Algebra 1 4.4

Write the equation of a line parallel to a given line (same slope)

Write the equation of a line perpendicular to a given line

What do we need to write an equation for a line?

slope

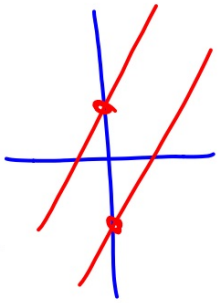
vertical ↕ $x =$

horizontal ↔ $y =$

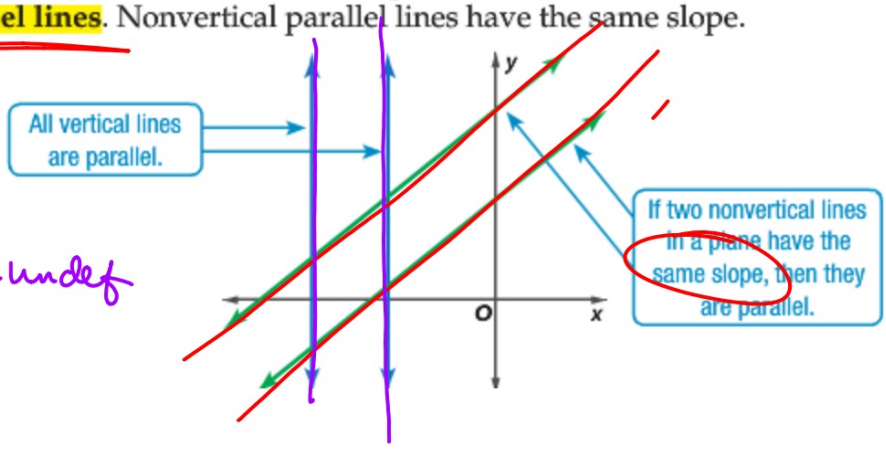
parallel Same slope $m = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$

perpendicular

spaghetti lines



1 Parallel Lines Lines in the same plane that do not intersect are called **parallel lines**. Nonvertical parallel lines have the same slope.



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pt. slope

Write the equation of a line parallel to...

$y = 2x + 3$ $(0, 5)$

$m = 2$ x y

$y - 5 = 2(x - 0)$

$y = \frac{2}{3}x + 5$ $(4, 8)$

$y = \frac{1}{4}x - 6$ $(1, 8)$

$m = \frac{1}{4}$ x y

$y - 8 = \frac{1}{4}(x - 1)$

$y = -3x + 8$ $(3, 6)$

$y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 7$ $(-1, 4)$

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

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

$+4 \quad +4$

$y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 3\frac{1}{2}$

$y = mx + b$

opposite reciprocal

2 Perpendicular Lines

Lines that intersect at right angles are called **perpendicular lines**. The slopes of nonvertical perpendicular lines are opposite reciprocals. That is, if the slope of a line is 4, the slope of the line perpendicular to it is $-\frac{1}{4}$.

$y = 4x$

$y = -0.25x$

$-\frac{1}{4}x$

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meet at 90° angle

$y = 2x + 0$

$y = -0.5x + 0$ } purp.

$\frac{1}{2}$

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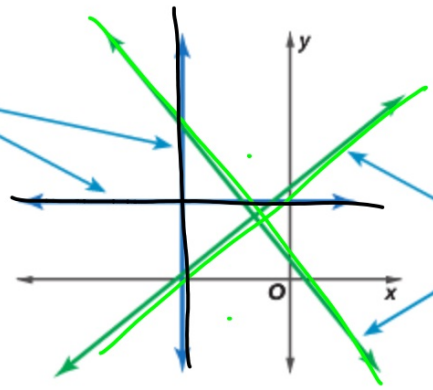
$y = 5x$

$y = -0.2x$

$-\frac{1}{5}$



Vertical lines and horizontal lines are perpendicular.

If the product of the slopes of two nonvertical lines is −1, then the lines are perpendicular.

What do we need to know?

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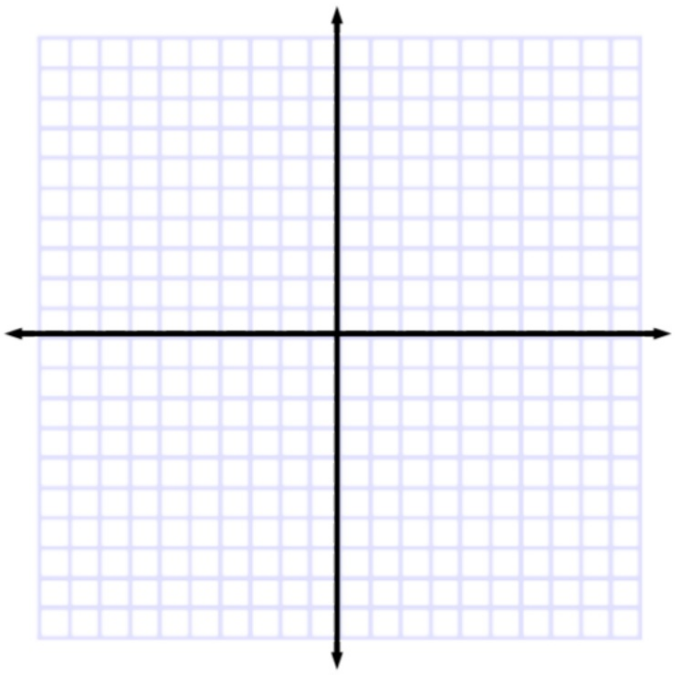
4. Write an equation in slope-intercept form for the line that passes through (4,7) and is perpendicular to the graph of $y = \frac{2}{3}x - 1$.



