



California Standards Algebra 6.0

Students graph a linear equation and compute the x - and y -intercepts (e.g., graph $2x + 6y = 4$). They are also able to sketch the region defined by linear inequalities (e.g., they sketch the region defined by $2x + 6y < 4$).

Graph Linear Equations and Inequalities

Terms to Know	Example
The x-intercept is the x -coordinate of a point where a graph crosses the x -axis.	The x -intercept is -6 . The y -intercept is 4 .
The y-intercept is the y -coordinate of a point where a graph crosses the y -axis.	
A linear inequality in two variables is the result of replacing the $=$ sign in a linear equation with $<$, \leq , $>$, or \geq .	$x - 4y > 7$ is a <i>linear inequality</i> .

Example 1

Graph a Linear Equation

Graph the equation $3x - y = 2$. What are the x - and y -intercepts of the graph?

Solution

STEP 1 Solve the equation for y .

$$3x - y = 2$$

$$y = 3x - 2$$

STEP 2 Make a table by choosing a few values for x and finding the values of y .

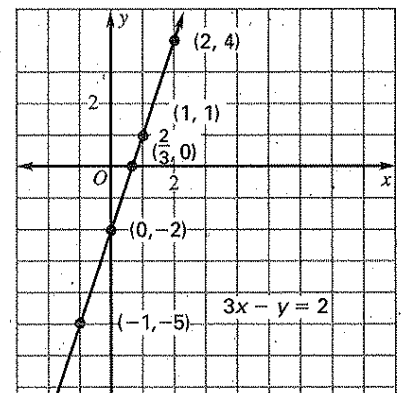
x	-2	-1	0	1	2
y	-8	-5	-2	1	4

STEP 3 Plot the points. Notice that the points appear to lie in a straight line.

STEP 4 Connect the points by drawing a line through them. Use arrows to indicate that the graph goes on without end.

STEP 5 Notice that the graph intersects the x -axis at the point $(\frac{2}{3}, 0)$ and the y -axis at the point $(0, -2)$.

Answer The x -intercept is $\frac{2}{3}$. The y -intercept is -2 .



Example 2 Find Intercepts of an Equation

What are the x - and y -intercepts of the graph of $3x - 5y = 45$?

Solution

To find the x -intercept, substitute 0 for y and solve for x .

$3x - 5y = 45$ Write the original equation.

$3x - 5(0) = 45$ Substitute 0 for y .

$x = 15$ Solve for x .

To find the y -intercept, substitute 0 for x and solve for y .

$3x - 5y = 45$ Write the original equation.

$3(0) - 5y = 45$ Substitute 0 for x .

$y = -9$ Solve for y .

Answer The x -intercept is 15. The y -intercept is -9 .

Example 3 Graph a Linear Inequality

Graph the inequality $y < -2x + 9$.

Solution

STEP 1 Graph the equation $y = -2x + 9$.

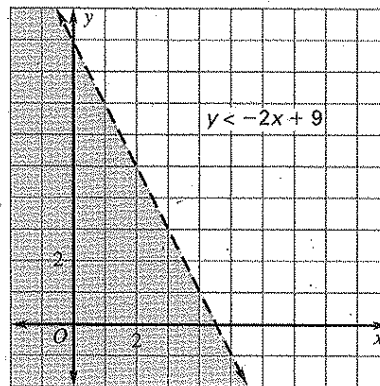
The inequality is $<$, so use a dashed line.

STEP 2 Test $(0, 0)$ in $y < -2x + 9$.

$0 < -2(0) + 9$

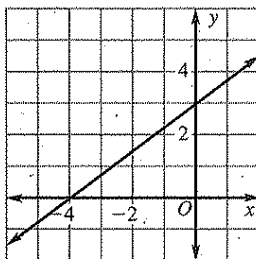
$0 < 9$ ✓

STEP 3 Shade the half-plane that contains $(0, 0)$, because $(0, 0)$ is a solution of the inequality.



Exercises

- What is the y -intercept of the graph of $5x + 2y = 10$?
 (A) $y = 5$ (B) $y = 2$ (C) $y = 0$ (D) $y = -2$
- Which equation is shown on the graph below?

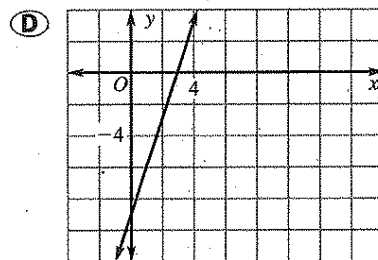
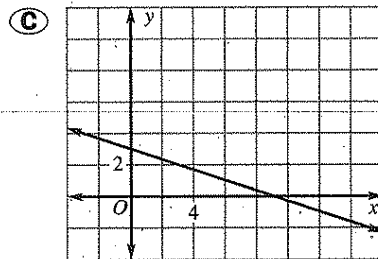
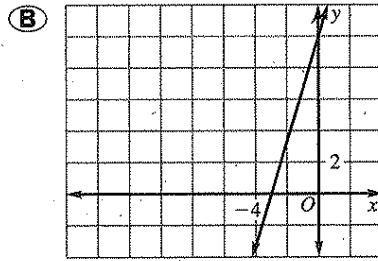
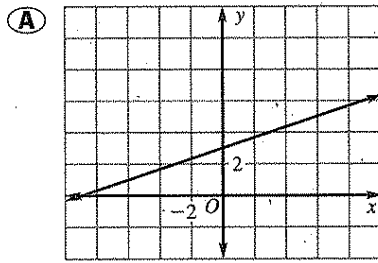


