

## C: Graphing Linear Equations

Remember the equation of a line is:

$$y = mx + b \quad m = \frac{(y_2 - y_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}} \quad b = y\text{-intercept}$$

\* always where  $y = 0$ .

### Examples:

1. a) Create a graph and determine a linear equation for the given chart.

x	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
y	-10	-6	-2	2	6	10	14

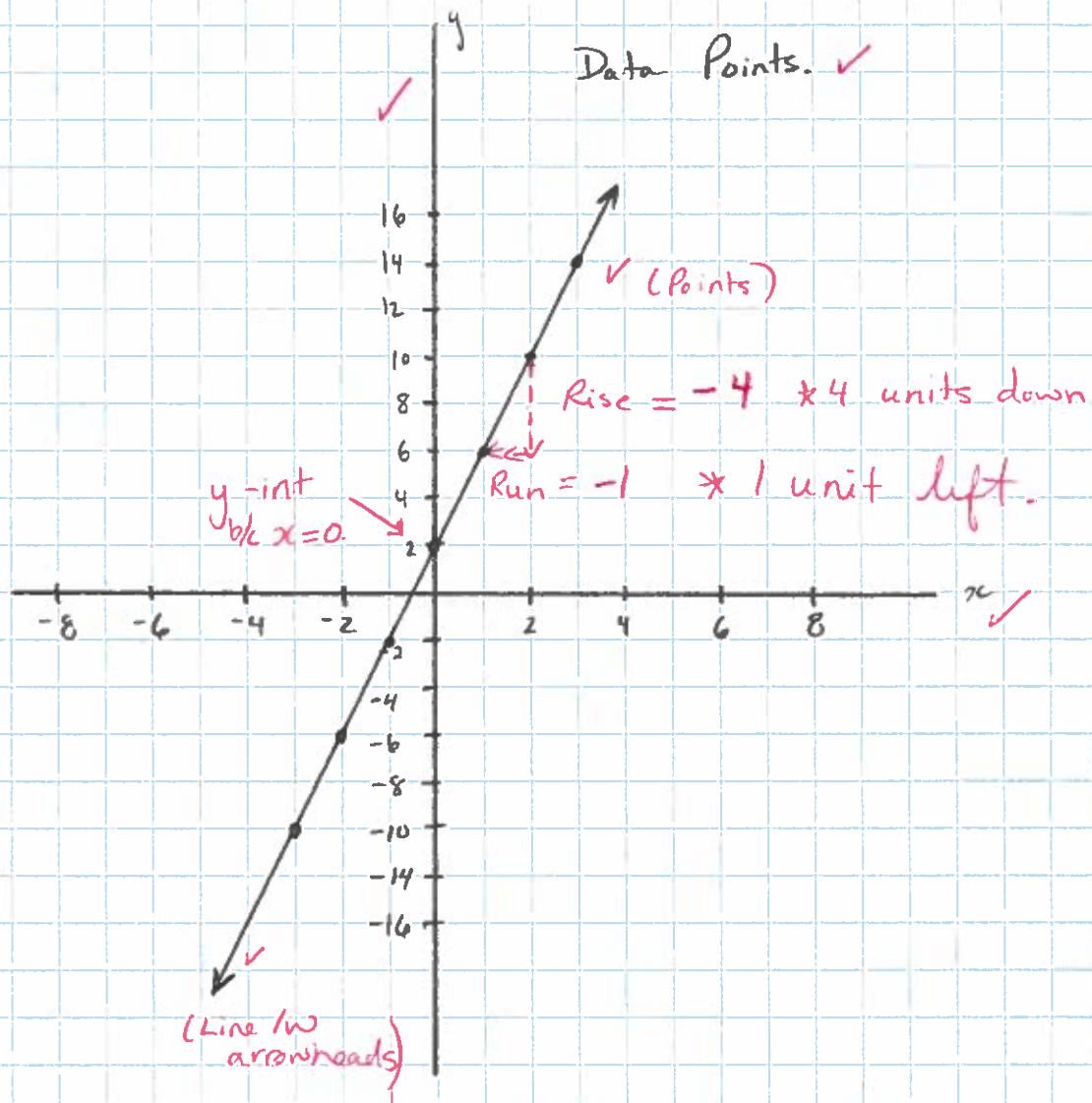
\* Graph 1<sup>st</sup> because m and b can be found using the graph.

Graph must include:

1. Horizontal axis /w labels.
2. Vertical axis /w labels.
3. Title
4. Correct points  $(x, y)$
5. Connected /w straight line /w arrowheads.

\* Graph is Given on next page.

1. a)



Equation

$$y = mx + b$$

$b$  - when  $x=0$  (get from graph)

Coordinate Point for  $x=0$

$$(0, 2)$$

↑ y-point is  $b$ .

$$y = mx + 2$$

$$m = \text{slope} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$$

$$= \frac{-4}{-1}$$

$$= 4$$

(get from graph)

$$y = mx + 2$$

$$y = 4x + 2$$

1. b) What will "y" be when  $x = 10$ .

