Chapter

Straight lines

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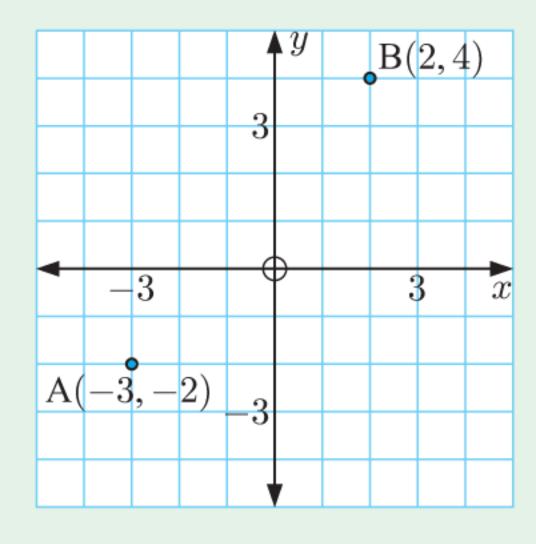


OPENING PROBLEM

A town has two hospitals located at A(-3, -2) and B(2, 4). The grid units are kilometres. In an emergency, an ambulance crew will be sent from the nearest hospital.

Things to think about:

- **a** What is the midpoint between the hospitals?
- **b** How can we tell which hospital an ambulance crew should be sent from?



In this Chapter we study the equations and graphs of straight lines in the Cartesian plane. We will consider **perpendicular bisectors** which define the set of points equidistant from two locations, and consider simultaneous linear equations corresponding to the intersection of lines.

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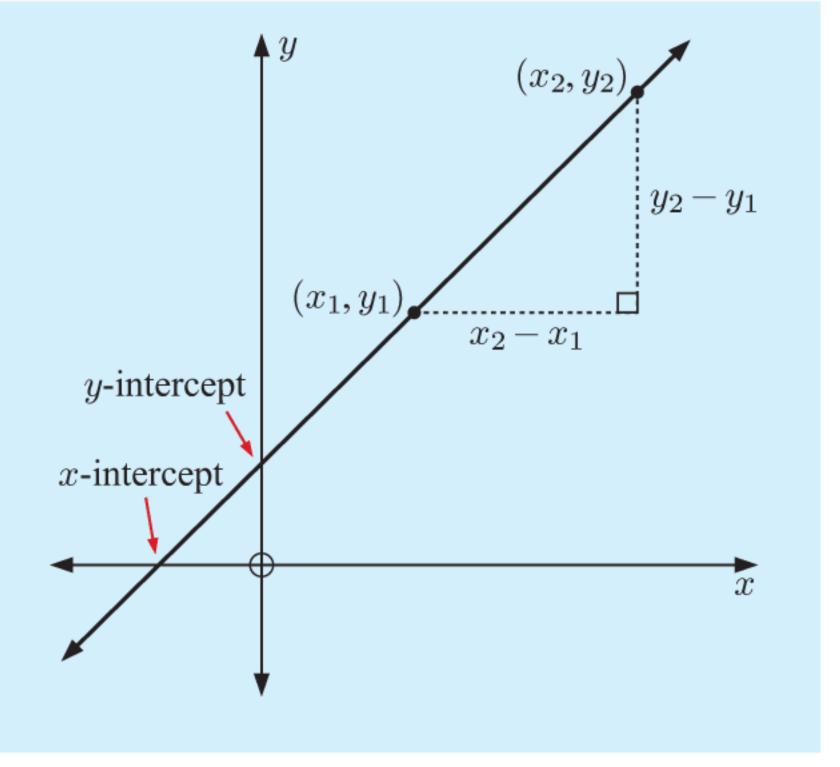
LINES IN THE CARTESIAN PLANE

In previous years you should have seen that:

- The *x*-intercept of a line is the value of *x* where the line cuts the *x*-axis.
- The **y-intercept** of a line is the value of y where the line cuts the y-axis.
- The **gradient** of a line is a measure of its steepness.

The gradient of the line passing through (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) is $\frac{y\text{-step}}{x\text{-step}} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$.

- Two lines are **parallel** if their gradients are equal.
- Two lines are **perpendicular** if their gradients are negative reciprocals of one another.



THE EQUATION OF A LINE

The **equation of a line** is an equation which connects the x and y values for every point on the line.

Using the gradient formula, the position of a general point (x, y) on a line with gradient m passing through (x_1, y_1) , is given by $\frac{y - y_1}{x - x_1} = m$.

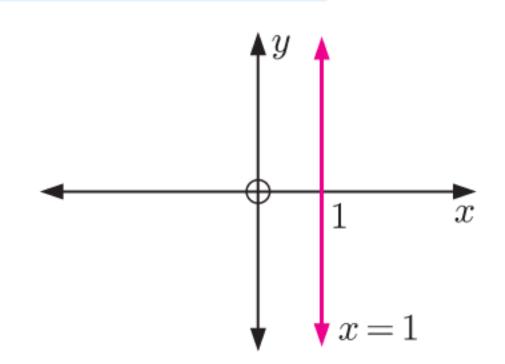
Rearranging, we find the equation of the line is $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$.

We call this **point-gradient** form. It allows us to quickly write down the equation of a line given its gradient and any point on it.

- In gradient-intercept form, the equation of the line with gradient m and y-intercept cis y = mx + c.
- In **general form**, the equation of a line is ax + by = d where a, b, d are constants.

The general form allows us to write the equations of vertical lines, for which the gradient is undefined.

For the line x = 1 we let a = 1, b = 0, and d = 1.



In examinations you may also be asked to write the equation of a line in the form ax + by + d = 0.

Example 1

◄ Self Tutor

Find, in gradient-intercept form, the equation of the line with gradient -3 that passes through (4, -5).

