

5.6 Parallel & Perpendicular Lines

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

Perpendicular lines have opposite and reciprocal slopes and the lines form right angles.

m and $-\frac{1}{m}$

Example: Write an equation of the line in slope-intercept form that is parallel to $y = 3x - 7$ and has a y-intercept of 4.

$y = 3x - 7$ the slope of this line is 3.
Because they are parallel, the other line will have a slope of 3.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } m &= 3 \\ b &= 4 \\ \therefore y &= 3x + 4 \end{aligned}$$

Example: Write an equation of the line in slope-intercept form ~~of~~ that is perpendicular to $y = 3x + 2$ and has a y-intercept of 4

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 3x + 2 \quad \text{the slope is 3} \\ &\quad \text{the perpendicular slope is } -\frac{1}{3} \\ \therefore m &= -\frac{1}{3} \\ b &= 4 \\ y &= -\frac{1}{3}x + 4 \end{aligned}$$

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