

Parallel and Perpendicular Lines



Identify and write equations of parallel and perpendicular lines.

Partner Think Tank!

1) Using the equation  $y = -\frac{3}{4}x + 7$ ...

a) What is the slope of a line that would be parallel to the above equation?  $-\frac{3}{4}$

b) What is the slope of a line that would be perpendicular to the above equation?  $\frac{4}{3}$

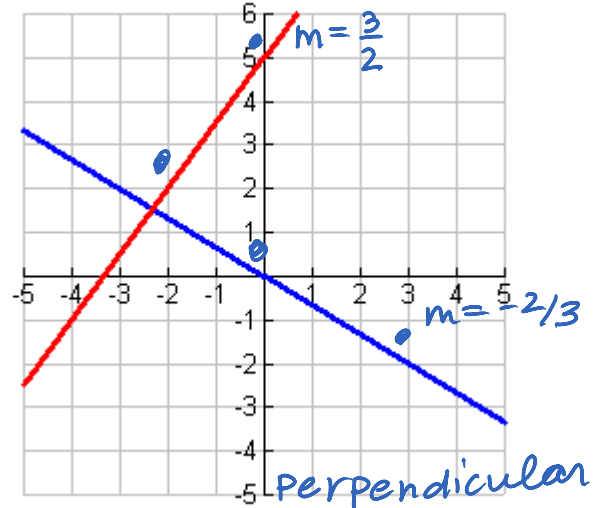
Determine if the lines below are parallel, perpendicular or neither.

2)  $y = -4x + 3$  and  $4y + x = -1$

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

Neither

3)



Example 1:

Write an equation (in Slope-Intercept Form) of the line that passes through (-3, -5) and is parallel to the line  $y = 3x - 1$ .

$$y + 5 = 3(x + 3)$$
$$y + 5 = 3x + 9$$
$$y = 3x + 4$$

Step 1: Identify the slope of the line.  
Step 2: Find the y-int by substituting the slope and a point.  
Step 3: Write an equation.

Partner Practice:

Write an equation (in Slope-Intercept Form) of the line that passes through (-2, 11) and is perpendicular to the line  $y = -x + 5$ .

$m = 1$

$$y - 11 = 1(x + 2)$$
$$y - 11 = x + 2$$
$$y = x + 13$$

EXAMPLE 2:

Write an equation (in Point-Slope Form) of the line that passes through (4, -5) and is perpendicular to the line  $y = 2x + 3$ .

$$m = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$y + 5 = -\frac{1}{2}(x - 4)$$

Step 1: Find the slope.

Step 2: Identify a pt.

Step 3: Write an equation.

PARTNER PRACTICE:

Write an equation (in Point-Slope Form) of the line that passes through (4, 3) and is parallel to  $y = 4x - 7$ .

$$m = 4$$

$$y - 3 = 4(x - 4)$$

EXAMPLE 3:

Write an equation (in Standard Form) of the line that passes through (5, -4) and is parallel to  $y = 2x + 3$ .

$$m = 2$$

$$y + 4 = 2(x - 5)$$

$$y + 4 = 2x - 10$$

$$y = 2x - 14$$

$$\boxed{2x + y = -14}$$

Step 1: Find the slope.

Step 2: Write the equation in point-slope or slope-intercept form.

Step 3: Write an equation in Standard Form

PARTNER PRACTICE:

Write an equation (in Standard Form) of the line that passes through <sup>(-4, 2)</sup> and is perpendicular to  $y = \frac{1}{4}x - 7$ .

$$m = -4$$

$$y - 2 = -4(x + 4)$$

$$y - 2 = -4x - 16$$

$$y = -4x - 14$$

$$\boxed{4x + y = -14}$$