

To find slope

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

Two points

$(x_1, y_1)$   $(x_2, y_2)$

$$y = mx + b$$

↑                      ↑  
slope                      y-Intercept

**ACTIVITY**

Developing Concepts

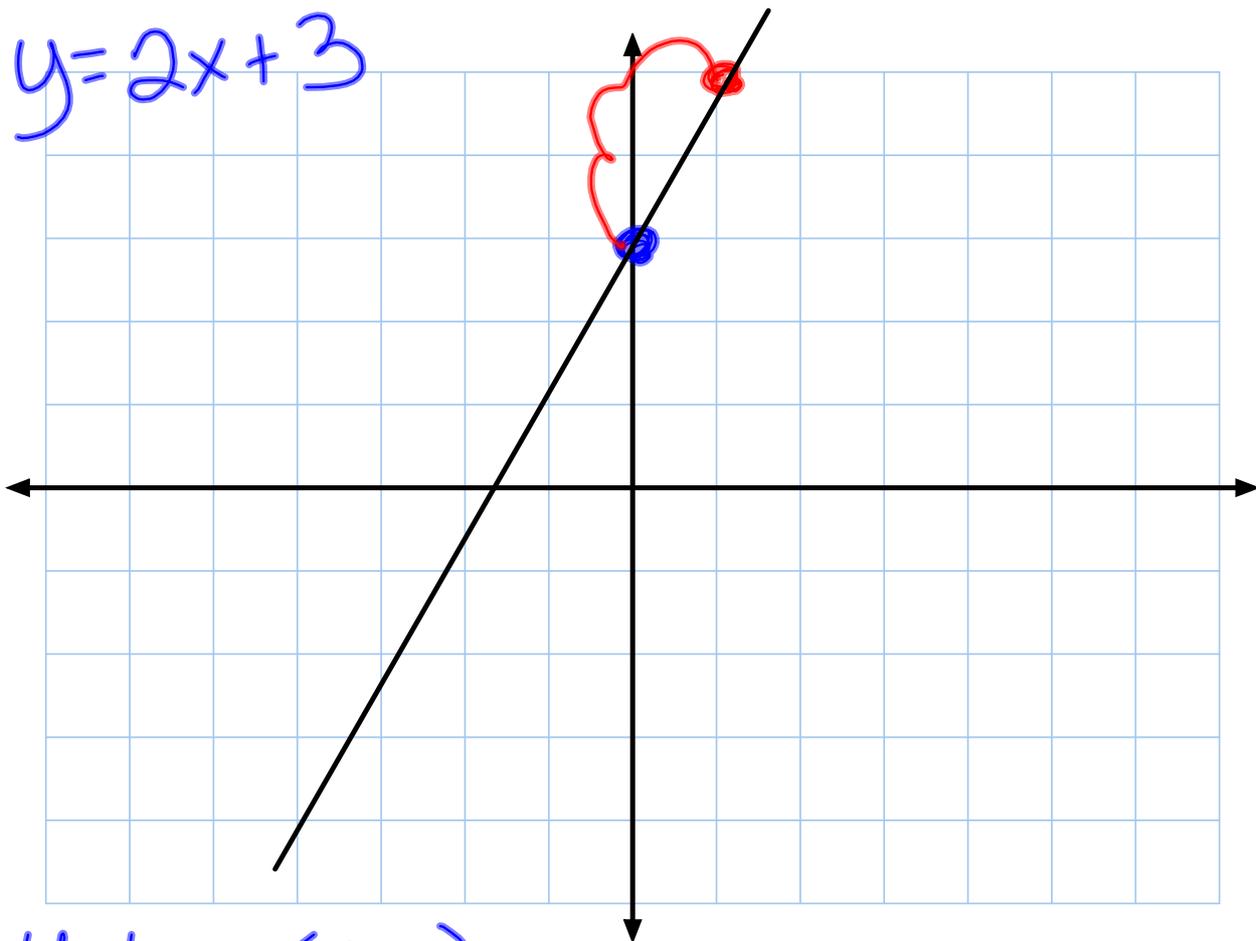
## Investigating Slope and y-intercept

Equation	Points on graph of equation	Slope	y-intercept
$y = 2x + 3$	$(0, 3), (1, 5)$	2	$(0, 3)$
$y = -x + 2$	$(0, 2), (1, 1)$	-1	$(0, 2)$
$y = \frac{1}{2}x - 4$	$(0, -4), (1, -3\frac{1}{2})$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$(0, -4)$
$y = -2x$	$(0, ?), (1, ?)$	?	?
$y = 7$	$(0, ?), (1, ?)$	?	?