The equation of the line is y - (-5) = -3(x - 4)

$$y + 5 = -3x + 12$$

$$\therefore y = -3x + 7$$

We can find a line's equation given the gradient and a point which lies on the line.



EXERCISE 1A

State the gradient and y-intercept of the line with equation:

$$y = 3x + 7$$

b
$$y = -2x - 5$$

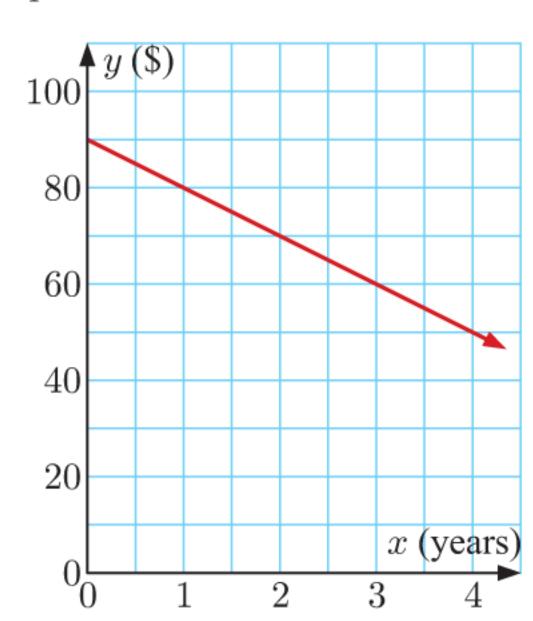
$$y = \frac{2}{3}x - \frac{1}{3}$$

$$y = \frac{7x+2}{9}$$

$$y = \frac{2x-3}{6}$$

$$y = \frac{3-5x}{8}$$

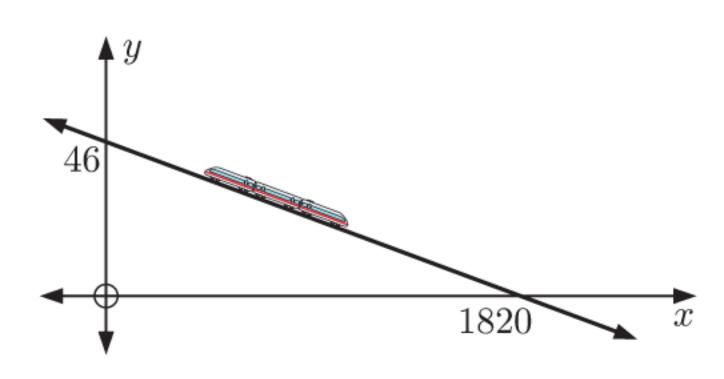
- Find, in gradient-intercept form, the equation of the line which has:
 - a gradient 3 and passes through (4, 1)
- **b** gradient -2 and passes through (-3, 5)
- gradient $\frac{1}{4}$ and passes through (4, -3) gradient $-\frac{3}{4}$ and y-intercept 4.
- An unused bank account is charged a yearly fee. The graph alongside shows the balance of the account after x years.
 - Find the gradient and y-intercept of the line, and interpret your answers.
 - **b** Find the equation of the line.
 - How long will it take for the account to run out of money?



The graph alongside shows the descent of a train down a hill. The units are metres.



Find the equation of the train line.



- The height of a helicopter above sea level t minutes after taking off is H = 150 + 120t metres.
 - What height above sea level did the helicopter take off from?
 - Interpret the value 120 in the equation.
 - Find the height of the helicopter above sea level after 2 minutes.
 - How long will it take for the helicopter to be 650 m above sea level?

Example 2

◄ Self Tutor

Write the equation:

a
$$y = -\frac{2}{3}x + 2$$
 in general form

b
$$3x - 4y = -2$$
 in gradient-intercept form.

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

$$y = -\frac{2}{3}x + 2$$
 b $3x - 4y = -2$

$$\therefore 3y = -2x + 6$$

$$3y = -2x + 6$$
 $-4y = -3x - 2$

$$\therefore 2x + 3y = 6$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{3}{4}x + \frac{1}{2}$$

Write in general form:

$$y = -4x + 6$$

$$y = 5x - 3$$

a
$$y = -4x + 6$$
 b $y = 5x - 3$ c $y = -\frac{3}{4}x + \frac{5}{4}$ d $y = \frac{3}{5}x - \frac{1}{5}$

$$y = \frac{3}{5}x - \frac{1}{5}$$

Write in gradient-intercept form:

$$5x + y = 2$$

$$3x + 7y = -2$$

$$2x - y = 6$$

a
$$5x + y = 2$$
 b $3x + 7y = -2$ **c** $2x - y = 6$ **d** $3x - 13y = -4$

Explain why the gradient of the line with general form ax + by = d is $-\frac{a}{b}$.

Example 3

◄ Self Tutor

Find, in general form, the equation of the line with gradient $\frac{2}{3}$ that passes through (-2, -1).

Since the line has gradient $\frac{2}{3}$, the general form of its equation is 2x - 3y = d

Using the point (-2, -1), the equation is 2x - 3y = 2(-2) - 3(-1)

which is
$$2x - 3y = -1$$

- Find, in general form, the equation of the line which has:
 - a gradient -4 and passes through (1, 2)
- b gradient $\frac{1}{2}$ and passes through (3, -5)
- c gradient $-\frac{5}{3}$ and passes through (-2, 6)
- d gradient $\frac{7}{6}$ and passes through (-1, -4).

Example 4

Self Tutor

Find, in gradient-intercept form, the equation of the line which passes through A(3, 2)B(5, -1).

The line has gradient $=\frac{-1-2}{5-3}=\frac{-3}{2}=-\frac{3}{2}$, and passes through the point A(3, 2).

