

Graphing Linear Equations in Standard Form

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The **standard form** of a linear equation is $Ax + By = C$, where A, B , and C are integers and A and B are not both zero.

Consider what happens when $A = 0$ or when $B = 0$.

When $A=0$

$$(0)x + By = C$$

$$\frac{By}{B} = \frac{C}{B}$$

$$y = \frac{C}{B} \text{ - constant}$$

$$y = b$$

When $B=0$

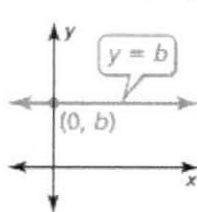
$$Ax + (0)y = C$$

$$\frac{Ax}{A} = \frac{C}{A}$$

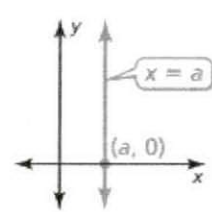
$$x = \frac{C}{A} \text{ - constant}$$

$$x = a$$

Horizontal and Vertical Lines

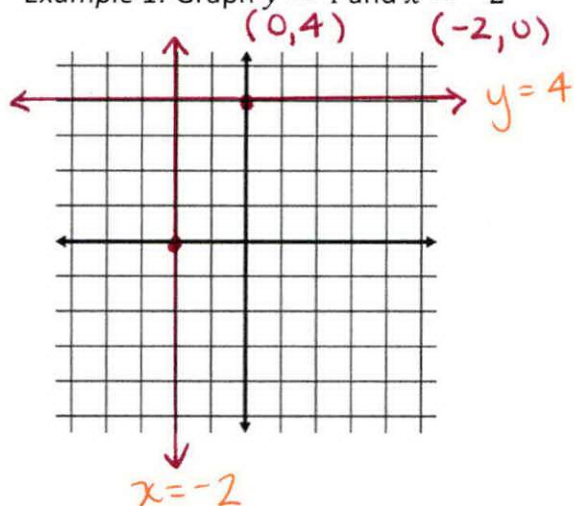


The graph of $y = b$ is a horizontal line. The line passes through the point $(0, b)$.

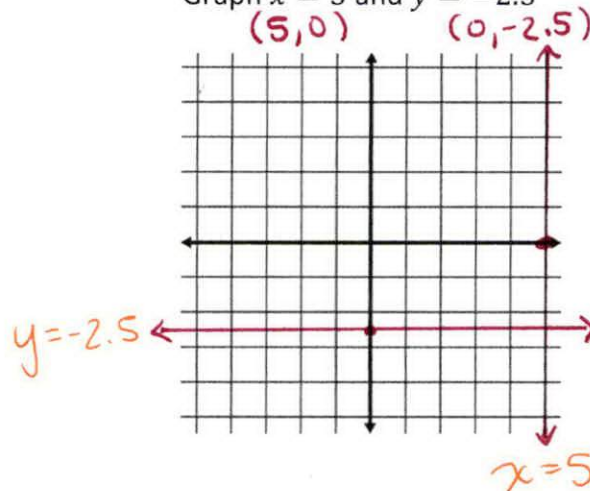


The graph of $x = a$ is a vertical line. The line passes through the point $(a, 0)$.

Example 1: Graph $y = 4$ and $x = -2$



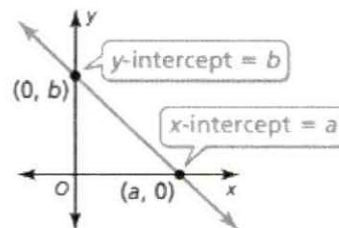
Graph $x = 5$ and $y = -2.5$



Using Intercepts to Graph Equations

The **x-intercept** of a graph is the x -coordinate of a point where the graph crosses the x -axis. It occurs when $y = 0$.

The **y-intercept** of a graph is the y -coordinate of a point where the graph crosses the y -axis. It occurs when $x = 0$.