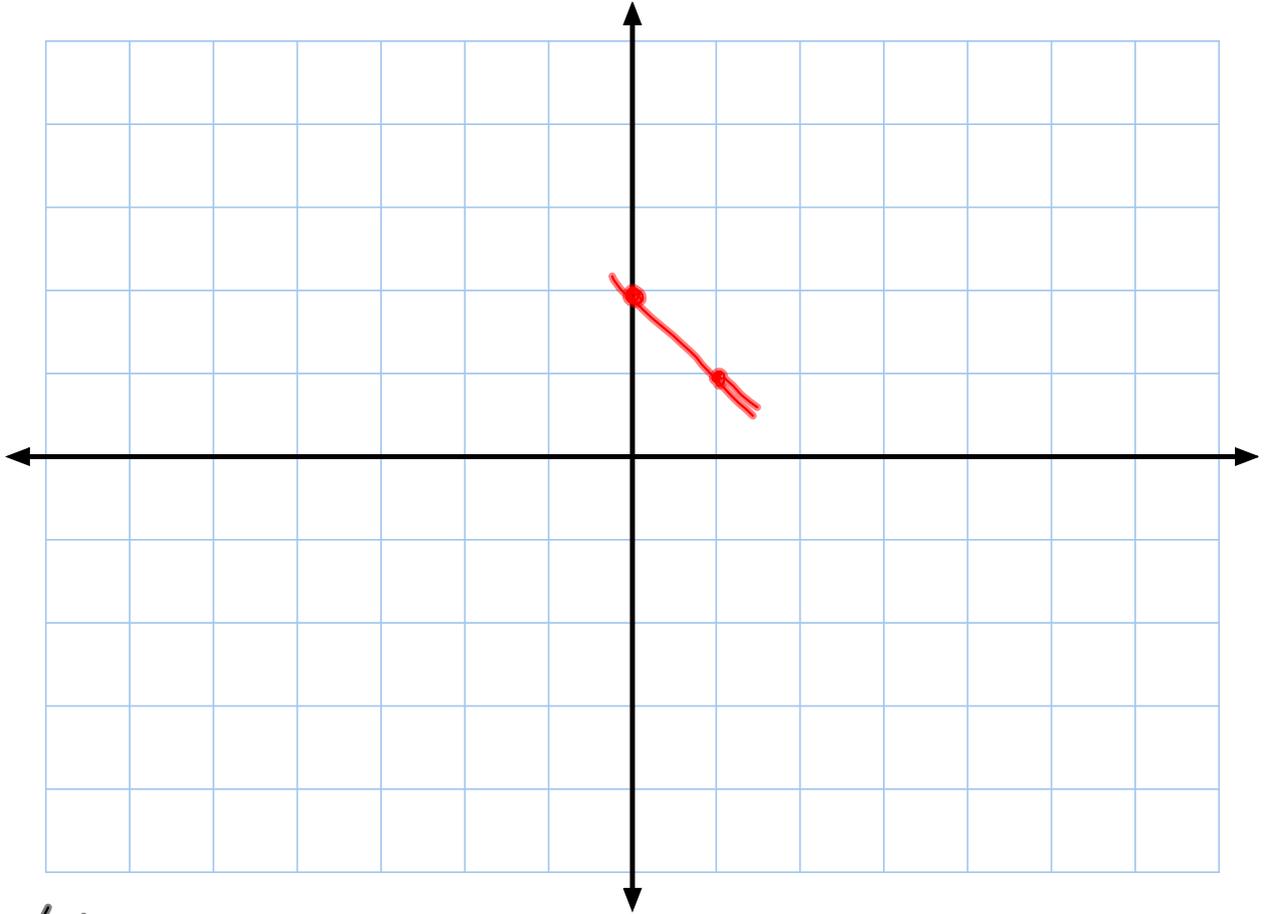
- 1 Copy and complete the table.
- 2 What do you notice about each equation and the slope of the line?
- 3 What do you notice about each equation and the y-intercept of the line?

