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P.I. A.A.33: Determine the slope of a line, given the coordinates of two points on the line

1. Does the line passing through (5, 6) and (−3, 8) have a slope of $\frac{-3-5}{8-6}$? Explain.
2. Is the statement “A line with slope of −1 passes through the origin” true or false? Explain.
3. Find the slope of each line containing the origin and $\left(5, \frac{1}{n}\right)$ for $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 10$. Graph your results in terms of ordered pairs (n , slope). Will the line ever be horizontal?

No, the slope is the vertical change over the horizontal change and this ratio shows the horizontal change over the vertical change.

[2] False; for example, a line with slope -1 that passes through $(0, 1)$ does not pass through the origin.

[3] No, the line will approach horizontal but will never have zero slope.