Chapter 3

3.3 The Slope of a Line

In class work : Solve each problem.

- 1. Compute the slope of the line that passes through the points:
- a) P(-4,2) and Q(5,-1)









Property #1

2. a) Graph the line 4x - 2y = 8 by intercepts.



b) Compute the slope using the x-intercepts and y-intercepts.

c) Compute the slope using (4,4), (1,-2).

Property #2

The Meaning of Slope

3. The distance in miles that a car is driven is given by d = 55t, where t is the number of hours the car is driven.

a) Make a table of values.

b) Graph the equation



c) Using 2 points, compute the slope.

4. a) For each graph, choose 2 points and compute the slope (including units).

b) Explain what the slope measures in the context of the problem.



Fig. shows the amount of garbage, G, (in tons) that has been deposited at a dump t years after new regulations go into effect.



Fig. shows the amount of money, M (in \$) in Tammy's bank account w weeks after she loses all sources of income.