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Notes

Algebra Section 5.4

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Goal: “You will write equations in standard form”

STANDARD FORM!

$$Ax + By = C$$

A is always the coefficient of x. B is always the coefficient of y.

C is always the constant.

You always want A to be positive and not a fraction or decimal.

1. Write equivalent equations in standard form:

Example:

$$2x - 6y = 4$$

You can divide both sides by the same common factor. divide by 2

$$x - 3y = 2$$

You can multiply both sides by the same number. multiply by 2

$$2x - 6y = 4$$

All three of these equations are in standard form and all of them are equivalent.

Try These:

1) $x - y = 3$

2) $x + 4y = 3$

Many answers are acceptable

Possible answer: $2x - 2y = 6$

Possible answer: $2x + 8y = 6$

You may need to multiply or divide both sides so that A is not negative.

Example:

$$-2x + 3y = 8$$

A (the coefficient of x is a negative)

$$2x - 3y = -8$$

Multiply both sides of the equation by -1

Try These:

$$-3x + 2y = -4$$

$$-x - 4y = 2$$

$$-2x - 3y = -5$$

$$3x - 2y = 4$$

$$x + 4y = -2$$

$$2x + 3y = 5$$

You may need to multiply or divide both sides so that A is not a fraction.

Example:

$$\frac{1}{3}x + 2y = 1$$

A (the coefficient of x is a fraction)

Multiply both sides of the equation by 3
(the denominator of A)

$$x + 6y = 3$$

Try These:

$$\frac{1}{4}x + y = -2$$

$$\frac{2}{5}x - 3y = 3$$

$$\frac{2}{3}x - 5y = -1$$

$$x + 4y = -8$$

$$2x - 15y = 15$$

$$2x - 15y = -3$$

You may need to multiply or divide both sides so that A is not a decimal.

Example:

$$0.6x + 3y = 4$$

A (the coefficient of x is a decimal)

Multiply both sides of the equation by 10
(to clear the decimal)

$$6x + 30y = 40$$

Try These:

$$0.4x + y = -2$$

$$1.3x - 2y = 1$$

$$0.55x - 2y = -3$$

$$4x + 10y = -20$$

$$13x - 20y = 10$$

$$55x - 200y = -300$$

You may need to multiply or divide both sides so that A is not a negative and a fraction/decimal.

Example:

$$-\frac{1}{3}x + 3y = -1$$

A (the coefficient of x is a fraction and negative)

Multiply both sides of the equation by -3
(to get rid of the fraction and negative)

$$x - 9y = 3$$

Try These:

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

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

$$-\frac{2}{3}x - 2y = -2$$

$$3x + 8y = 12$$

$$x + 5y = -25$$

$$2x + 6y = 6$$

$$-0.3x + 2y = -4$$

$$-2.4x - y = 3$$

$$-0.22x + 5y = 1$$

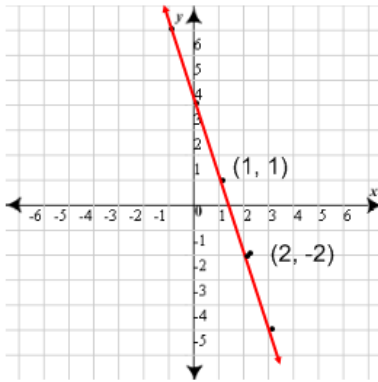
$$3x - 20y = 40$$

$$24x + 10y = -30$$

$$22x - 500y = -100$$

Write equations in standard form with given information.

Ex:



Find the slope

Find the y-intercept

Write the equation using m and b

Rewrite the equation in standard form.

$$m = -3 \quad b = 4$$

$$y = -3x + 4$$

$$3x + y = 4$$

Try These: (Make sure A is a positive whole number)

1) Passes through (3, -1) (2, -3)

$$m = 2 \quad b = -7$$

$$y = 2x - 7$$

$-2x + y = -7$ A cannot be negative so multiply
both sides by -1.

$$2x - y = 7$$

2) Passes through (2, 2) (4, -2)

$$m = -2 \quad b = 6$$

$$y = -2x + 6$$

$$2x + y = 6$$

Complete an equation in standard form

For each equation use the information to find the missing coefficient. Then write the equation in standard form.

Ex: $Ax + 3y = 2$, passes through the point (-1, 0)

$$x = \underline{-1} \quad y = \underline{0}$$

Plug them in and solve for A.

$$A(-1) + 3(0) = 2$$

$$-A = 2$$

$$A = -2$$

Write the equation in standard form.

$$2x - 3y = -2$$

Try These:

1) $-4x + By = 7$, passes through the point $(-1, 1)$

$$-4(-1) + B(1) = 7$$

$$4 + B = 7$$

$$B = 3$$

$$-4x + 3y = 7 \quad 4x - 3y = -7$$

2) $Ax + 4y = 6$, passes through the point $(2, 0)$

$$A(2) + 4(0) = 6$$

$$2A = 6$$

$$A = 3$$

$$3x + 4y = 6$$

3) $Ax + y = -3$, passes through the point $(2, 11)$

$$A(2) + 11 = -3$$

$$2A = -14$$

$$A = -7$$

$$-7x + y = -3 \quad 7x - y = 3$$

Ex: Your class is taking a trip to the public library. You can travel in small and large vans. A small van holds 8 people and a large van holds 12 people. One possible way your class could get there is to fill 15 small vans and 2 large vans.

- a. Write an equation to model all of the possible combinations of small and large vans your class could take. If one possibility is 15 small vans and 2 large vans then multiply 15 and 8 and 12 and 2 to find the total number of people that need to go.

$$8x + 12y = 144$$

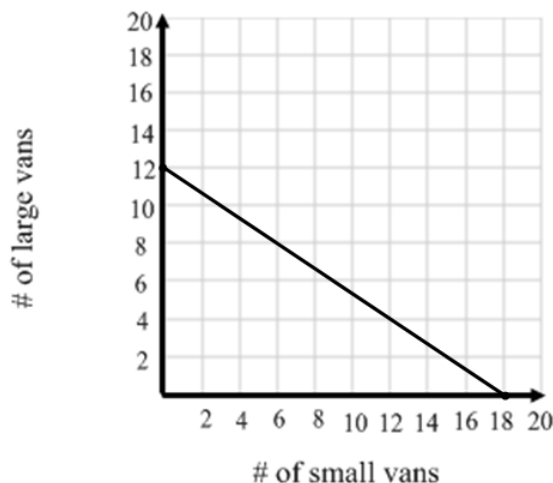
- b. Graph the equation.
c. Use your graph to find more possible combinations of vans.

12 small vans, 4 large vans

0 small vans, 12 large vans

18 small vans, 0 large vans

6 small vans, 8 large vans



Ex: At a flea-market t-shirts cost \$4.50 and shorts cost \$6. You have enough money that if you wanted to you could buy exactly 12 t-shirts and 9 pairs of shorts.

- a. Write an equation to model all of the possible combinations of t-shirts and shorts that you can buy.

$$4.5x + 6y = 108$$

- b. Graph the equation.
c. List the possible combinations of t-shirts and shorts you can buy.

0 T-Shirts, 18 shorts

24 T-shirts, 0 shorts

16 T-shirts, 6 shorts

8 T-shirts, 12 shorts

