

The graph of a linear equation - Horizontal and Vertical lines 12.7.16

Warm up: Work on exercises 1, 2, and 3 on Mod 8.4 lesson 14

We are looking at special cases today. There are two types of lines we will be looking at, vertical lines and horizontal lines.

Remember the equation  $ax+by=c$

Let us look at a case where  $a=1$  and  $b=0$ . Let us investigate where  $c=5$ .

What did the equation look like?

$$1 \cdot x + 0 \cdot y = 5$$

Plug in the following and solve for the other variable

$x=3$  and  $x=7$  solve for  $y$

$y=7$  and  $y=3$  Solve for  $x$

What pattern do we see with the  $x$ 's? What pattern do we see with the  $y$ 's?

Try  $-3$  for  $y$ .

Try  $\frac{1}{2}$  for  $y$ .

Theorem: The graph of  $x=c$  is the vertical line passing through  $(c,0)$ , where  $c$  is a constant.

Exercises 4-9

Let us try a new equation  $ax+by=c$  with  $a=0$  and  $b=1$  and  $c$  is a constant.  $c=2$ .

So we can create the equation:

$$0 \cdot x + 1 \cdot y = 2$$

If we pick  $7$  for  $y$  and solve for  $x$ .

If we pick  $5$  for  $x$  and solve for  $y$ .

If we pick  $-5$  for  $x$  and solve for  $y$ .

If we pick  $\frac{1}{2}$  for  $x$  and solve for  $y$ .

Write all these as coordinates  $(x,y)$ .

Do you see a similar pattern as before? What do you think this line will look like?

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