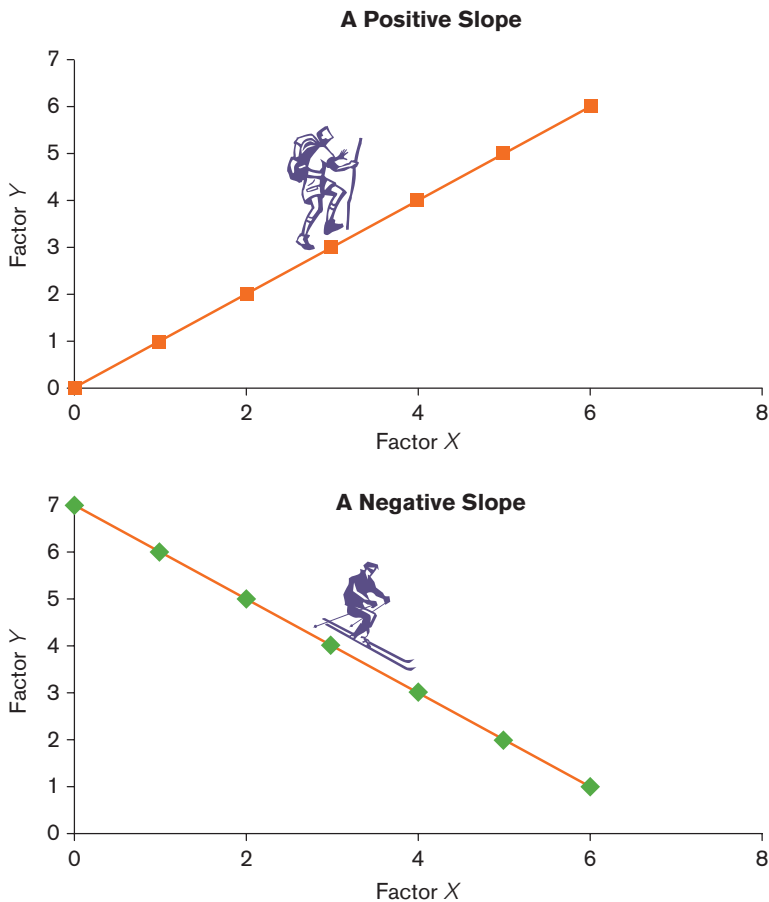


FIGURE 16.4 The Slope of a Straight Line



The slope of a straight line is similar to the slopes of a hill. A positive slope is shown in the top graph; a negative slope is shown in the bottom graph.