What do we need to know?

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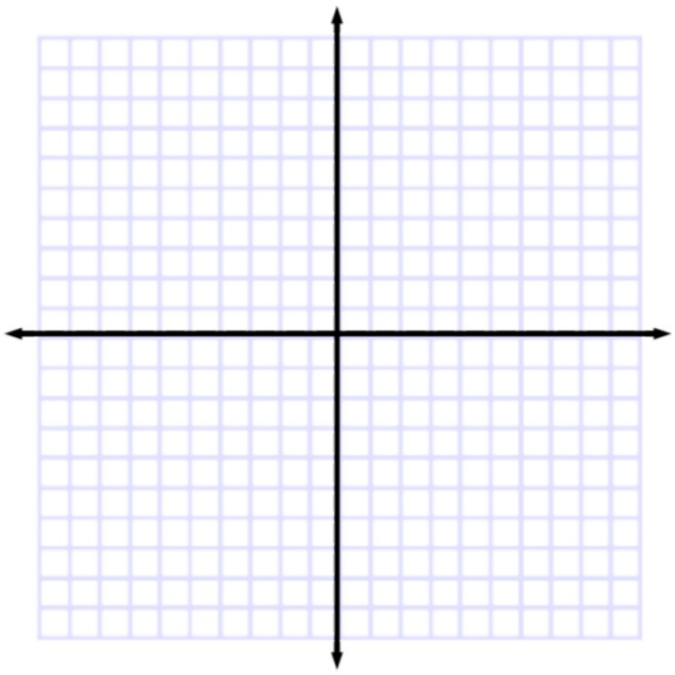
4. Write an equation in slope-intercept form for the line that passes through (1,6) and is to the graph of $y = \frac{2}{3}x - 1$.

parallel



Eyeball is not enough…

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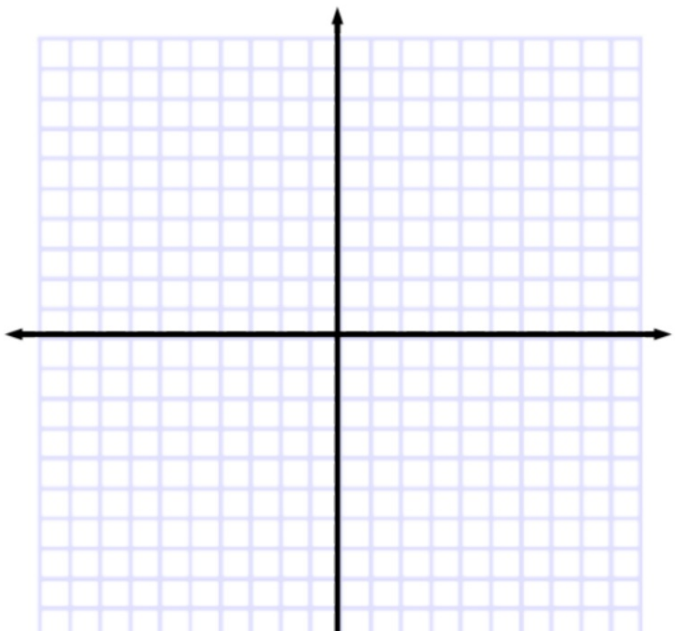
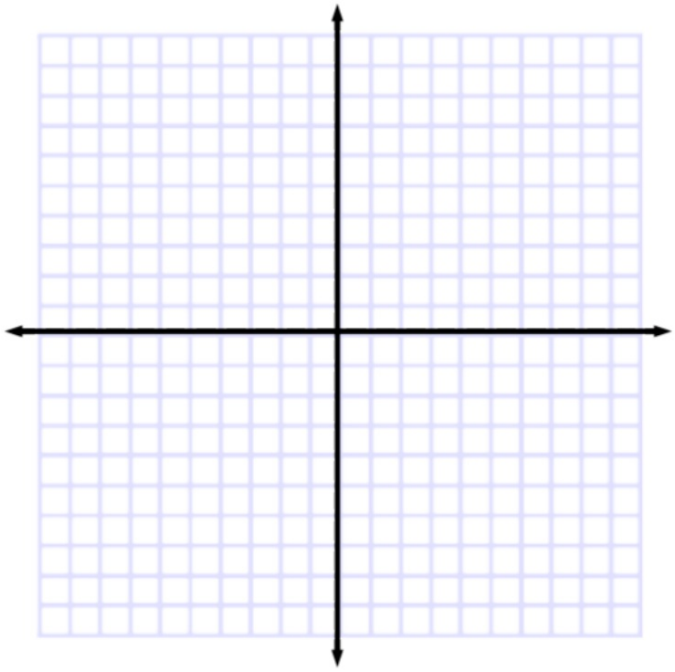
2. CONSTRUCTION On the plans for a treehouse, a beam represented by $\overline{QR}$ has endpoints $Q(-6, 2)$ and $R(-1, 8)$. A connecting beam represented by $\overline{ST}$ has endpoints $S(-3, 6)$ and $T(-8, 5)$. Are the beams perpendicular? Explain.



