

form $y = mx + b$

$$5x + 2y = 13$$

$$2y = -5x + 13$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}(-5x + 13)$$

$$y = -\frac{5}{2}x + \frac{13}{2}$$

The slope is $-\frac{5}{2}$ and the y-intercept is $(0, \frac{13}{2})$.

Parallel Lines.

Parallel lines have the same slope but different y-intercept.

Example

The lines $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 4$ and $y = -\frac{1}{2}x - 5$ are parallel lines.

Example

Find an equation of the line passing through the point $P(-1, 4)$ and parallel to the line $3x + 2y = 15$.

$$3x + 2y = 15$$

$$2y = -3x + 15$$

$$y = -\frac{3}{2}x + \frac{15}{2}$$

\Rightarrow Slope is $m = -\frac{3}{2}$

\Rightarrow the equation of the line is

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

$P(-1, 4) \Rightarrow$

$$4 = -\frac{3}{2}(-1) + b$$

$$4 = \frac{3}{2} + b \Rightarrow b = 4 - \frac{3}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$$

\Rightarrow The equation is $y = -\frac{3}{2}x + \frac{5}{2}$.