

## 3-4 Direct Variation

$$y = kx$$

$$k \neq 0$$

constant rate of change  
(linear)

$k =$  constant of variation  
(Slope)

The graph of  
 $y = kx$  always

constant of proportionality

passes through the origin.

$k > 0$  slope is positive

$k < 0$  slope is negative

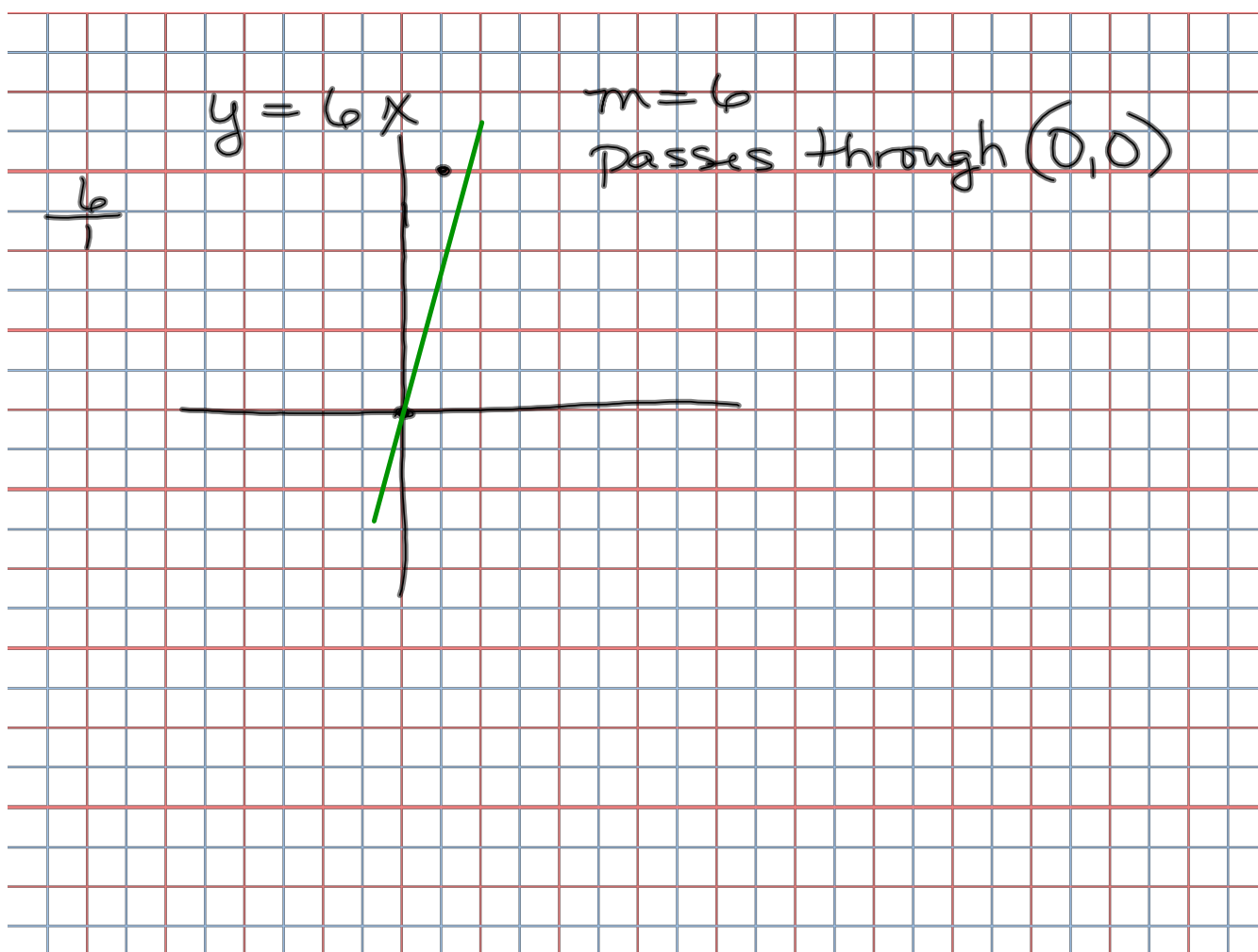
$$y = \frac{1}{4}x$$

(0,0) (4,1)

$\frac{1}{4}$  constant of variation

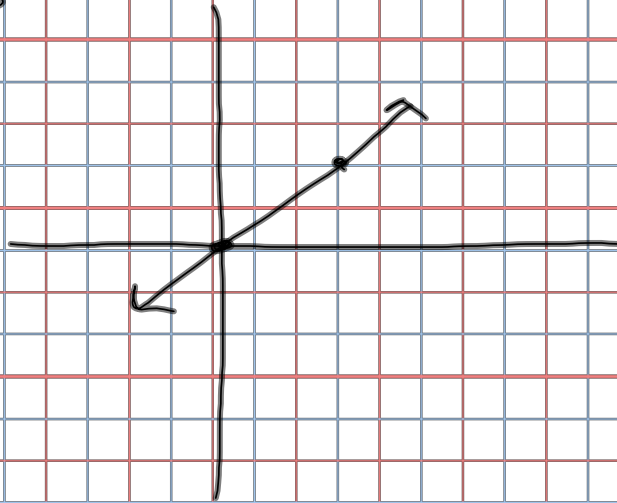
$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$m = \frac{1 - 0}{4 - 0} = \frac{1}{4}$$



$$y = \frac{2}{3}x$$

$\frac{2 \text{ rise } \uparrow}{3 \text{ run } \rightarrow}$



$$y = kx$$

$$\frac{72}{8} = \frac{k(8)}{8}$$

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a.)  $9 = k$

b.)  $\frac{63}{9} = \frac{9}{9}x$

$7 = x$

Slope should always be reported with the proper units:

$$\frac{\text{dependent variable (units)}}{\text{Independent variable (units)}}$$

To interpret the slope:

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

The slope of  $\boxed{\#}$  represents the ratio (proportion) of the change in the dependent variable y axis to the change in the independent variable x axis

$$1.) \quad \frac{21-14}{2-1} = \frac{\$7}{1 \text{ miles}}$$

$$2.) \quad (0, 200) \quad (10, 300)$$

$$\frac{300-200}{10-0} = \frac{100}{10} = \frac{\$10}{1 \text{ years}}$$

3.)