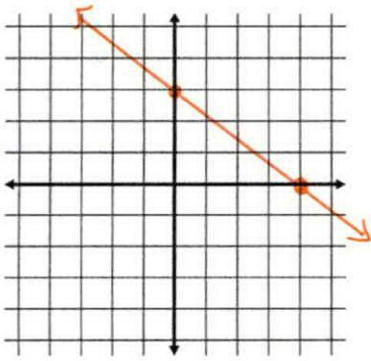


To graph the linear equation $Ax + By = C$, find the intercepts and draw the line that passes through the two intercepts.

- To find the x -intercept, let $y = 0$ and solve for x .
- To find the y -intercept, let $x = 0$ and solve for y .



Example 2: Use intercepts to graph the equation $3x + 4y = 12$.



x-intercept

$$y=0$$

$$3x + 4(0) = 12$$

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

$$x = 4$$

$$(4, 0)$$

y-intercept

$$x=0$$

$$3(0) + 4y = 12$$

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

$$y = 3$$

$$(0, 3)$$

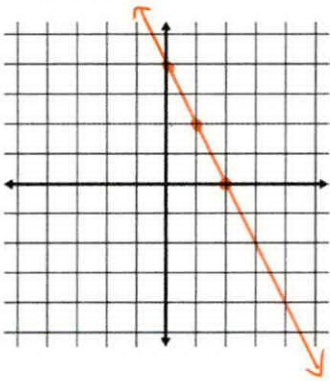
Finding Zeros of Functions

A **zero of a function** f is an x -value for which $f(x) = 0$ (or $y = 0$). A zero of a function is an x -intercept of the graph of the function.

*plug in 0 for $f(x)$ and solve

Example 3: Find the zero of the function

for $f(x) = -2x + 4$.



$$0 = -2x + 4$$

$$-4 \quad -4$$

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

$$2 = x$$

$$(2, 0)$$

Example 4: An artist rents a booth at an art show \$300. The function $f(x) = 50x - 300$ represents the artist's profit, where x is the number of paintings the artist sells. Find the zero of the function. Explain what the zero means in this situation.

$$0 = 50x - 300$$

$$\frac{300}{50} = \frac{50x}{50}$$

$$6 = x$$

$$(6, 0)$$

$f(x)$ represents the artist's profit, so 6 is the # of paintings the artist needs to sell to break even (cover the cost of the booth @ the art show)

Example 5: You are planning an awards banquet for your school. You need to rent tables to seat 180 people. Tables come in two sizes. Small tables seat 6 people, and large tables seat 10 people. The equation $6x + 10y = 180$ models this situation, where x is the number of small tables and y is the number of large tables.

- Graph the equation. Interpret the intercepts.
- Find four possible solutions in the context of the problem

only graph in quadrant I since you cannot have negative number of tables

$$6x + 10y = 180$$

$$\frac{6x}{6} = \frac{180}{6}$$

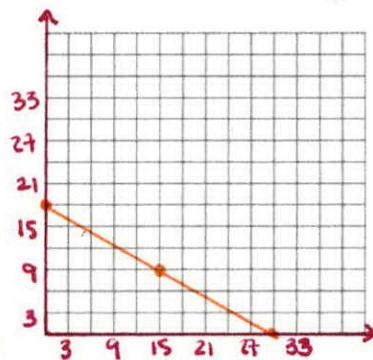
$$x = 30$$

$$(30, 0)$$

$$\frac{10y}{10} = \frac{180}{10}$$

$$y = 18$$

$$(0, 18)$$



Possible solutions

30 sm & 0 Lg

0 sm & 18 Lg

15 sm & 9 Lg

25 sm & 3 Lg

$$6(15) + 10y = 180$$

$$90 + 10y = 180$$

$$\frac{10y}{10} = \frac{90}{10}$$

$$y = 9$$

$$6x + 10(3) = 180$$

$$6x + 30 = 180$$

$$\frac{6x}{6} = \frac{150}{6}$$

$$x = 25$$

It is possible to have 30 small tables w/ no big tables or 18 big tables with no small tables