# **Template: Study Material**

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Key words Angle between two straight lines.	Learning Objective: Calculate angle between given two straight lines.	Diagram/ Picture
Key Questions  What is the straight line?  Do you know about the slope of line?	Straight Line  Angle Between two Straight lines	

## Explanation of Concept;

Angle between Two Straight Lines:

If m<sub>1</sub> and m<sub>2</sub> are slopes of the two lines then the angle between two lines is

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left| \frac{m_1 - m_2}{1 + m_1 m_2} \right|$$

## Solved Examples

Find the acute angle between the lines 3x - 2y + 4 = 0 and 2x - 3y - 7 = 0.

#### Solution:

Given equation of lines

$$L_1: 3x - 2y + 4 = 0$$
∴ Slope  $m_1 = \frac{-3}{-2} = \frac{3}{2}$ 

$$L_2: 2x - 3y - 7 = 0$$
∴ Slope  $m_2 = \frac{-2}{-3} = \frac{2}{3}$ 

Let  $^\prime\theta^\prime$  be the acute angle between the lines

Solved word Problem:

1) Show that the lines 2x + 3y - 5 = 0 and 4x+ 6y - 1 = 0 are parallel.

## Solution : Let

L<sub>1</sub>: 2x + 3y − 5 = 0  
∴ Slope of L<sub>1</sub> is  

$$m_1 = \frac{-2}{3}$$
 And

$$L_2: 4x + 6y - 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore$$
 Slope of L<sub>2</sub> is

$$m_2 = \frac{-4}{6} = \frac{-2}{3}$$
  
 $\therefore m_1 = m_2$ 

parallel

2) Prove that lines 3x + 4y + 7 = 0 and 28x - 21y + 50 = 0 are perpendicular to each other.

## Solution: Let

$$L_1: 3x + 4y + 7 = 0$$
  
∴ Slope of  $L_1$  is  
 $m_1 = \frac{-3}{4}$  and  
 $L_2: 28x - 21y + 50 = 0$ 

∴ Slope of L₂ is
$$m_2 = \frac{-28}{-21} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$m_1 \cdot m_2 = \frac{-3}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{3} = -1$$

$$m_1 \cdot m_2 = \frac{-3}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{3} = -3$$

.: Given lines are perpendicular

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$$\theta = \left| \frac{m_1 - m_2}{1 + m_1 m_2} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{\frac{3}{2} - \frac{2}{3}}{1 + \left( \frac{3}{2} - \frac{2}{3} \right)} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{\frac{9 - 4}{6}}{1 + 1} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{\frac{5}{6}}{2} \right|$$

$$tan  $\theta = \frac{5}{12}$ 

$$\theta = tan^{-1} \left( \frac{5}{2} \right)$$$$

2) Find the acute angle between the lines 3x - y = 4and 2x + y = 3

## Solution:

Given equation of lines

L<sub>1</sub>: 
$$3x - y = 4$$
  
L<sub>1</sub>:  $3x - y - 4 = 0$   
∴ Slope  $m_1 = \frac{-3}{-1} = 3$   
L<sub>2</sub>:  $2x + y - 3 = 0$   
Slope  $m_2 = \frac{-2}{1} = -2$ 

The acute angle between the line is

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left| \frac{m_1 - m_2}{1 + m_1 m_2} \right|$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \left| \frac{3 - (-2)}{1 + (3)(-2)} \right|$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \left| \frac{5}{-5} \right|$$

$$= \tan^{-1} \left| -1 \right|$$

$$= \tan^{-1} (1)$$

$$\theta = 45^{\circ} \qquad OR$$

Key Definitions/ Formulas Angle between Two Straight Lines: If m<sub>1</sub> and m<sub>2</sub> are slopes of the two lines then the angle between two lines is

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left| \frac{m_1 - m_2}{1 + m_1 m_2} \right|$$

#### Deduction:

1. If  $\theta$ = 0 then lines are parallel

$$0 = tan^{-1} \left| \frac{m_1 - m_2}{1 + m_1 m_2} \right|$$

$$tan 0 = \left| \frac{m_1 - m_2}{1 + m_1 m_2} \right|$$

$$0 = \left| \frac{m_1 - m_2}{1 + m_1 m_2} \right|$$

$$m_1 = m_2$$

2. If  $\theta$ = 90 then lines are parallel.

$$\begin{array}{c} : \quad 90 = \tan^{-1}\left|\frac{m_1 - m_2}{1 + m_1 \ m_2}\right| \\ : \quad \tan 90 = \left|\frac{m_1 - m_2}{1 + m_1 \ m_2}\right| \\ : : \quad \infty = \left|\frac{m_1 - m_2}{1 + m_1 \ m_2}\right| \\ : \quad \square \ 1 + m_1 \times m_2 = 0 \\ : \quad \square \ m_1 \times m_2 = -1 \end{array}$$

# Condition for parallel and perpendicular Lines:

- 1) Two lines are parallel if their slopes are equal .i. e.  $m_1 = m_2$  and converse is also true.
- 2) Condition for two lines to be perpendicular: Two lines are perpendicular if their product of slopes is -1. i.e.  $m_1 \cdot m_2 = -1$  and converse is also true

	Application of Concept/ Examples in real life In engineering field it is useful to calculate angle between two lines .	Link to YouTube/ OER/ video https://youtu.be/vDzDLR5y45w https://youtu.be/jgjaf616BPg https://youtu.be/j93ESruzuRA
Key Take away from this	LO: 1) Condition for parallel and perpendicular Lines: 2)Angle between Two Straight Lines:	