: the equation of the line is

$$y - 2 = -\frac{3}{2}(x - 3)$$

$$\therefore y-2=-\frac{3}{2}x+\frac{9}{2}$$

$$y = -\frac{3}{2}x + \frac{13}{2}$$

We could use *either* A or B as the point which lies on the line.



Find, in gradient-intercept form, the equation of the line which passes through:

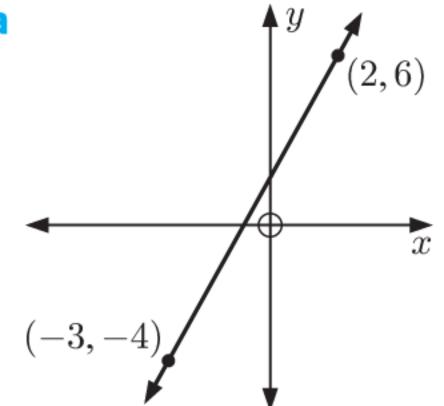
a
$$A(-2, 1)$$
 and $B(3, 11)$

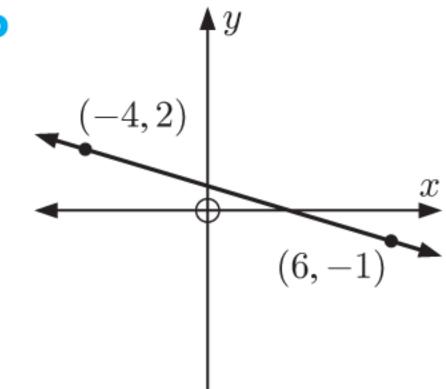
b
$$A(7, 2)$$
 and $B(4, 5)$

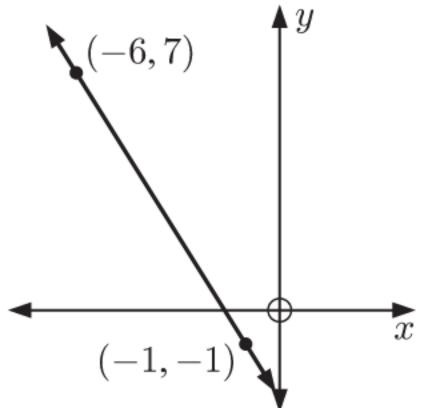
$$M(-2, -5)$$
 and $N(3, 2)$

d
$$R(5, -1)$$
 and $S(-7, 9)$.

Find, in general form, the equation of each line:

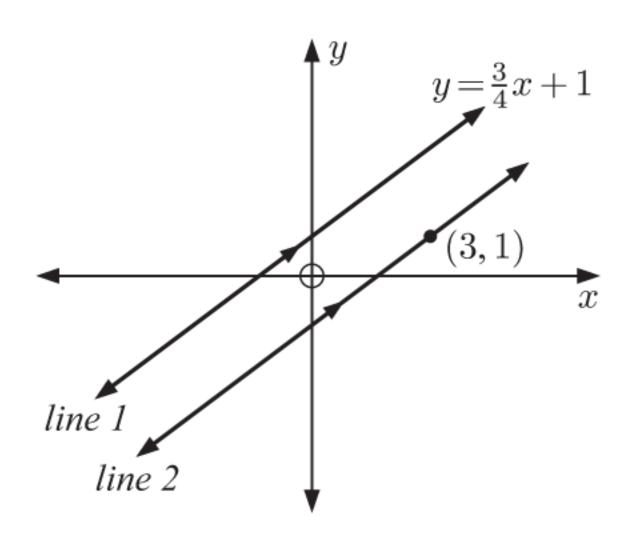






12 Find, in gradient-intercept form, the equation of *line 2*.

Hence find the *y*-intercept of *line 2*.



Find the equation of the line which is:

- a parallel to y = 3x 2 and passes through (1, 4)
- b parallel to 2x y = -3 and passes through (3, -1)
- \mathbf{c} perpendicular to y=-2x+1 and passes through $(-1,\,5)$
- d perpendicular to x + 2y = 6 and passes through (-2, -1).

14 Line 1 passes through A(-2, -1) and B(4, 3). Line 2 is perpendicular to line 1 and passes through A. Find the equation of each line.

Example 5

Self Tutor

- a Find m given that (-2, 3) lies on the line with equation y = mx + 7.
- **b** Find k given that (3, k) lies on the line with equation x + 4y = -9.
- Substituting x = -2 and y = 3 into the equation gives

$$3 = m(-2) + 7$$

$$\therefore 2m=4$$

$$m=2$$

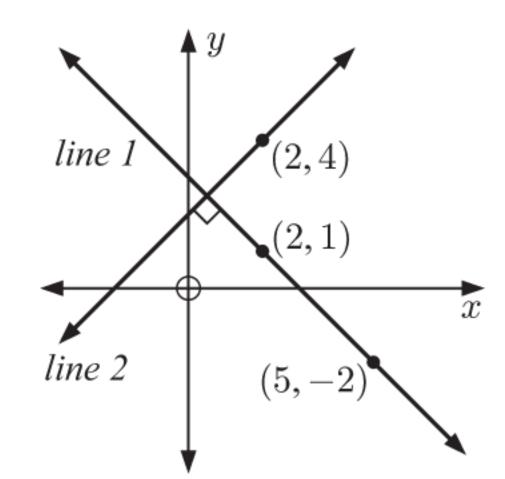
b Substituting x = 3 and y = k into the equation gives

