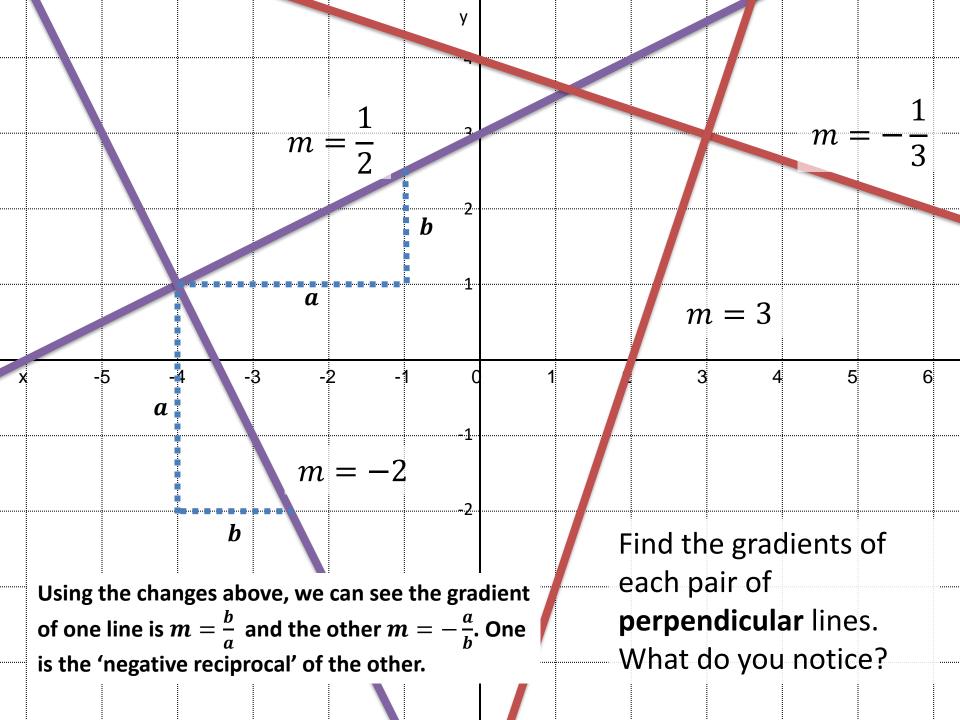
P1 Chapter 5: Linear Graphs

Parallel and Perpendicular



Perpendicular Lines



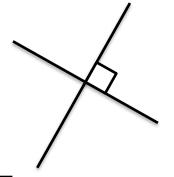
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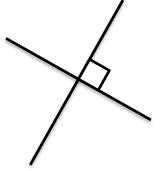
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$-\frac{2}{7}$	$\frac{7}{2}$
$\frac{7}{5}$	$-\frac{5}{7}$

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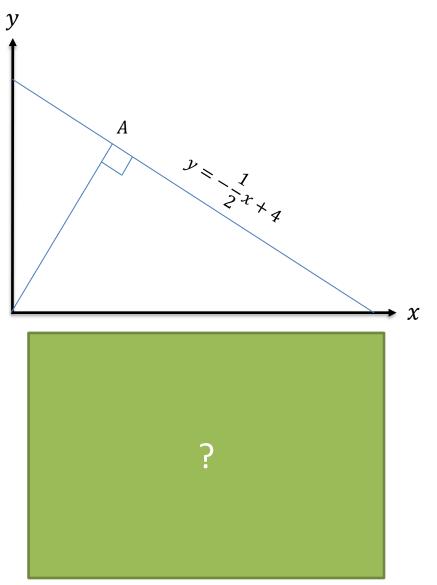
Neither. Gradients are $\frac{1}{2}$ and 2. But $\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$, not -1, so not perpendicular.

