

# Graphing Linear Relations and Functions

## Relations and Functions

**Relationship-** A set of ordered pairs.

**Domain-** The set of x-values of a relationship

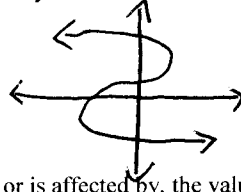
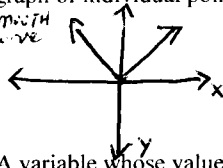
**Range-** The set of y-values of a relationship

**Function-** When each element of the domain is paired with exactly one element of the range

**Discrete Function-** A graph of individual points

**Continuous Function-** A smooth curve

Function



Not a  
Function

## Linear Equations

**Dependent Variable-** A variable whose value depends upon, or is affected by, the value of another variable

**Independent Variable-** A variable whose value does not depend upon, nor is affected by, the value of another variable

**Linear Equation-** An equation that can be written in standard form

**Standard Form of a Linear Equation-**  $Ax+By=C$  where A, B, and C are real numbers and A and B are both not zero

**Linear Function-** Any function whose ordered pairs satisfy a linear equation. Can be defined as  $f(x)=mx+b$  where m and b are real numbers

**Constant Function-** A function where  $m=0$

## Slope

**Slope =**  $\frac{\text{Vertical Change}}{\text{Horizontal Change}} = m = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$

**Perpendicular lines-** Where the lines meet at a 90 angle. Happens if the products of the slopes = -1

## Writing Linear Equations

**Slope-Intercept Form-**  $y=mx+b$  where m is the slope and b is the y-intercept

**Point-Slope Form-**  $y-y_1=m(x-x_1)$  Where  $(x_1, y_1)$  are the coordinates of a point on the line and m is the slope of the line

**Forms for a linear equation-**  $Ax+By=C$

$$y=mx+b$$

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

## Modeling Real-World Data Using Scatter Plots

**Scatter Plot-** Visually shows the nature of a relationship that is determined both by the shape and closeness of the data

**Best-Fit Line-** A line drawn on a scatter plot to approximate the linear relationship for a set of data points

**Prediction Equation-** The equation of the best-fit line suggested by the data points of a scatter plot. It may be used to estimate, or predict, one of the variables given the other

## Special Functions

**Direct Variation-** A linear function where  $b=0$  and  $m \neq 0$ . Also known as  $y=kx$

**Identity Function-** A linear function where  $m=1$  and  $b=0$

**Step Functions-** A function whose graph is a series of disjoint lines or steps

**Greatest Integer Function-** A type of step function described by  $f(x)=\lfloor x \rfloor$  is the greatest integer not greater than x. Looks like steps

**Absolute Value Function-** A function described by  $y=|x|$  or  $f(x)=|x|$ . It looks like a V.

## Linear Inequalities

**Graphing an Inequality-**

- (1) Graph the boundary
- (2) Test a point in each region
- (3) Shade the region whose ordered pair results in a true inequality