$$3 + 4k = -9$$

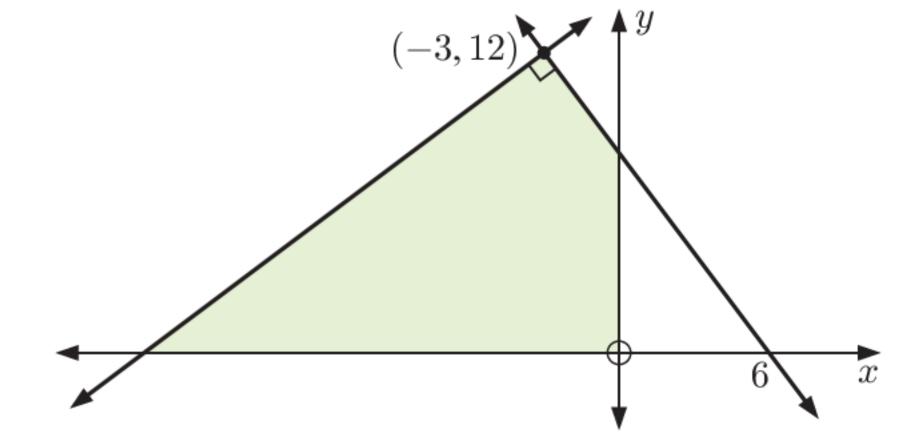
$$\therefore 4k = -12$$

$$\therefore k = -3$$

- **15** Determine whether:
 - a (3, 11) lies on the line with equation y = 4x 1
 - **b** (-6, -2) lies on the line with equation $y = \frac{2}{3}x 6$
 - (-4, -8) lies on the line with equation 7x 3y = -4
 - d $\left(-\frac{1}{2}, 2\right)$ lies on the line with equation 6x + 10y = 17.
- 16 a Find c given that (2, 15) lies on the line with equation y = 4x + c.
 - b Find m given that $(\frac{1}{2}, 3)$ lies on the line with equation $y = mx \frac{5}{2}$.
 - Find t given that (t, 4) lies on the line with equation $y = \frac{2}{3}x \frac{4}{3}$.
- 17 Find k given that:
 - \mathbf{a} (6, -3) lies on the line with equation 2x + 5y = k
 - **b** (-8, -5) lies on the line with equation 7x y = k
 - (k, 0) lies on the line with equation 3x 4y = -36.
- Find the equation of *line 2*. Write your answer in the form ax + by + d = 0.
 - **b** Find the x-intercept of line 2.



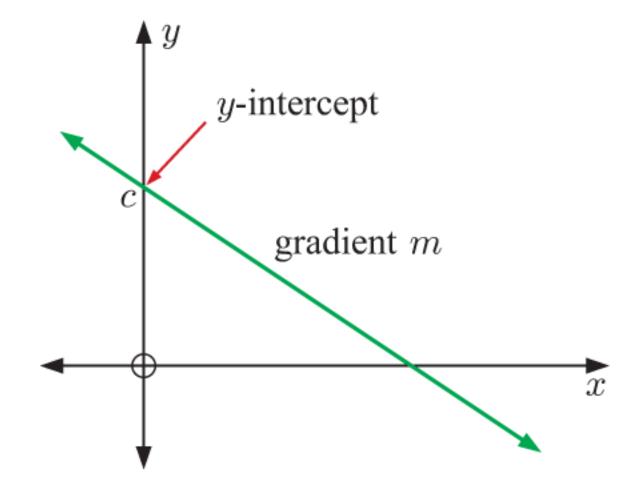
19 Find the shaded area:



LINES IN GRADIENT-INTERCEPT FORM

To draw the graph of y = mx + c we:

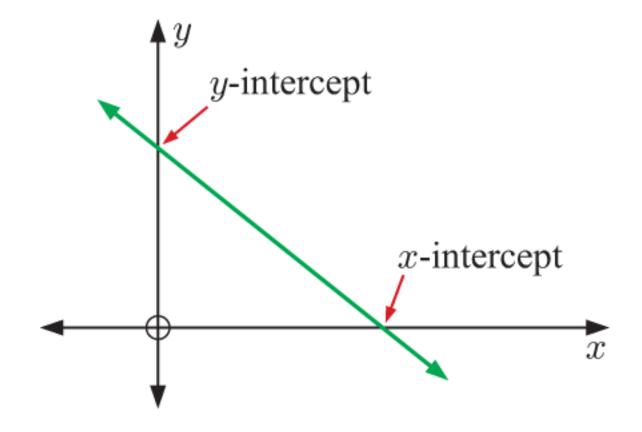
- Use the y-intercept c to plot the point (0, c).
- Use x and y-steps from the gradient m to locate another point on the line.
- Join the two points and extend the line in either direction.



LINES IN GENERAL FORM

To draw the graph of ax + by = d we:

- Find the y-intercept by letting x = 0.
- Find the x-intercept by letting y = 0.
- Join the points where the line cuts the axes and extend the line in either direction.



If d=0 then the graph passes through the origin. In this case we plot $y=-\frac{a}{b}x$ using its gradient.

Example 6

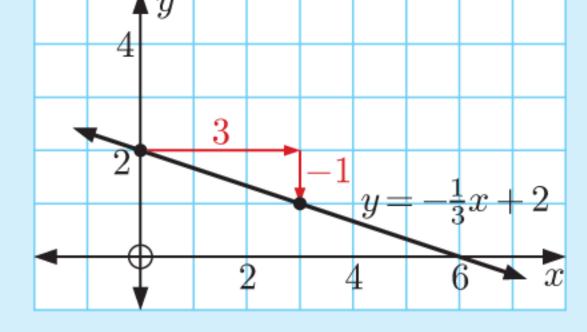
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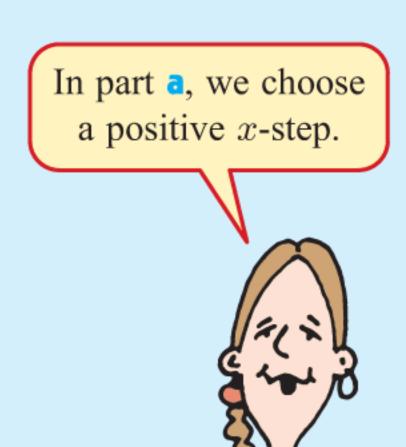
Draw the graph of:

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

2x - 4y = 12

- a For $y = -\frac{1}{3}x + 2$:
 - the y-intercept is c=2
 - the gradient is $m = \frac{-1}{3} \underbrace{\qquad y\text{-step}}_{x\text{-step}}$



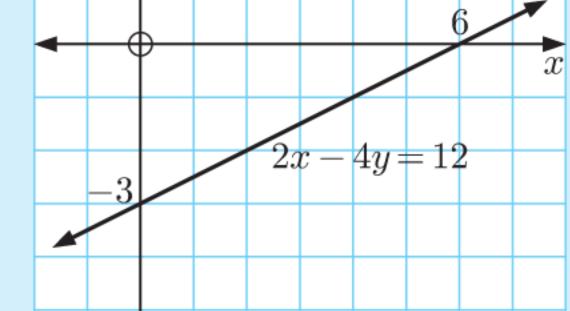


b When x = 0, -4y = 12 $\therefore y = -3$

So, the y-intercept is -3.

When y = 0, 2x = 12 $\therefore x = 6$

So, the x-intercept is 6.



EXERCISE 1B

Draw the graph of:

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

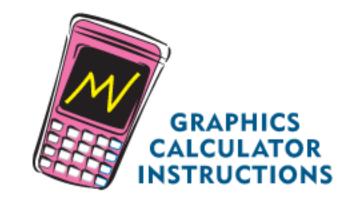
b
$$y = 3x - 2$$

a
$$y = \frac{1}{2}x + 1$$
 b $y = 3x - 2$ c $y = -\frac{3}{2}x + 4$

$$d y = -4x$$

$$y = \frac{6}{5}x - 3$$

d
$$y = -4x$$
 e $y = \frac{6}{5}x - 3$ f $y = -\frac{5}{3}x - 1$



Check your answers using technology.

Draw the graph of:

$$3x + 2y = 12$$

b
$$4x - y = 8$$

a
$$3x + 2y = 12$$
 b $4x - y = 8$ **c** $3x - 4y = -24$

$$2x + 5y = 15$$

d
$$2x + 5y = 15$$
 e $6x + 4y = -36$ f $7x + 4y = 42$

$$6x + 4y = 42$$



- Consider the line with equation $y = -\frac{3}{4}x + 2$.
 - Find the gradient and y-intercept of the line.
 - Determine whether the following points lie on the line:

$$(8, -4)$$

$$(-2, \frac{7}{2})$$

- Draw the graph of the line, showing the results you have found.
- Consider the line with equation 2x 3y = 18.
 - Find the axes intercepts of the line.
 - Determine whether the following points lie on the line:

$$(3, -4)$$

$$(7, -2)$$

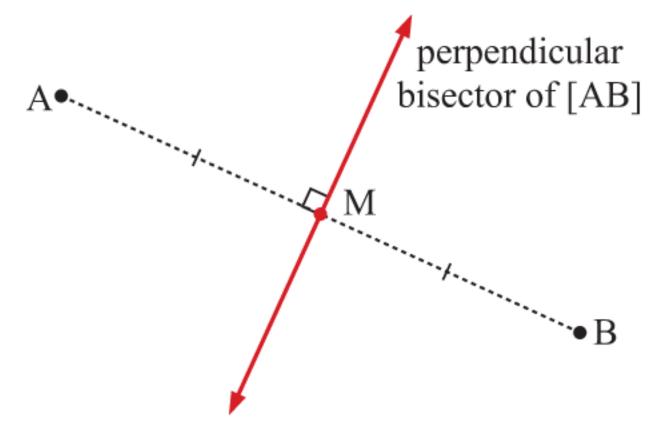
- c Find c such that (-3, c) lies on the line.
- Draw the graph of the line, showing the results you have found.
- At a sushi restaurant, *nigiri* costs \$4.50 per serve and *sashimi* costs \$9.00 per serve. Hiroko spent a total of \$45 buying x serves of nigiri and y serves of sashimi.
 - Explain why 4.5x + 9y = 45.
 - If Hiroko bought 4 serves of *nigiri*, how much *sashimi* did she buy?
 - If Hiroko bought 1 serve of *sashimi*, how much *nigiri* did she buy?
 - Draw the graph of 4.5x + 9y = 45. Mark two points on your graph to indicate your answers to **b** and **c**.

PERPENDICULAR BISECTORS

The **perpendicular bisector** of a line segment [AB] is the line perpendicular to [AB] which passes through its midpoint.

Notice that:

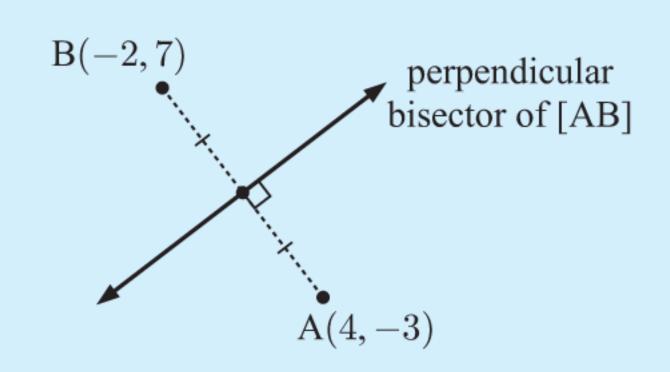
- Points on the perpendicular bisector are equidistant from A and B.
- The perpendicular bisector divides the number plane into two regions. On one side of the line are points that are closer to A than to B, and on the other side are points that are closer to B than to A.



Example 7

Self Tutor

Given A(4, -3) and B(-2, 7), find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of [AB].



