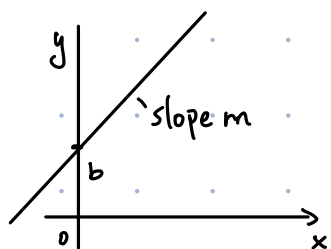


* Linear functions (S4.2)

• Every line can be written in either form:

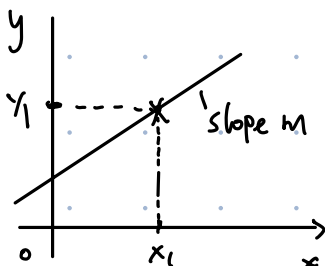
① Slope - intercept:

$$y = mx + b$$



② Point - slope:

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$



• Slope $m = \text{rate of change} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{y - y_1}{x - x_1}$

• We call functions of form $y = mx + b$, linear functions.

• They are functions that changes at the same rate all the time.

Ex: Bob is running at a constant speed. Bob is 40 meters far at time $t = 10$ s, and 80 meters far at time $t = 30$ s.

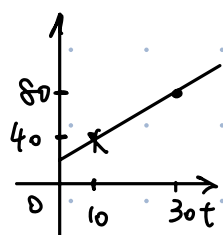
① Find the linear function $f(t)$ that describe how far Bob is at time t (s).

② How far was Bob at time 0?

③ What is the time when Bob finishes 100 meters?

④ Find the slope, Interpret the slope.

Sol.ⁿ ① Slope $m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{f(30) - f(10)}{30 - 10} = \frac{80 - 40}{20} = 2 \text{ (m/s)}$



• Point-slope: $y - 40 = 2(t - 10)$, $y = 2t - 20 + 40 = 2t + 20$

• The linear function is $f(t) = 2t + 20$

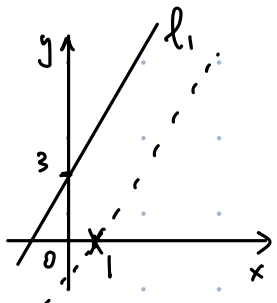
② $f(0) = 2 \times 0 + 20 = 20$ (m)

③ Let $f(t) = 100 = 2t + 20$, $t = 40$ (s).

④ Slope $= 2 \text{ (m/s)}$ = rate of change in distance run with respect to time = velocity.

- Horizontal lines are of form $y = b$. ($m = 0$)
- Vertical lines are of form $x = c$ for constant c .
- Two lines $y = m_1x + b_1$, $y = m_2x + b_2$ are $\begin{cases} \text{parallel} & \text{if } m_1 = m_2 \\ \text{perpendicular} & \text{if } m_1 \cdot m_2 = -1 \end{cases}$

Ex. Find the line that is parallel to $y = 4x + 3$, and goes through $(1, 0)$.



Sol.ⁿ Slope of $l_1 = 4$.

Parallel lines have the same slope.

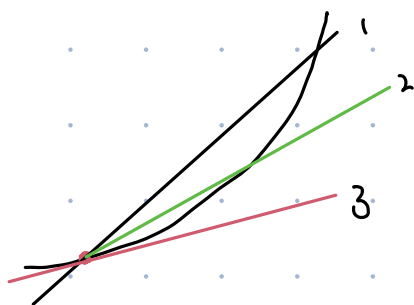
New line: $y = 4x + b$.

$(1, 0)$ on the line: $0 = 4(1) + b$, $b = -4$.

New line: $y = 4x - 4$.

[2]

- Why linear functions? We need them to approximate functions locally.



The slope of best approximation line = "derivative" (red line).

- Many real-world phenomena are only locally like a line.