$mx + b$   
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 slope            y-intercept

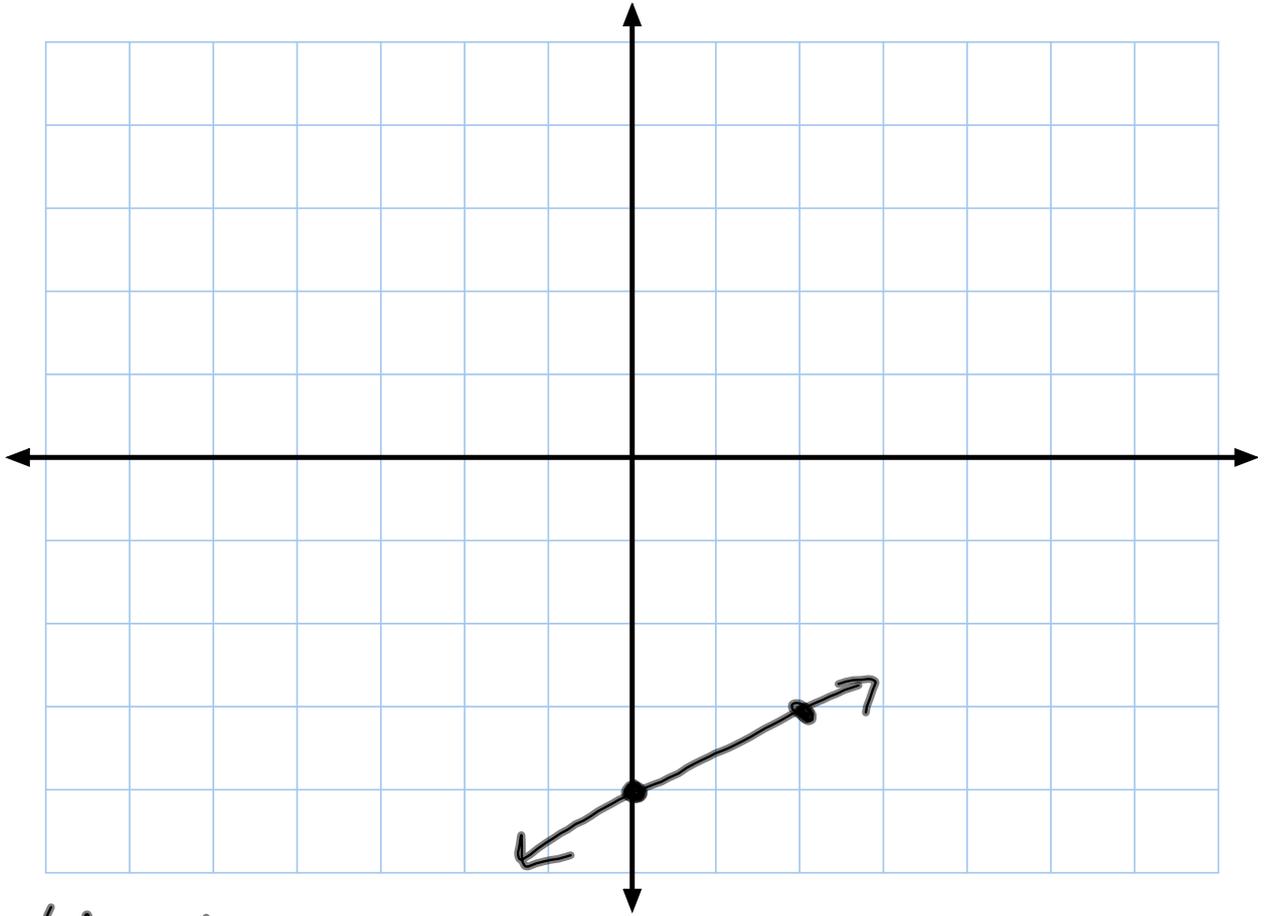
$$y = 2x + 3$$



$$y = 2x + (0, 3)$$



$$y = -x + 2$$



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

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