The midpoint M of [AB] is $\left(\frac{4+-2}{2}, \frac{-3+7}{2}\right)$ or (1, 2).

The gradient of [AB] is $\frac{7--3}{-2-4} = \frac{10}{-6} = -\frac{5}{3}$

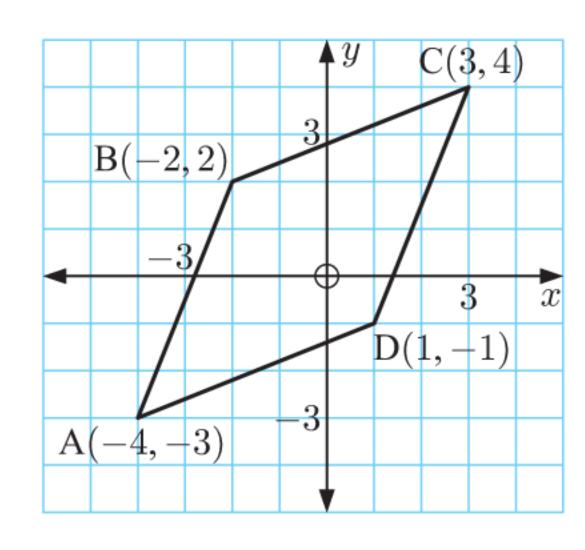
- the gradient of the perpendicular bisector is $\frac{3}{5}$.
- the equation of the perpendicular bisector is 3x - 5y = 3(1) - 5(2)which is 3x - 5y = -7.

EXERCISE 1C

- Consider the points A(3, 1) and B(5, 7).
 - Find the midpoint of [AB].

- **b** Find the gradient of [AB].
- Hence state the gradient of the perpendicular bisector.
- Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector.
- Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of:
- **a** A(5, 2) and B(1, 4) **b** A(-1, 5) and B(5, 3) **c** M(6, -3) and N(2, 1)
- d M(7, 2) and N(-1, 6) e O(0, 0) and P(9, 0) f A(3, 6) and B(-1, 3).

- Suppose P is (6, -1) and Q is (2, 5).
 - Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of [PQ].
 - **b** Show that R(1, 0) lies on the perpendicular bisector.
 - Show that R is equidistant from P and Q.
- Consider the quadrilateral ABCD.
 - Use side lengths to show that ABCD is a rhombus.
 - Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of [AC].
 - Show that B and D both lie on this perpendicular bisector.



- A line segment has equation 3x 2y + 1 = 0. Its midpoint is (3, 5).
 - State the gradient of:
 - the line segment
- its perpendicular bisector.
- State the equation of the perpendicular bisector. Write your answer in the form ax + by + d = 0.
- Answer the **Opening Problem** on page **20**.

- 7 Consider the points $A(x_1, y_1)$ and $B(x_2, y_2)$.
 - a Show that the equation of the perpendicular bisector of [AB] is

$$(x_2 - x_1)x + (y_2 - y_1)y = \frac{(x_2^2 + y_2^2) - (x_1^2 + y_1^2)}{2}.$$

- b Suggest one advantage of writing this equation in general form.
- 8 Consider three points A(1, 2), B(4, 5), and C(2, -1).
 - a Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of: [AB] ii [AC] iii [BC].
 - b Graph the three perpendicular bisectors on the same set of axes. Discuss your observations.
 - Describe how to find the centre of the circle which passes through three non-collinear points.
- Three post offices are located in a small city at P(-8, -6), Q(1, 5), and R(4, -2).
 - a Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of: [PQ] ii [PR] iii [QR].
 - b Graph the three post offices and the three perpendicular bisectors on the same set of axes. Use these lines to locate the point that is equidistant from all three post offices. Shade regions of your graph in different colours according to their closest post office.

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SIMULTANEOUS EQUATIONS

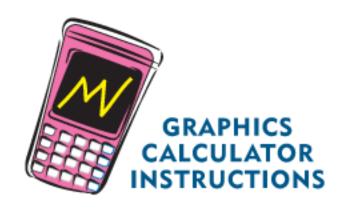
In previous years you should have seen how the intersection of two straight lines corresponds to the simultaneous solution of their equations.

A system of two equations in two unknowns can be solved by:

- graphing the straight lines on the same set of axes
- algebra using substitution or elimination
- technology.

To use the **equation solver function** on your calculator, you will need to write each equation in the form ax + by = d.





◄ Self Tutor

Example 8

Solve simultaneously: $\begin{cases} y = x - 3 \\ 2x + 3y = 16 \end{cases}$

Illustrate your answer.

$$y = x - 3$$
 (1)

$$2x + 3y = 16$$
 (2)

Substituting (1) into (2) gives 2x + 3(x - 3) = 16

$$\therefore 2x + 3x - 9 = 16$$

$$\therefore$$
 $5x = 25$

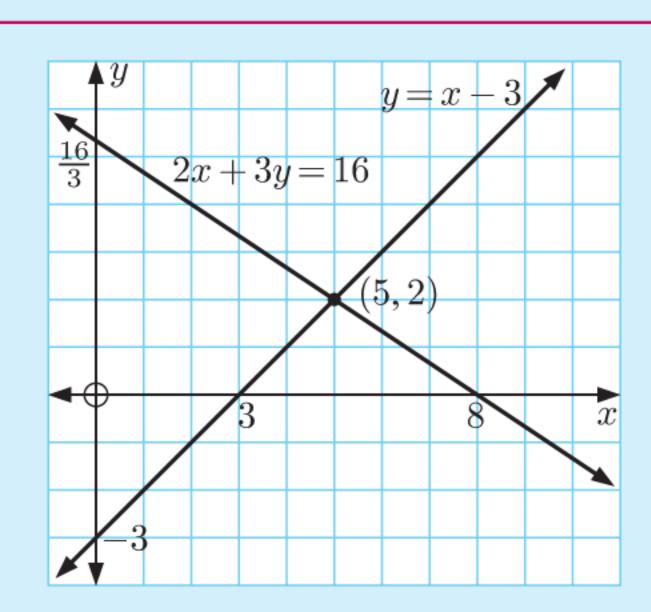
$$\therefore x = 5$$

Substituting x = 5 into (1) gives y = 5 - 3

$$\therefore y=2$$

The solution is x = 5, y = 2.