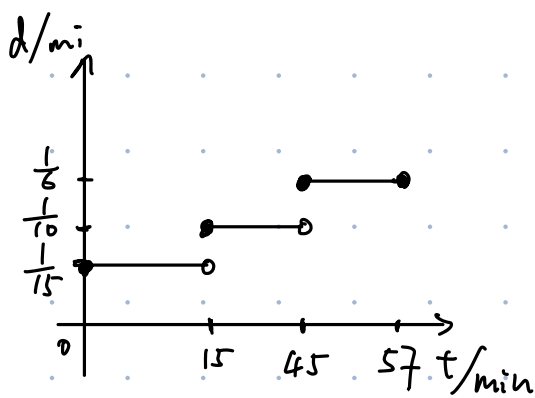
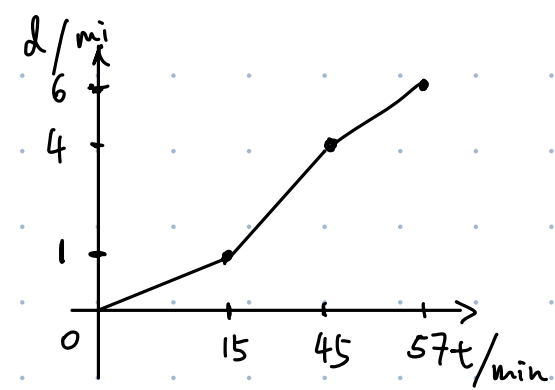
Example: Bob runs on a treadmill. They started at 4 mph for 15 min, then 30 min at 6 mph, and finish the run with a dash at $(\frac{1}{15} \text{ mi/min})$ 10 mph for 12 min. $(\frac{1}{10} \text{ mi/min})$

① Plot the displacement versus time graph.

② Plot the velocity versus time graph.

③ Find the average change of displacement in these 57 mins.

Sol.ⁿ ① Displacement $d(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{15}t & , t \in [0, 15) \\ 1 + \frac{1}{10}(t-15) & , t \in [15, 45) \\ 4 + \frac{1}{6}(t-45) & , t \in [45, 57] \end{cases}$



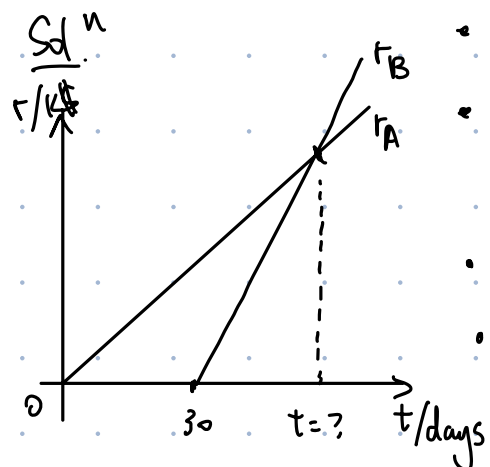
$$\textcircled{2} \text{ Velocity } v(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{15}, & t \in [0, 15) \\ \frac{1}{10}, & t \in [15, 45) \\ \frac{1}{6}, & t \in [45, 57] \end{cases}$$

$\textcircled{3}$ Average rate of change of $d(t)$ over $t \in [0, 57]$

$$= \frac{\Delta d}{\Delta t} = \frac{d(57) - d(0)}{57 - 0} = \frac{6}{57} = \frac{2}{19} \text{ mi/min} \approx 6.32 \text{ mph}$$

• This is the average velocity of the run.

Ex. A company sells goods A from day 0 and makes revenue at 1,000\$ per day. 30 days later, they begin to sell goods B at 1,500\$ per day. Find after which day, the total revenue from B exceeds that from A.



- $r_A(t) = t$

- $r_B(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t \in [0, 30) \\ 1.5(t-30), & t \geq 30 \end{cases}$

- Want to solve $r_B(t) = r_A(t)$.

- From the graph, the intersection point happens after $t=30$.

- $r_A = t = 1.5(t-30) = r_B$

$$45 = 0.5t, \quad t = 90$$

- After 90 days, the total revenue from B exceeds that from A.