

5.3) Parallel and perpendicular lines

Worked example

Determine whether the pairs of lines are parallel, perpendicular or neither:

$$5x - 2y - 3 = 0$$

$$y = \frac{5}{2}x$$

$$5x + 3y - 21 = 0$$

$$3x - 5y + 2 = 0$$

Your turn

Determine whether the pairs of lines are parallel, perpendicular or neither:

$$3x - y - 2 = 0$$

$$x + 3y - 6 = 0$$

Perpendicular

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

$$2x - y + 4 = 0$$

Neither parallel nor perpendicular

Worked example

The points A , B and C have coordinates $(0, 12)$, $(-3, 0)$ and $(0, c)$ respectively.

The line through points A and B is perpendicular to the line through points B and C .

Find the value of c

Your turn

The points A , B and C have coordinates $(0, 6)$, $(-2, 0)$ and $(0, c)$ respectively.

The line through points A and B is perpendicular to the line through points B and C .

Find the value of c

$$x = -\frac{2}{3}$$

Worked example

Find the gradient of the perpendicular line to:

$$y = 2x + 3$$

$$y = 2 - 3x$$

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

$$y = 8 - \frac{11}{5}x$$

Your turn

Find the general equation of the perpendicular line to:

$$y = 4x$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{4}x + c$$

$$y = -2x + 4$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x + c$$

$$y = \frac{3}{4}x - 5$$

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

$$y = 7 - \frac{11}{3}x$$

$$y = \frac{3}{11}x + c$$

Worked example

Find the equation of the line parallel to $y = 3x + 5$ that passes through $(-2, 5)$

Find the equation of the line parallel to $y = -\frac{1}{3}x - 4$ that passes through $(-2, 5)$

Your turn

Find the equation of the line parallel to $y = -\frac{1}{2}x - 3$ that passes through $(-2, 5)$

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

Worked example

Find the equation of the line perpendicular to $y = 2x - 4$ that passes through $(-2, 5)$

Find the equation of the line perpendicular to $y = 4x + 5$ that passes through $(-2, 5)$

Your turn

Find the equation of the line perpendicular to $y = 3x + 2$ that passes through $(9, -7)$

$$y = -\frac{1}{3}x - 4$$

Worked example

Find the equation of the line perpendicular to $y = \frac{1}{2}x - 4$ that passes through $(-2, 5)$

Find the equation of the line perpendicular to $y = -\frac{2}{3}x + 5$ that passes through $(-2, 5)$

Your turn

Find the equation of the line perpendicular to $y = -\frac{4}{3}x + 3$ that passes through $(-12, -5)$

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

Worked example

Find the equation of the line perpendicular to $x + 2y = 5$ which passes through the point $(3, 7)$

Find the equation of the line perpendicular to $3x + 2y = 5$ which passes through the point $(3, 7)$

Your turn

Find the equation of the line perpendicular to $2x + 3y = 5$ which passes through the point $(4, 7)$

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

Worked example

Write down an equation of a line parallel to $y = 3x - 4$ which passes through the origin.

Write down an equation of a line parallel to $y = 3 - 4x$ which passes through the origin.

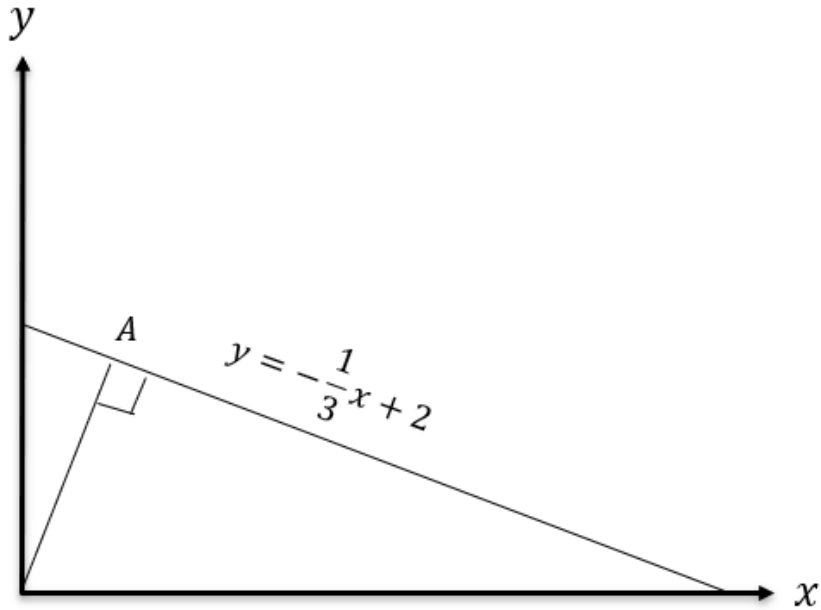
Your turn

Write down an equation of a line parallel to $y = -2x + 5$ which passes through the origin.

$$y = -2x$$

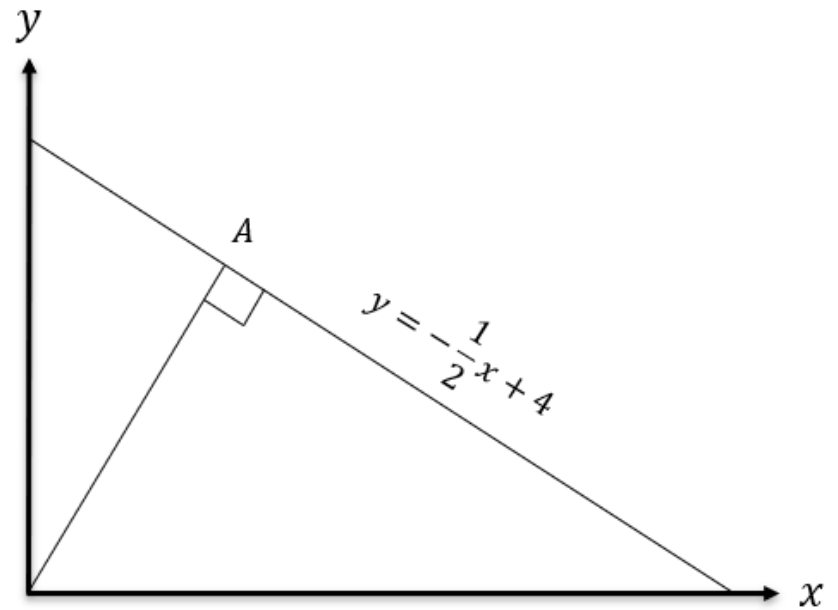
Worked example

Determine the coordinates of A



Your turn

Determine the coordinates of A



$$\left(\frac{8}{5}, \frac{16}{5}\right)$$