

NOTES SECTION 2.2: SLOPE AND RATE OF CHANGE

THE SLOPE OF A LINE

EXAMPLE 1

Find the slope of the line passing through _____ and _____.

YOUR TURN

Find the slope of the line passing through _____ and _____.

TYPES OF SLOPE

**POSITIVE
SLOPE**

**NEGATIVE
SLOPE**

**ZERO
SLOPE**

**UNDEFINED
SLOPE**

EXAMPLE 2

Without graphing, tell whether the line through the given points rises, falls, is horizontal, or vertical.

a)

b)

YOUR TURN

EXAMPLE 3

Tell which line is steeper.

Line 1: through _____ and _____

Line 2: through _____ and _____

PARALLEL LINES**PERPENDICULAR LINES****EXAMPLE 4**

Tell whether the lines are parallel, perpendicular, or neither.

a) Line 1: _____ and _____
Line 2: _____ and _____

b) Line 1: _____ and _____
Line 2: _____ and _____

EXAMPLE 5

The slope of a road, or grade, is usually expressed as a percent. For example, if a road has a grade of 3%, it rises 3 feet for every 100 feet of horizontal distance.

a) Find the grade of a road that rises _____ over a horizontal distance of 2000 feet.

b) Find the horizontal length x of a road with a grade of _____ if the road rises 50 feet over its length.

EXAMPLE 6

The number of US cell phone subscribers increased from 16 million in 1993 to 44 million in _____.

a) Find the average rate of change.

b) Use the average to estimate the number of subscribers in _____.