$$y = 4x + 2 \quad (\text{from a})$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 4(10) + 2 \\ &= 40 + 2 \\ &= 42 \end{aligned}$$

c) What will "x" be when  $y = -20$

$$y = 4x + 2 \quad (\text{from a})$$

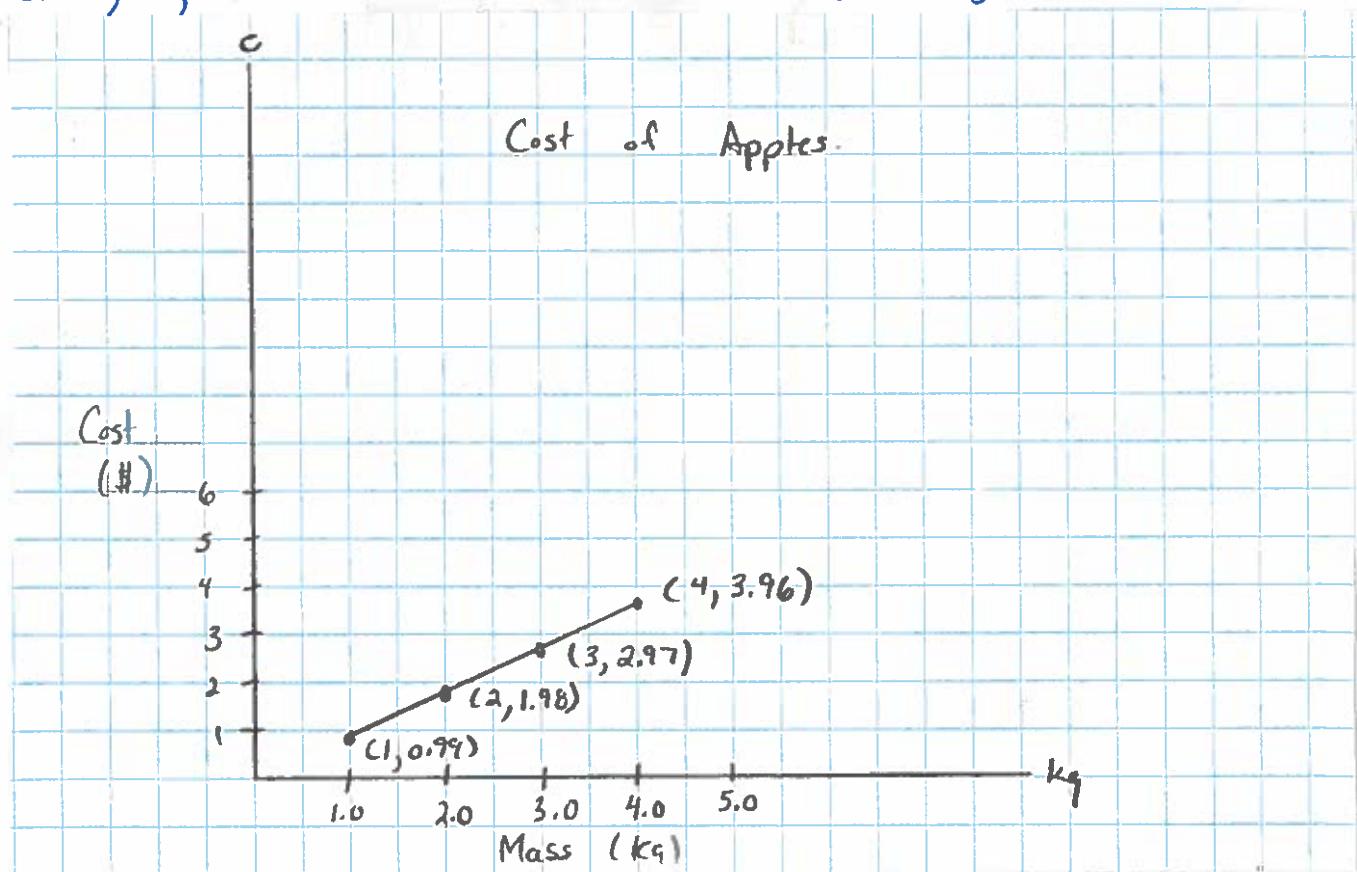
$$-20 = 4x + 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} -20 &= 4x + 2 \\ -2 &= \cancel{4x} + \cancel{2} \\ -2 &= 4x \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{-2}{4} = \frac{4x}{4}$$

$$\boxed{-5.5 = x}$$

2. The graph below shows the relationship between the cost,  $C$ , in dollars and the mass,  $m$ , in kg of apples.



a) What is the linear equation?

Use the provided graph, (provided points)

\* Because data points are decimals use the traditional formulae work.

$$y = mx + b$$

$$m = \frac{(y_2 - y_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)} \quad * I \text{ am using } (4, 3.96) \text{ & } (1, 0.99)$$

$$= \frac{(3.96 - 0.99)}{(4 - 1)}$$

$$= \frac{2.97}{3}$$

$$= 0.99$$

$$y = 0.99x + b \quad * \text{To find } b \text{ I am going to use } (2, 1.98)$$

$$1.98 = 0.99(2) + b$$

$$1.98 = 1.98 + b$$

$$-1.98 \quad -1.98$$

$$\phi = b$$

$$y = 0.99x + b$$

$$y = 0.99x + \phi$$

$$y = 0.99x$$

-or-

b) What mass of apples would \$5.94 buy you?

$$\begin{array}{l} y = \text{cost} \\ x = \text{kg} \end{array}$$

$$y = 0.99x \quad (\text{from a})$$

$$\frac{\$5.94}{0.99} = \frac{0.99x}{0.99}$$

$$6 \text{ kg} = x$$

c) Is it appropriate to interpolate and extrapolate this graph?

It is appropriate to interpolate and extrapolate. You cannot do this until you know the point  $(0, 0)$ .