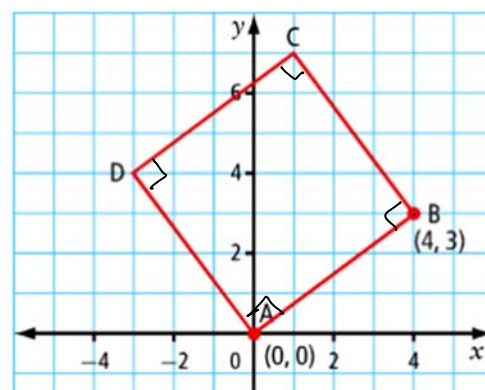


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5.4 Parallel & Perpendicular Lines

ABCD is a square. Calculate the slope of each line segment.

$$m_{AB} = \frac{3}{4} \quad m_{BC} = -\frac{4}{3} \quad m_{CD} = \frac{3}{4} \quad m_{AD} = -\frac{4}{3}$$



Compare the slopes of pairs of parallel line segments.

What do you notice?

$$AB \parallel CD$$

$$\frac{3}{4} \quad \frac{3}{4}$$

$$BC \parallel AD$$

$$-\frac{4}{3} \quad -\frac{4}{3}$$

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(lines)
have equal
slope

Compare the slopes of pairs of perpendicular line segments. What do you notice?

$$AB \perp DA$$

$$\frac{3}{4} \quad -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$AB \perp BC$$

$$\frac{3}{4} \quad -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$BC \perp CD$$

$$-\frac{4}{3} \quad \frac{3}{4}$$

$$CD \perp AD$$

$$\frac{3}{4} \quad -\frac{4}{3}$$

$\perp$ slopes
are negative
reciprocals
of each
other

Parallel lines:

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• Lines that are always the same distance apart (never cross)

• Lines with same slope but different intercepts

Perpendicular lines:

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• Two lines that intersect at 90° (right angle)

• Lines with slopes that are negative reciprocals of each other

• perpendicular slopes always multiply to -1 ex. $\frac{3}{4} \cdot -\frac{4}{3} = -1$

Ex. State whether the lines in each pair are parallel, perpendicular, or neither.

a) $y = 3x - 6$

$$y = -\frac{1}{3}x + 4$$

$$m = \frac{3}{1} \quad m = -\frac{1}{3}$$

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b) $y = 4x + 3$

$$y = 4x - 5$$

$$m = 4 \quad m = 4$$

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c) $y = 2x + 6$

$$m = 2$$

$$6x + 3y + 3 = 0$$

$$3y = -6x - 3$$

$$y = -2x - 1 \quad m = -2$$

neither

d) $y - 4 = 0 \leftarrow y = 4$ $m = 0$ horizontal

$x + 1 = 0 \leftarrow x = -1$ vertical
 $m = \text{undefined}$

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e) $y = \frac{2}{5}x - 6$ $m = \frac{2}{5}$

$$5x + 2y = 8$$

$$2y = -5x + 8$$

$$y = -\frac{5}{2}x + 4 \quad m = -\frac{5}{2}$$

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f) $y = 3x - 4$ $m = 3$

$$y = 3x + \frac{1}{4} \quad m = 3$$

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Ex. Write the equation of a line that is parallel to $2x - y + 4 = 0$ and through $(1, -6)$. Express the equation in slope - intercept form and in general form.

$$y = 2x + 4$$

$$m = 2$$

$$m_{||} = 2 \quad (1, -6)$$

① $y = mx + b$

$$y = 2x + b$$

$$-6 = 2(1) + b$$

$$-6 = 2 + b$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2 \\ -2 \end{array}$$

$$-8 = b$$

OR ② use point-slope

$$y - (-6) = 2(x - 1)$$

$$y + 6 = 2x - 2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} y + 6 \\ -6 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 2x - 2 \\ -2 \end{array}$$

$$y = 2x - 8$$

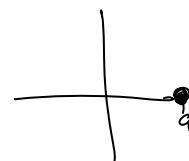
$$2x - y - 8 = 0$$

Ex. Write the equation of a line perpendicular to $3x + 2y - 6 = 0$ with an x-intercept of 9. Express the equation in slope - intercept form and in general form.

$$2y = -3x + 6$$

$$y = -\frac{3}{2}x + 3$$

$$m = -\frac{3}{2}$$



* slope-point

$$y - 0 = \frac{2}{3}(x - a)$$

$$y = \frac{2}{3}x - 6$$

$$\therefore m_{\perp} = \frac{2}{3} \quad (9, 0)$$

$$3(y) = \frac{2}{3}(x) - (6)$$

$$3y = \frac{2}{3}x - 6$$

$$2x - 3y - 18 = 0$$

Ex. For the pair of slopes $-\frac{2}{n}$ and $\frac{5}{2}$, what is the value of n if the lines are parallel? What is the value of n if the lines are perpendicular?

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$$-\frac{2}{n} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$n = \frac{-2(2)}{5}$$

$$n = -\frac{4}{5}$$

$$\text{OR } -0.8$$

$\perp$

$$-\frac{2}{n} = \frac{-2}{5} \quad \text{OR} \quad \frac{n}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$n = 5$$