

Equations of Lines

Name: Key

1. What is the equation for slope-intercept form? $y = mx + b$

2. Give an equation of a line given the following criteria.

a. $m = -\frac{2}{3}$, through $(-4, 7)$

$$7 = -\frac{2}{3}(-4) + b$$

$$7 = \frac{8}{3} + b$$

$$-\frac{8}{3} \quad -\frac{8}{3}$$

$$b = \frac{13}{3}$$

$$y = -\frac{2}{3}x + \frac{13}{3} \quad (4.3)$$

b. $m = \frac{5}{2}$, through $(9, -6)$

$$-6 = \frac{5}{2}(9) + b$$

$$-6 = \frac{45}{2} + b$$

$$-\frac{45}{2} \quad -\frac{45}{2}$$

$$b = -\frac{57}{2}$$

$$y = \frac{5}{2}x - \frac{57}{2} \quad (-28.5)$$

c. Through $(-5, 6)$ and $(-8, 2)$

$$\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{6 - 2}{-5 - (-8)} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$2 = \frac{4}{3}(-8) + b$$

$$2 = -\frac{32}{3} + b$$

$$+\frac{32}{3} \quad +\frac{32}{3} \quad b = \frac{38}{3}$$

$$y = \frac{4}{3}x + \frac{38}{3} \quad (12.6)$$

d. Through $(6, -7)$ and $(2, 1)$

$$\frac{-7 - 1}{6 - 2} = \frac{-8}{4} = -2$$

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

$$1 = -4 + b$$

$$b = 5$$

$$y = -2x + 5$$

e. Through $(-4, 9)$, \parallel to $y = -\frac{3}{4}x + 25$

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

$$9 = -\frac{3}{4}(-4) + b$$

$$9 = 3 + b$$

$$-3 \quad -3$$

$$6 = b$$

$$y = -\frac{3}{4}x + 6$$

f. Through $(-5, 4)$, \parallel to $y = -3x - 8$

$$m = -3$$

$$4 = -3(-5) + b$$

$$4 = 15 + b$$

$$-15 \quad -15$$

$$b = -11$$

$$y = -3x - 11$$

g. Through $(6, -2)$, \perp to $y = \frac{3}{4}x + 20$

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

$$-2 = -\frac{4}{3}(6) + b$$

$$-2 = -8 + b$$

$$+8 \quad +8$$

$$6 = b$$

$$b = 6$$

$$y = -\frac{4}{3}x + 6$$

h. Through $(5, 9)$, \perp to $y = 6x - 13$

$$m = -\frac{1}{6}$$

$$9 = -\frac{1}{6}(5) + b$$

$$9 = -\frac{5}{6} + b$$

$$+\frac{5}{6} \quad +\frac{5}{6}$$

$$b = \frac{59}{6}$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{6}x + \frac{59}{6} \quad (9.8\bar{3})$$