

5-2 Parallel and Perpendicular Lines

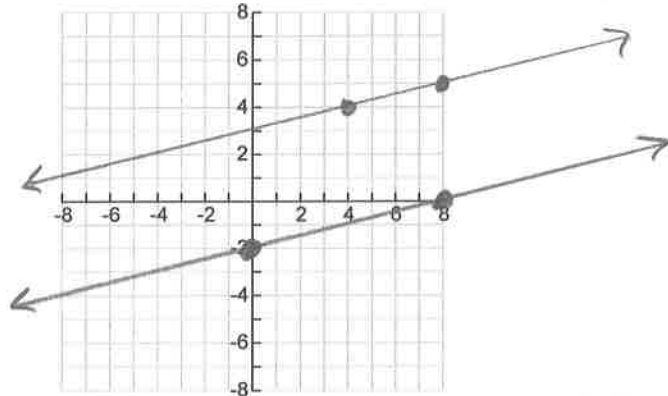
- I can find the equation of a line parallel to another line through a given coordinate.
- I can find the equation of a line perpendicular to another line through a given coordinate.

1. On the below coordinate plane, graph the following:

line (1): a line that passes through the points (4, 4) and (8, 5)

line (2): a line that passes through the points (0, -2) and (8, 0)

(be sure to extend the lines in both directions – so they are lines, not line segments)



2. How does it look like these lines are related? *They are parallel!*

3. Use the given points in number (1) to find the slope of line 1 and the slope of line 2. Write them below. What do you notice?

Slope of line 1

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{5 - 4}{8 - 4} = \frac{1}{4}$$

Slope of line 2

$$\frac{0 - (-2)}{8 - 0} = \frac{2}{8} = \frac{1}{4}$$

4. Fill in the blanks of the below statement:

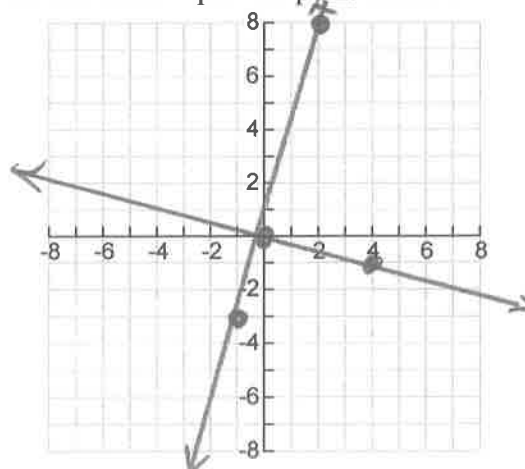
If two lines are parallel, then their slopes will be equal (the same).

5. On the below coordinate plane, graph the following:

line (3): a line that passes through the points (-1, -4) and (2, 8)

line (4): a line that passes through the points (0, 0) and (4, -1)

(be sure to extend the lines in both directions – past the point of intersection in both directions)



6. How does it look like these lines are related? ~~Are they parallel or perpendicular?~~

They appear to be perpendicular.

7. Use the given points in number (5) to find the slope of line 3 and line 4. What do you notice?

Slope of line 1

$$m = \frac{8-4}{2-1} = \frac{4}{1} = \boxed{4}$$

Slope of line 2

$$m = \frac{-1-0}{4-0} = \boxed{\frac{-1}{4}}$$

8. Multiply (slope of line 3) · (slope of line 4).

$$4 \cdot \frac{-1}{4} = \boxed{-1}$$

9. The following two functions are perpendicular (graph them on your calculator to check). Multiply their slopes. What do you get (again)?

$$f(x) = -\frac{1}{8}x - 6$$

$$g(x) = 7 + 8x$$

$$-\frac{1}{8} \cdot \frac{8}{1} = \boxed{-1}$$

10. Fill in the blanks of the below statement:

If two lines are perpendicular, then the product of their slopes will be -1.

This means that their slopes are *opposite reciprocals*.

Point-Slope:  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$  diff signs  $\rightarrow$  numerator + denominator flipped.

**Example:** Find the equation of the line in both point - slope and slope - intercept form that passes through the point (4, 8) and is perpendicular to the line  $y = \frac{3}{4}x - 12$

Point-slope:

$$\boxed{y - 8 = -\frac{4}{3}(x - 4)}$$

Slope is opp reciprocal to  $\frac{3}{4}$   
So,  $m = -\frac{4}{3}$

Slope-intercept:

$$y = -\frac{4}{3}x + \frac{16}{3} + 8 \rightarrow \boxed{y = -\frac{4}{3}x + \frac{40}{3}}$$

11. Find the equation of a line in both point - slope and slope - intercept form that passes through the point (6, 10) and is ~~perpendicular~~ <sup>parallel</sup> to the line that passes through the points (2, 6) and (8, 12).

Line through (2, 6) + (8, 12):

$$m = \frac{12-6}{8-2} = \frac{6}{6} = \underline{\underline{1}}$$

Parallel slope = 1

Point-slope:

$$\boxed{y - 10 = 1(x - 6)}$$

Slope-intercept:

$$y = x - 6 + 10$$

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

**Practice:**

1. Find the slope of all lines parallel to  $y = 3 - 4x$

$$m = -4$$

2. Find the slope of all lines perpendicular to  $y = \frac{5}{8}x + 2$

$$m = -\frac{8}{5}$$

3. Find the equation of the line that is parallel to  $y = 2x - 6$  and passes through the point  $(4, 8)$ .

$$m = 2$$

$$\parallel m = 2$$

$$y - 8 = 2(x - 4)$$

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

$$y = 2x$$

4. Find the equation of the line that is parallel to  $y = \frac{3}{4} - \frac{2}{3}x$  and passes through the point  $(5, 8)$ .

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

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

$$y - 8 = -\frac{2}{3}(x - 5)$$

$$y = -\frac{2}{3}x + \frac{10}{3} + 8$$

$$y = -\frac{2}{3}x + \frac{34}{3}$$

5. Find the equation of the line that is perpendicular to  $y = 7 - 2x$  and passes through the point  $(6, -3)$ .

$$m = -2$$

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

$$y + 3 = \frac{1}{2}(x - 6)$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x - 3 - 3$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x - 6$$

6. Find the equation of the line that is perpendicular to  $y = \frac{3}{4}x - 6$  and passes through the point  $(-4, 5)$ .

$$m = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\perp m = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$y - 5 = -\frac{4}{3}(x + 4)$$

$$y = -\frac{4}{3}x - \frac{16}{3} + 5$$

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

7. The slope of a line is 4, and the line passes through the points  $(5, 8)$  and  $(a, 6)$ . Find  $a$ .

$$4 = \frac{6 - 8}{a - 5} = \frac{-2}{a - 5}$$

$$\rightarrow (a - 5) \cdot 4 = \frac{-2}{a - 5} \cdot (a - 5)$$

$$4(a - 5) = -2$$

$$4a - 20 = -2$$

$$4a = 18$$

$$a = \frac{18}{4} = 4.5$$

8. If the slope of a line is  $\frac{2}{3}$  and the line passes through the points  $(a, 3)$  and  $(6, b)$ . Find  $a$  and  $b$ .

$$\frac{2}{3} = \frac{b - 3}{6 - a}$$

$$\rightarrow b - 3 = 2$$

$$b = 5$$

$$6 - a = 3$$

$$-a = -3$$

$$a = 3$$

There are unlimited possibilities for what  $a$  &  $b$  can equal.