Equation of a straight-line graph given two points

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Compare methods with a partner.

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Mo and Alex are working out the equation of the straight line that passes through the points (0, 4) and (3, 10). Here are their workings.



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Whose method do you prefer? Discuss it with a partner.



Alex

$$y = mx + c$$

$$c = 4$$

$$m = \frac{\text{change in } y}{\text{change in } x} = \frac{10 - 4}{3 - 0} = \frac{6}{3} = 2$$

$$y = 2x + 4$$



Work out the equations of the straight lines that pass through the pairs of points.

a) (0, 5) and (9, 14) d) (0, 1.5) and (-6, 25.5)

b) (0, –1) and (5, 9)

e) (6, 5) and (0, 10)

c) (8, –29) and (0, 3)

Work out the equations of the straight lines that pass through the pairs of points.

a) (1, 3) and (9, 19)

b) (–1, –7) and (3, 13)

c) (6, –11) and (–4, 19)

Work out the equation of the straight line that passes through the points (0, b) and (18, b + 42).

The vertices of a triangle are given by the coordinates (-5, 6), (3, 8) and (5, -2).

Work out the equations of the three straight lines that border the triangle.

Rosie has worked out the equation of the straight line passing through the points (1, 7) and (2, 5).

Here are her workings.

a) Substitute the values of x and y from the point (2, 5) to show that Rosie is incorrect.

b) Explain Rosie's mistake.

c) Work out the correct equation of the line.

$$y = mx + c$$

$$m = \frac{7-5}{2-1} = \frac{2}{1} = 2$$

$$y = 2x + c$$
When $x = 1, y = 7$

$$7 = 2(1) + c$$

$$7 = 2 + c$$

$$c = 5$$

$$y = 2x + 5$$

d) (42, -4) and (-20, 27)

e) (12, -31) and (60, 9)

f) (-6,
$$7\frac{1}{12}$$
) and (-8, $6\frac{1}{12}$)

