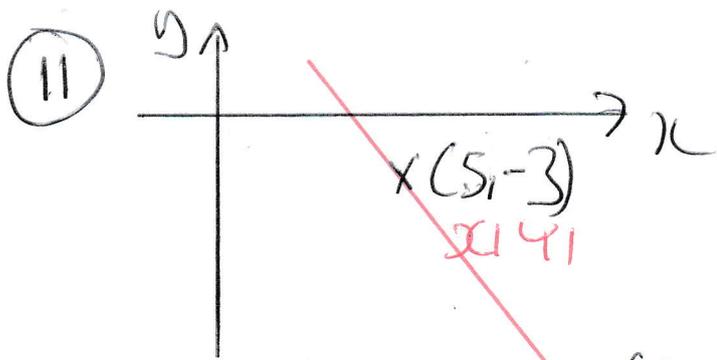
$$5 = 2 \times 3 + c$$

$$5 = 6 + c$$

$$c = 5 - 6 = -1$$

$$y = mx + c$$

$$\underline{y = 2x - 1}$$
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$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$= \frac{-9 - (-3)}{8 - 5}$$

$$= \frac{-9 + 3}{3} = \frac{-6}{3} = -2$$

$x_1 y_1$
 $(5, -3) \quad m = -1$

$$y = mx + c$$

$$-3 = -1 \times 5 + c$$

$$-3 = -5 + c$$

$$-5 + c = -3$$

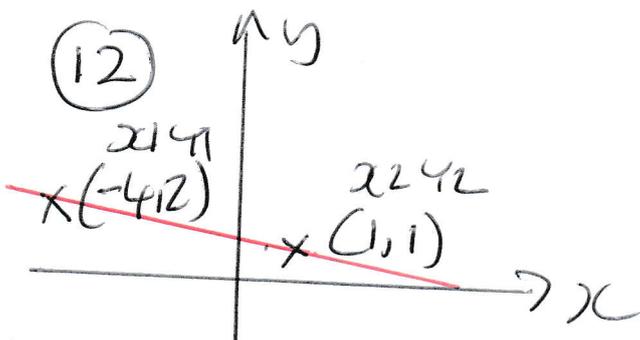
$$c = -3 + 5$$

$$c = 2$$

$$y = mx + c$$

$$y = -x + 2 \quad \checkmark$$

⑫



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

$$= \frac{1 - 2}{1 - (-4)} = \frac{-1}{5}$$

$x_1 y_1$
 $(-4, 2)$
 $x_2 y_2$
 $(1, 1)$
 $(1, 1) \quad m = -\frac{1}{5}$

$$y = mx + c$$

$$1 = -\frac{1}{5} \times 1 + c$$

$$c = 1 + \frac{1}{5}$$

$$c = 1\frac{1}{5} = \frac{6}{5}$$

$$y = mx + c$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{5}x + \frac{6}{5} \quad \checkmark$$