

LINEAR RELATIONSHIPS

Linear relationships are of two forms:

$$ay + bx + c = 0$$

where a, b and c are constants

“Standard form”

Examples:

$$2y - 4x - 6 = 0$$

$$y + 3x - 5 = 0$$

$$3y - 3x + 6 = 0$$

$$y = mx + b$$

where m and b are constants

“Gradient-Intercept form”

Examples:

$$y = 2x + 3$$

$$y = -3x + 5$$

$$y = x - 2$$

Counterexamples: $y = x^2$ and $y^3 = x + 5$ are NOT linear relationships

CONVERTING FROM STANDARD FORM TO GRADIENT-INTERCEPT FORM

Any linear relationships can be rearranged to be either in “Standard form” or in “Gradient-Intercept form”.

Example of conversion from standard form to gradient-intercept form

$$\begin{array}{l} 3y - 6x - 12 = 0 \\ \xrightarrow{+6x + 12} 3y = 6x + 12 \\ \xrightarrow{\div 3} y = \frac{6}{3}x + \frac{12}{3} \\ \xrightarrow{\text{simplify}} y = 2x + 4 \end{array}$$

Indeed, the last line looks like “ $y = mx + b$ ”

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These relationships are called “linear” because when graphed, the set of such points align on a line. example: $y = -2x + 2$

x	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
y	8	6	4	2	0	-2	-4

