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2.3. Advanced Algebra

\parallel & \perp lines

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What is so special about the slopes of parallel lines?

The slopes of parallel lines are the same (equal).

Example 1

Graph the line through (-1, 3) that is parallel to the line with the equation $x + 4y = -4$.

Quick Review:

Slope intercept form:

$$y = mx + b$$



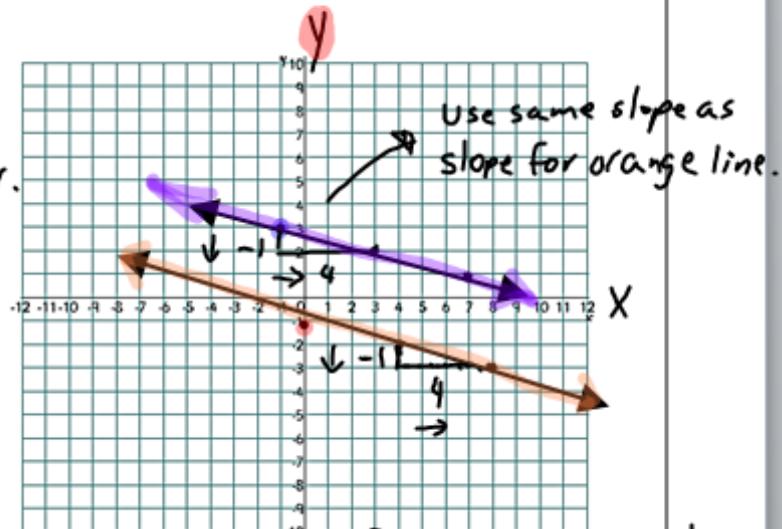
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$x + 4y = -4$, Get in slope intercept form, so solve for y.

$$\begin{aligned} x + 4y &= -4 \\ -x &\quad -x \\ \hline 4y &= -\frac{1}{4}x - 4 \\ \frac{4y}{4} &= \frac{-\frac{1}{4}x - 4}{4} \\ y &= -\frac{1}{4}x - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$m = -\frac{1}{4}, y\text{-int} = -1$$

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Since slopes of \parallel lines are equal,
 \longleftrightarrow is parallel to \longleftrightarrow

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What is so special about the slopes of perpendicular lines?

The slopes of perpendicular lines are opposite reciprocals. The product of slopes of perpendicular lines is -1 , always. [opposite means minus ($-$) sign. Reciprocal means flip]

Example 2

Graph the line through $(-3, 1)$ that is perpendicular to the line with the equation $2x - 5y = 10$.

$\frac{2}{5}x - 5y = 10$. Solve for y .

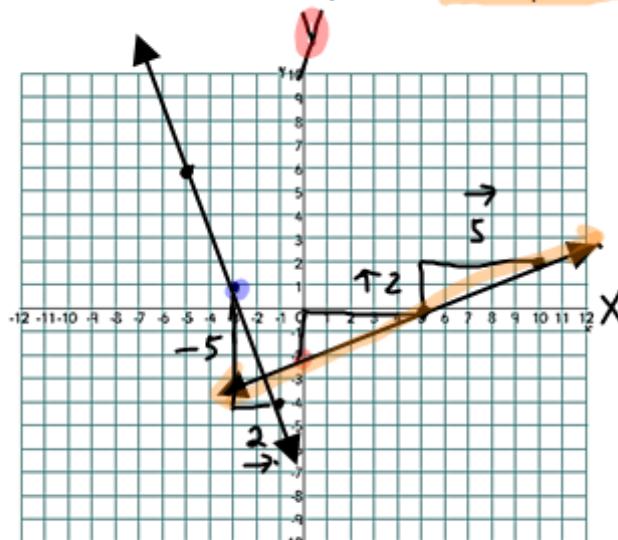
$$\begin{array}{r} \cancel{2}x \\ -2x \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \cancel{-5}y = \cancel{-2}x + 10 \\ -5 \quad -5 \quad -5 \end{array}$$

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

$$m = \frac{2}{5}; y\text{-int} = -2$$

Rise ↑
Run →



Since slopes of perpendicular lines are opposite reciprocals,
what is opp. recip. of $\frac{2}{5}$? Ans: $-\frac{5}{2}$ Now use slope $-\frac{5}{2}$ to graph \perp line from $(-3, 1)$.