

Point-Slope Form

If you know the slope of a line and the coordinates of one of its points, you can write the equation in point-slope form.

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1) \quad \text{where the point is } (x_1, y_1)$$

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the negative of y notice this is the negative of x

We must be able to convert each our forms into one of the other forms. Let's look at each.

Standard to Slope-intercept

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x - 2y = 6 \\ -3x \quad -3x \\ \hline -2y = -3x + 6 \\ \hline y = \frac{3}{2}x - 3 \end{array}$$

Slope intercept to Standard

$$\begin{array}{l} y = \left(\frac{2}{3}x + 2\right) \\ (3)y = 3\left(\frac{2}{3}x + 2\right) \\ 3y = 2x + 6 \\ \hline -2x + 3y = 6 \end{array}$$

Point-Slope to Standard

$$\begin{array}{l} y - 8 = 2(x + 1) \\ y - 8 = 2x + 2 \\ \hline -2x + y = 10 \end{array}$$

Point-Slope to Slope-intercept

$$\begin{array}{l} y - 7 = 3(x + 2) \\ y - 7 = 3x + 6 \\ \hline y = 3x + 13 \end{array}$$