Check: Substituting into (2), 2(5) + 3(2) = 10 + 6 = 16 \checkmark



EXERCISE 1D

1 Solve the following simultaneous equations graphically:

$$\begin{cases} y = 3x + 2 \\ y = x - 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} y = -4x + 1 \\ y = 3x - 6 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} y = 2x - 5 \\ y = \frac{1}{2}x + 4 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} y = x - 1 \\ 2x + 3y = 12 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x + 3y = 9 \\ x - 2y = 4 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 3x - 2y = 30 \\ 4x + y = -4 \end{cases}$$

2 Solve by substitution:

$$\begin{cases} y = x + 2 \\ 2x + 3y = 21 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} y = 2x - 3 \\ 4x - 3y = 7 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 5x + 3y = 19 \\ y = 6 - 2x \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x = y - 3 \\ 5x - 2y = 9 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 3x + 4y = -13 \\ x = 8y - 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x = -5y - 2 \\ 7x + 4y = -10 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} y = \frac{1}{2}x + 5\\ 3x + 4y = 5 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x = -\frac{3}{4}y \\ 4x - 5y = -24 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 3x + 7y = 6 \\ x = \frac{5}{3}y - 1 \end{cases}$$

Example 9



Solve by elimination: $\begin{cases} 3x + 4y = 2 \\ 2x - 3y = 7 \end{cases}$

$$3x + 4y = 2$$
 (1)
 $2x - 3y = 7$ (2)

To make the coefficients of y the same size but opposite in sign, we multiply (1) by 3 and (2) by 4.

$$\therefore 9x + 12y = 6 \quad \{(1) \times 3\}$$

$$8x - 12y = 28 \quad \{(2) \times 4\}$$

$$17x = 34$$

Adding,

$$= 34$$

$$\therefore x = 2$$

Substituting x = 2 into (1) gives 3(2) + 4y = 2

$$\therefore 6 + 4y = 2$$

$$\therefore 4y = -4$$

$$\therefore y = -1$$

The solution is x = 2, y = -1.

Check: In (2):
$$2(2) - 3(-1) = 4 + 3 = 7$$

We can choose to eliminate either x or y.



3 Solve by elimination:

$$\begin{cases} 3x - y = 5 \\ 4x + y = 9 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 5x - 2y = 17 \\ 3x + 2y = 7 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 3x + y = 16 \\ 7x - 2y = 7 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 3x - 7y = -27 \\ -6x + 5y = 18 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 3x - 7y = -8 \\ 9x + 11y = 16 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 4x + 3y = 14 \\ 3x - 4y = 23 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 2x - 3y = 6 \\ 5x - 4y = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 4x + 2y = -23 \\ 5x - 7y = -5 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 4x - 7y = 9 \\ 5x - 8y = -2 \end{cases}$$

- Find the area of the triangle defined by:
 - a y = x + 2, x + y = 9, and y = 2
 - **b** 5x 2y = 18, 2x + 5y = 13, and 8x 9y = 11.4
- Consider the simultaneous equations $\begin{cases} y = 4x + 7 \\ 2y 8x = 1 \end{cases}.$
 - Graph each line on the same set of axes. What do you notice?
 - Try to solve the simultaneous equations using:
 - substitution
- elimination
- technology.
- How many solutions does this system of simultaneous equations have?
- Consider the simultaneous equations $\begin{cases} y = -2x + 5 \\ 4x + 2y = 10 \end{cases}.$
 - Graph each line on the same set of axes. What do you notice?
 - Try to solve the simultaneous equations using:
 - substitution
- elimination
- technology.

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y

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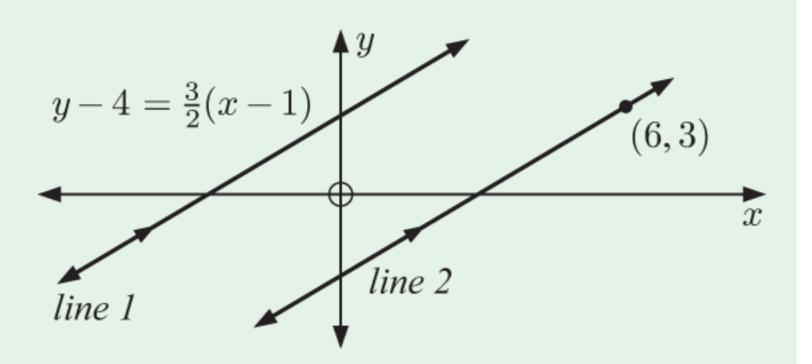
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- How many solutions does this system of simultaneous equations have?
- Consider the system of simultaneous equations
 - Find the gradient of each line.
 - Hence determine the value of m for which the simultaneous equations do not have a unique solution. Explain what is happening in this case.
 - \bullet For any other value of m, the system has a unique solution. Find this solution.
- Consider the system of simultaneous equations $\begin{cases} 12 = 4x cy \\ 2x + 6 = 3y \end{cases}.$
 - Find the gradient of each line.
 - Hence determine the value of c for which the simultaneous equations do not have a unique solution. Explain what is happening in this case.
 - ullet For any other value of c, the system has a unique solution. Find this solution in terms of c.

