

Example Find the equation of the line in point - slope form.

NOT A UNIQUE SOLUTION

a. Through $(-4, 5)$ and $(-2, 6)$.

$$m = \frac{6-5}{-2-(-4)} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\textcircled{1} y - 5 = \frac{1}{2}(x + 4)$$

$$\textcircled{2} y - 6 = \frac{1}{2}(x + 2)$$

b. x - intercept of 5 and parallel to $3x - 5y = 15$

x -int $(5, 0)$ y -int $(0, -3)$

$$m = \frac{-3 - 0}{0 - 5} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$y - 0 = \frac{3}{5}(x - 5)$$

$$y = \frac{3}{5}(x - 5)$$

Example The sales of a small company have been growing linearly with time. The sales were \$27 000 in its second year of operation and \$63 000 in its fifth year.

a. Find an equation to represent the sales, $S(t)$, as a function of time in years, t , in point - slope form.

$$\textcircled{1} (2, 27\,000)$$

$$\textcircled{2} (5, 63\,000)$$

$$m = \frac{63\,000 - 27\,000}{5 - 2} = \frac{36\,000}{3} = 12\,000$$

$$y - 27\,000 = 12\,000(x - 2)$$

b. What will the sales in the company's seventh year?

$$y - 27\,000 = 12\,000(7 - 2)$$

$$= 12\,000(5)$$

$$y - 27\,000 = 60\,000$$

$$y = 87\,000$$

The company will have \$87 000 of sales in its 7th year

c. How many years until sales reach \$100 000? What assumptions are you making?

$$100\,000 - 27\,000 = 12\,000(x - 2)$$

$$73\,000 = 12\,000(x - 2)$$

$$6.1 \doteq x - 2$$

$$\approx$$

$$x \doteq 8.1$$

It will take just over 8 years for the company to make \$100 000 in sales, assuming the growth in sales remains linear.