- (A) $4x + 3y = 12$ (B) $-3x + 4y = 12$
 (C) $3x + 4y = 9$ (D) $-4x + 3y = 9$

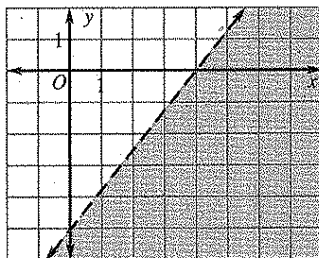
- What are the coordinates of the y -intercept of the graph of $-9x + 2y = -4$?
 (A) $(0, 2)$ (B) $(0, -2)$
 (C) $(\frac{4}{9}, 0)$ (D) $(0, -\frac{4}{9})$
- What are the coordinates of the x -intercept of the graph of $-2x - 5y = 7$?
 (A) $(-\frac{7}{5}, 0)$
 (B) $(-\frac{7}{2}, 0)$
 (C) $(0, \frac{7}{2})$
 (D) $(0, \frac{7}{5})$

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5. Which of the following is the graph of $y = \frac{1}{3}x + 3$?



6. Which inequality is shown on the graph below?



- (A) $5x - 4y < -5$ (B) $5x + 4y < 20$
 (C) $5x - 4y < 20$ (D) $5x + 4y < -4$

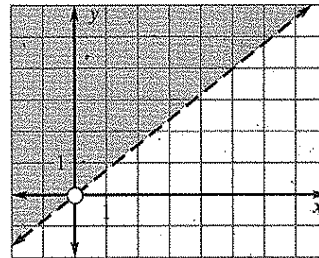
7. What is the y -intercept of the graph of $7x + 14y = -28$?

- (A) 4 (B) 2 (C) -2 (D) -4

8. What are the coordinates of the x -intercept of the graph of $y = \frac{4}{7}x$?

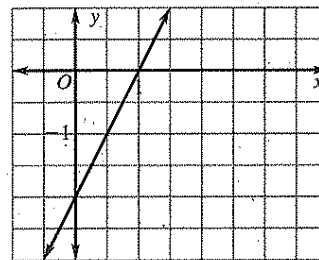
- (A) (0, 0) (B) (3, 0)
 (C) (7, 0) (D) (0, 4)

9. Which inequality is shown on the graph below?



- (A) $y < \frac{4}{5}x$ (B) $y \leq \frac{4}{5}x$
 (C) $y > \frac{4}{5}x$ (D) $y \geq \frac{4}{5}x$

10. Which equation is shown on the graph below?

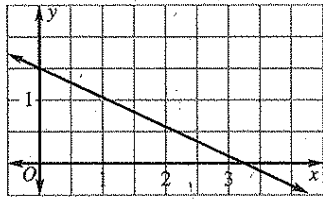


- (A) $y = 2x + 1$
 (B) $y = \frac{1}{2}x - 2$
 (C) $y = \frac{1}{2}x + 1$
 (D) $y = 2x - 2$

11. What are the coordinates of the x -intercept of the graph of $5x - 3 = 10y - 6$?

- (A) $(0, -\frac{3}{5})$
 (B) $(\frac{3}{5}, 0)$
 (C) $(-\frac{3}{5}, 0)$
 (D) $(0, \frac{3}{5})$

12. Which equation is shown on the graph below?



- (A) $-12x - 26y = 39$
- (B) $12x + 26y = 39$
- (C) $26x + 12y = 39$
- (D) $26x - 12y = 39$

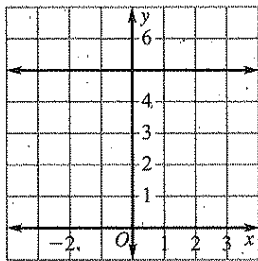
13. What are the coordinates of the y -intercept of the graph of $y + 4 = 3x - 2$?

- (A) $(0, -6)$
- (B) $(-2, 0)$
- (C) $(0, -2)$
- (D) $(2, 0)$

14. Which set represents all values of y such that $(0, y)$ is a solution of $2x - 9y \leq 15$?

- (A) $\{y : y \leq -\frac{5}{3}\}$
- (B) $\{y : y \leq \frac{5}{3}\}$
- (C) $\{y : y \geq -\frac{5}{3}\}$
- (D) $\{y : y \geq \frac{5}{3}\}$

15. Which equation is shown on the graph below?



- (A) $x - y = 5$
- (B) $x = 5$
- (C) $x + y = 5$
- (D) $y = 5$

16. Which of the following is the graph of

$$y = -\frac{1}{5}x + 5?$$