Example 3 Parallel or Perpendicular Lines

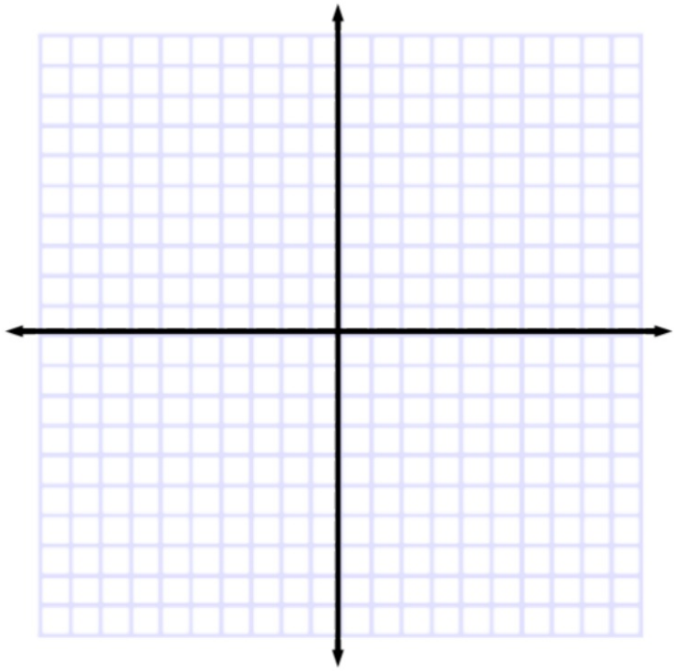
Determine whether the graphs of $y = 5$, $x = 3$, and $y = -2x + 1$ are *parallel* or *perpendicular*. Explain.

What do we need to know so that we can answer the question?



3. Determine whether the graphs of $6x - 2y = -2$, $y = 3x - 4$, and $y = 4$ are *parallel* or *perpendicular*. Explain.

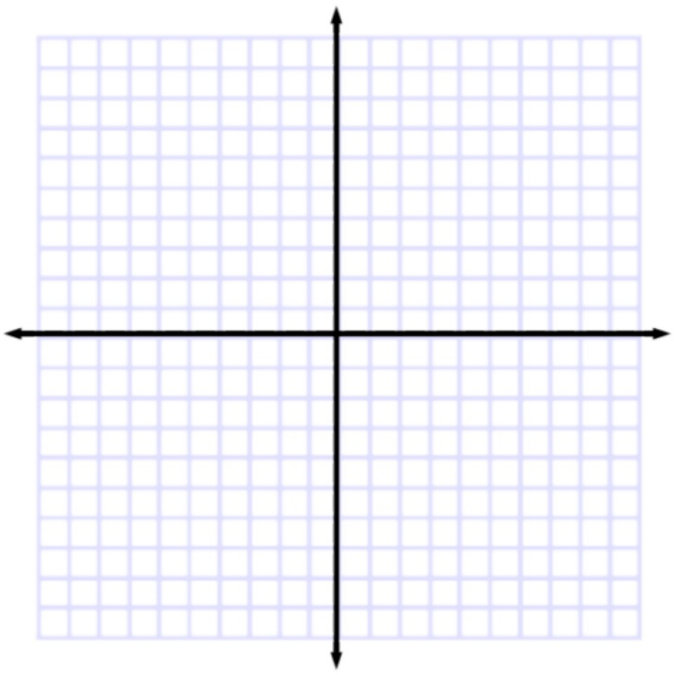
What do we need to know?



Example 4 Perpendicular Line Through a Given Point

Write an equation in slope-intercept form for the line that passes through $(-4, 6)$ and is perpendicular to the graph of $2x + 3y = 12$.

What do we need to know?



Write an equation in slope-intercept form for the line that passes through the given point and is perpendicular to the graph of the equation.

7. $(-2, 3), y = -\frac{1}{2}x - 4$

8. $(-1, 4), y = 3x + 5$

What do we need to know?