Test Your Understanding

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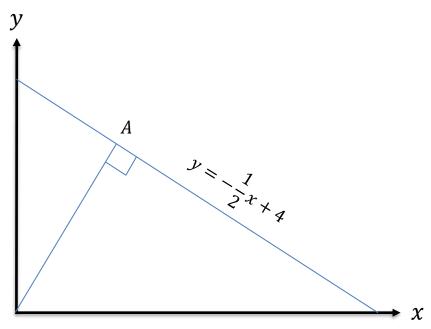
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$$y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 9$$

2y = -x + 18
x + 2y - 18 = 0

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Equation of other line: y = 2x

$$2x = -\frac{1}{2}x + 4$$

$$4x = -x + 8$$

$$5x = 8 \rightarrow x = \frac{8}{5}$$

$$y = 2 \times \frac{8}{5} = \frac{16}{5}$$

Exercise 5.3

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Extension Problems

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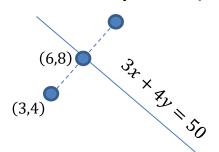
Gradient of
$$3x + 4y = 50$$
 is $-\frac{3}{4}$.

∴ Equation of line passing through(3, 4) perpendicular to the line:

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

Find intersection of two lines to get closest point of (3,4) to original line: (6,8)

Thus reflected point is (9, 12)



[MAT 2014 1D] The reflection of the point (1,0) in the line y = mx has coordinates: (in terms of m) Using a similar method:

$$\left(\frac{1-m^2}{1+m^2},\frac{2m}{1+m^2}\right)$$

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1 Work out whether each pair of lines is parallel.

$$\mathbf{a} \ \ y = 5x - 2$$
$$15x - 3y + 9 = 0$$

b
$$7x + 14y - 1 = 0$$
 c $4x - 3y - 8 = 0$ $y = \frac{1}{2}x + 9$ $3x - 4y - 8 = 0$

$$c \quad 4x - 3y - 8 = 0$$
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- 2 The line r passes through the points (1, 4) and (6, 8) and the line s passes through the points (5, -3) and (20, 9). Show that the lines r and s are parallel.
- Hint 3 The coordinates of a quadrilateral ABCD are A(-6, 2), B(4, 8), C(6, 1) and D(-9, -8). Show that the quadrilateral is a trapezium.
- A trapezium has exactly one pair of parallel sides.
- 4 A line is parallel to the line y = 5x + 8 and its y-intercept is (0, 3). Write down the equation of the line.
- The line will have gradient 5.
- 5 A line is parallel to the line $y = -\frac{2}{5}x + 1$ and its y-intercept is (0, -4). Work out the equation of the line. Write your answer in the form ax + by + c = 0, where a, b and c are integers.
- 6 A line is parallel to the line 3x + 6y + 11 = 0 and its intercept on the y-axis is (0, 7). Write down the equation of the line.
- 7 A line is parallel to the line 2x 3y 1 = 0 and it passes through the point (0, 0). Write down the equation of the line.
- 8 Find an equation of the line that passes through the point (-2, 7) and is parallel to the line y = 4x + 1. Write your answer in the form ax + by + c = 0.

Homework Answers

- 1 a Parallel b Not parallel c Not parallel
- 2 $r: y = \frac{4}{5}x + 3.2$, $s: y = \frac{4}{5}x 7$ Gradients equal therefore lines are parallel.
- 3 Gradient of $AB = \frac{3}{5}$, gradient of $BC = -\frac{7}{2}$, gradient of $CD = \frac{3}{5}$, gradient of $AD = \frac{10}{3}$. The quadrilateral has a pair of parallel sides, so it is a trapezium.
- 4 y = 5x + 3
- $5 \quad 2x + 5y + 20 = 0$
- 6 $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 7$
- $y = \frac{2}{3}x$
- $8 \quad 4x y + 15 = 0$

Work out whether these pairs of lines are parallel, perpendicular or neither:

