

DEFINING DEFINITIONS

DEFINITIONS ARE PREVALENT THROUGHOUT OUR LIVES AND HELP US DEVELOP A COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF OBJECTS AND IDEAS AROUND US. MATHEMATICS IS NO EXCEPTION, BUT “WHO COMES UP WITH THESE DEFINITIONS, HOW ARE DEFINITIONS DEVELOPED AND WHY DO DEFINITIONS MATTER?” WE WILL WORK TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS BY EXAMINING STRAIGHT LINES, A NOTION THAT WE HAVE KNOWN SINCE CHILDHOOD, AND EXPLORING OUR OWN UNDERSTANDING OF DEFINITIONS AND WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A STRAIGHT LINE.

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