REVIEW SET 1A

- Consider the table of values alongside.
 - **a** Draw a graph of y against x.
 - Are the variables linearly related? Explain your answer.
 - Find the gradient and y-intercept of the graph.
 - **d** Find the equation connecting x and y.
 - Find the value of y when x = 7.
- Find, in gradient-intercept form, the equation of the line which has gradient $-\frac{1}{3}$ and passes through (6, 2).
 - **b** Write the equation of the line in the form ax + by + d = 0.

- **a** Find, in general form, the equation of *line 2*.
 - Hence find the x-intercept of line 2.



- Determine whether:
 - **a** (5, -2) lies on the line with equation y = -x + 3
 - **b** $\left(-3, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ lies on the line with equation 3x + 8y = -5.
- **5** Draw the graph of:

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

b
$$3x - 4y = 72$$

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 c $2x + 5y = -20$

- Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of:
 - **a** A(5, 2) and B(5, -4)
- **b** A(8, 1) and B(2, 5).
- **7** Quadrilateral ABCD has vertices A(3, 2), B(2, -4), C(-4, -3), and D(-3, 3).
 - **a** Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of:
 - **i** [AC]
- **ii** [BD].

- Classify quadrilateral ABCD.
- Solve graphically:
- $\begin{cases} y = 3x + 1 \\ x y = 3 \end{cases}$
- $\begin{cases} 2x + y = 6 \\ x 2y = 8 \end{cases}$

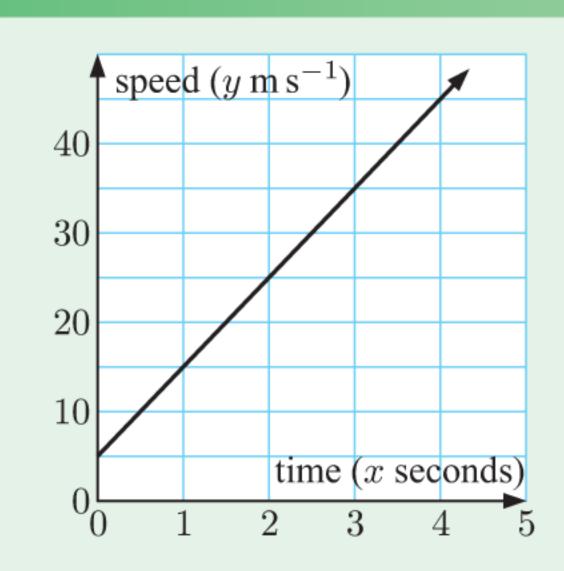
- Solve by substitution:
- a $\begin{cases} y = 3x + 4 \\ 2x y = -5 \end{cases}$ b $\begin{cases} x = 2y 5 \\ 3x + 4y = 5 \end{cases}$

- Solve by elimination:
- a $\begin{cases} 3x + 2y = 7 \\ 5x 2y = 17 \end{cases}$ b $\begin{cases} 2x + 7y = 13 \\ -4x + 3y = 25 \end{cases}$
- Consider the system of simultaneous equations $\begin{cases} x = k 2y \\ y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 2 \end{cases}$
 - **a** Find the gradient of each line.
 - Find the value(s) of k such that the system has:
 - no solutions

- ii infinitely many solutions.
- Interpret these cases geometrically.

REVIEW SET 1B

- The speed of a pebble thrown from the top of a cliff is shown alongside.
 - **a** Find the gradient and y-intercept of the line, and explain what these values mean.
 - Find the equation of the line.
 - Find the speed of the pebble after 8 seconds.



- Find the equation of the line which is:
 - **a** parallel to y = 3x 8 and passes through (2, 7)
 - **b** perpendicular to 2x + 5y = 7 and passes through (-1, -1).
- Find k given that:
 - **a** (2, k) lies on the line with equation y = 5x 3
 - **b** $(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{2})$ lies on the line with equation 5x + 9y = k.
- **4** Draw the graph of:

 - **a** 3x + 2y = 30 **b** y = -2x + 5
- $y = -\frac{1}{3}x + \frac{4}{3}$
- **5** Consider the line with equation $y = \frac{2}{3}x \frac{8}{3}$.
 - **a** Find the gradient of the line.
- **b** Determine whether: i (-2, -4) ii (4, 5) lie on the line.
- **c** Draw the graph of the line, showing your results from **a** and **b**.
- **6** Line 1 has equation 2x + 3y = -24. Line 2 is perpendicular to line 1, and meets line 1 at R(3, -10). Line 1 and line 2 meet the x-axis at P and Q respectively. Find the area of triangle PQR.
- A line segment has equation x 5y + 6 = 0. Its midpoint is (4, 2).
 - **a** State the gradient of:
 - i the line segment
- ii its perpendicular bisector.
- **b** State the equation of the perpendicular bisector.
- Triangle ABC has vertices A(3, 6), B(-1, 4), and C(1, 0).
 - **a** Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of:
 - i [AB]

ii [AC]

- iii [BC].
- **b** Graph the three perpendicular bisectors on the same set of axes. Discuss your observations.
- Solve by substitution: **a** $\begin{cases} y = 6x + 2 \\ 3x 2y = -7 \end{cases}$ **b** $\begin{cases} y = \frac{1}{2}x + 5 \\ 4x + 3y = 4 \end{cases}$

- Solve by elimination: $\begin{cases} 3x + 2y = 8 \\ 5x 4y = 17 \end{cases}$ **b** $\begin{cases} 4x + 6y = -15 \\ 3x 5y = 22 \end{cases}$
- Consider the system of simultaneous equations $\begin{cases} ax + 4y = 6 \\ x 2y = -2 \end{cases}$
- - **a** Find the gradient of each line.
 - Hence determine the value of a for which there is not a unique solution. Explain what is happening in this case.
 - \bullet For any other value of a, the system has a unique solution. Find this solution in terms of a.