

The slope of the line between the points  $(a,b)$  and  $(c,d)$  is equal to  $\frac{b-d}{a-c}$  (which is also equal to  $\frac{d-b}{c-a}$ ). Be sure that the difference of  $y$ -coordinates is in the numerator and the difference of the  $x$ -coordinates is in the denominator. Also, be sure to use the coordinates in the same "order" in the numerator and denominator. That is, if the numerator is  $y$ -coordinate of first point minus  $y$ -coordinate of second point, then the denominator should be the  $x$ -coordinate of the first point minus the  $x$ -coordinate of the second point.