

Precalculus 1 (Algebra)

Chapter 1. Graphs

1.3. Lines—Exercises, Examples, Proofs

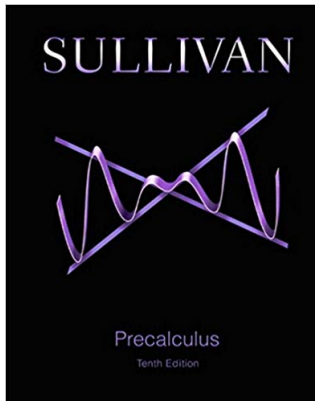
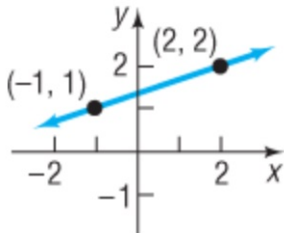


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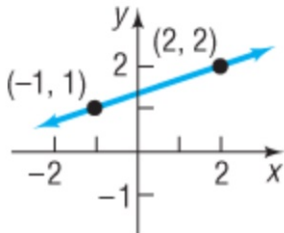


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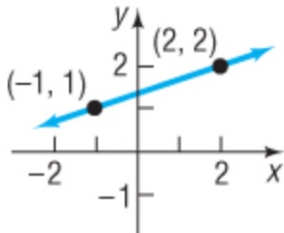
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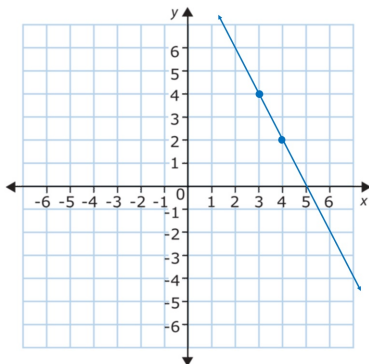
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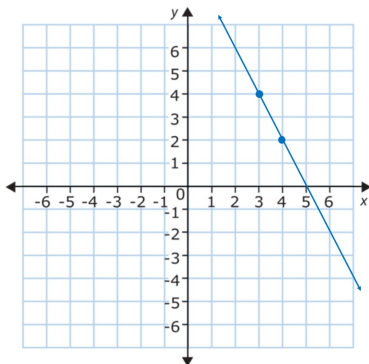
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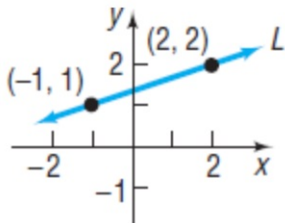
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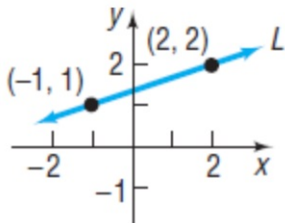


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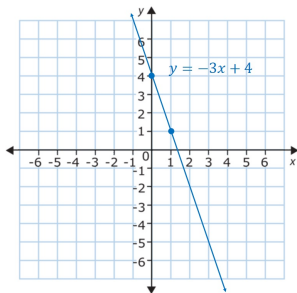
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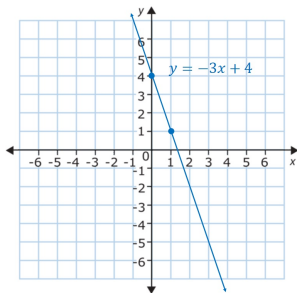
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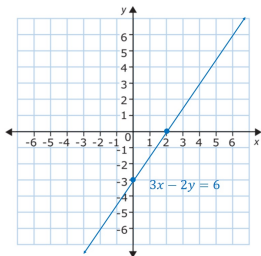
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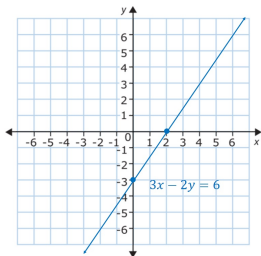
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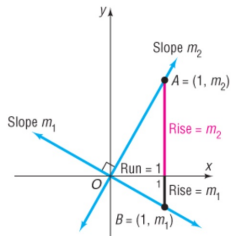
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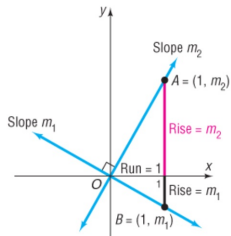


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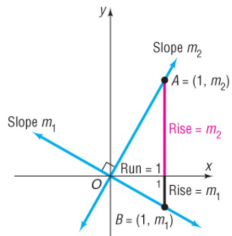
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$$d(A, B)^2 = (1 - 1)^2 + (m_2 - m_1)^2 = m_2^2 - 2m_1m_2 + m_1^2.$$

So $d(O, A)^2 + d(O, B)^2 = d(A, B)^2$ implies

$$(1 + m_2^2) + (1 + m_1^2) = m_2^2 - 2m_1m_2 + m_1^2$$

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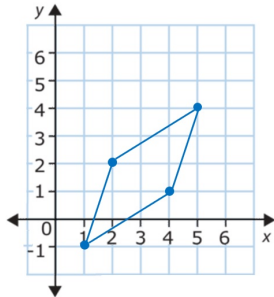
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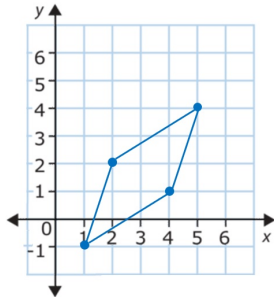
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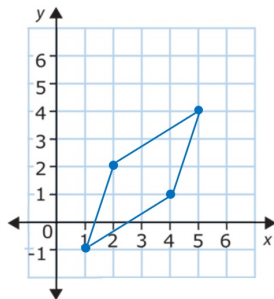
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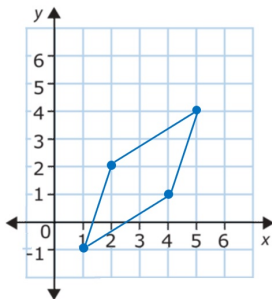
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