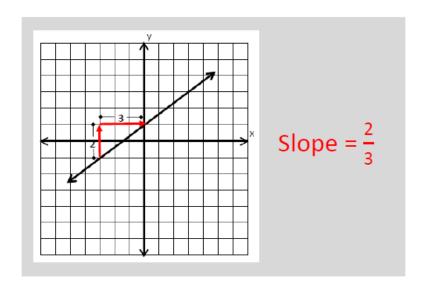
Slope

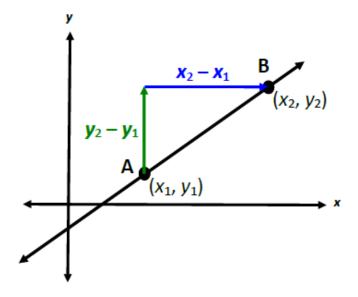
A number that represents the rate of change in y for a unit change in x



The slope indicates the steepness of a line.

Slope Formula

The ratio of vertical change to horizontal change

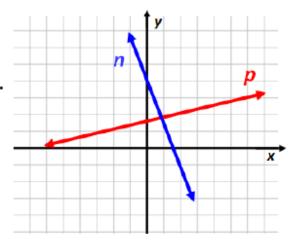


slope =
$$m = \frac{\text{change in } y}{\text{change in } x} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

Slopes of Lines

Line **p** has a positive slope.

Line *n*has a negative
slope.



Vertical line *s* has an undefined slope.

Horizontal line *t* has a zero slope.