a
$$y = 4x + 2$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{4}x - 7$$

b
$$v = \frac{2}{3}x - 1$$

$$y = \frac{2}{3}x - 11 \qquad y = 5x + 9$$

b
$$y = \frac{2}{3}x - 1$$
 c $y = \frac{1}{5}x + 9$

$$y = 5x + 9$$

d
$$v = -3x + 2$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3}x - 7$$

d
$$y = -3x + 2$$
 e $y = \frac{3}{5}x + 4$ **f** $y = \frac{5}{7}x$

$$y = -\frac{5}{3}x - 1 \qquad \qquad y = \frac{5}{7}x - 3$$

$$v = \frac{5}{7}$$

$$v = \frac{5}{7}x - 3$$

$$y = 5x - 3$$

$$5x - y + 4 = 0 y = -\frac{1}{5}x$$

$$h 5x - y - 1 = 0$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{5}x$$

g
$$y = 5x - 3$$
 h $5x - y - 1 = 0$ **i** $y = -\frac{3}{2}x + 8$

$$2x - 3y - 9 = 0$$

$$\mathbf{j} = 4x - 5y + 1 = 0$$

$$8x - 10y - 2 = 0$$
 $2x + 3y - 6 = 0$ $2x + 10y - 4 = 0$

j
$$4x - 5y + 1 = 0$$
 k $3x + 2y - 12 = 0$ **l** $5x - y + 2 = 0$

$$2x + 3y - 6 = 0$$

$$1 \quad 5x - y + 2 = 0$$

$$2x + 10y - 4 = 0$$

- A line is perpendicular to the line y = 6x 9 and passes through the point (0, 1). Find an equation of the line.
- A line is perpendicular to the line 3x + 8y 11 = 0 and passes through the point (0, -8). Find an equation of the line.
- Find an equation of the line that passes through the point (6, -2) and is perpendicular to the line y = 3x + 5.
- Find an equation of the line that passes through the point (-2, 5) and is perpendicular to the line y = 3x + 6.
- Find an equation of the line that passes through the point (3, 4) and is perpendicular to the line 4x - 6y + 7 = 0.

- Find an equation of the line that passes through the point (5, -5) and is perpendicular to the line $y = \frac{2}{3}x + 5$. Write your answer in the form ax + by + c = 0, where a, b and c are integers.
- 8 Find an equation of the line that passes through the point (-2, -3) and is perpendicular to the line $y = -\frac{4}{7}x + 5$. Write your answer in the form ax + by + c = 0, where a, b and c are integers.
- 9 The line *l* passes through the points (-3, 0) and (3, -2) and the line *n* passes through the points (1, 8) and (-1, 2). Show that the lines *l* and *n* are perpendicular.

Problem-solving

Don't do more work than you need to. You only need to find the gradients of both lines, not their equations.

10 The vertices of a quadrilateral *ABCD* have coordinates A(-1, 5), B(7, 1), C(5, -3) and D(-3, 1). Show that the quadrilateral is a rectangle.

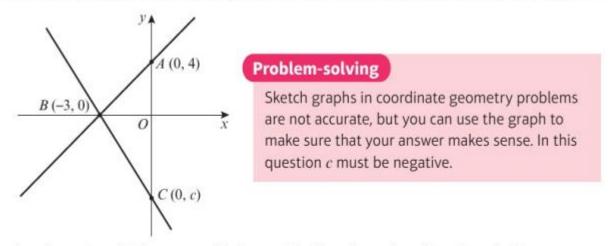
Hint The sides of a rectangle are perpendicular.

- 11 A line l_1 has equation 5x + 11y 7 = 0 and crosses the x-axis at A. The line l_2 is perpendicular to l_1 and passes through A.
 - a Find the coordinates of the point A.

(1 mark)

b Find the equation of the line l_2 . Write your answer in the form ax + by + c = 0. (3 marks)

12 The points A and C lie on the y-axis and the point B lies on the x-axis as shown in the diagram.



The line through points A and B is perpendicular to the line through points B and C. Find the value of C. (6 marks)

Homework Answers

a Perpendicular

c Neither

Perpendicular

Parallel

Perpendicular

k Neither

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

3 $y = \frac{8}{3}x - 8$

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

5 $y = -\frac{1}{3}x + \frac{13}{3}$

6 $y = -\frac{3}{2}x + \frac{17}{2}$

 $7 \quad 3x + 2y - 5 = 0$

 $8 \quad 7x - 4u + 2 = 0$

9 $l: y = -\frac{1}{3}x - 1$, n: y = 3x + 5. Gradients are negative reciprocals, therefore lines perpendicular.

10 AB: $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 4\frac{1}{2}$, CD: $y = -\frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{2}$, AD: y = 2x + 7, *BC*: y = 2x - 13. Two pairs of parallel sides and lines with gradients 2 and $-\frac{1}{2}$ are perpendicular, so ABCD is a rectangle.

11 a $A(\frac{7}{5}, 0)$ **b** 55x - 25y - 77 = 0

12 $-\frac{9}{4}$

Parallel

d Perpendicular

Parallel

h Perpendicular

Parallel

Perpendicular