

Investigating $y = mx + b$

Use a graphing calculator to explore the graphs of the following lines.

1. Graph these equations on the same screen. Click: Zoom→ Square. Then answer the questions.

$$y = 2x$$

$$y = 2x + 2$$

$$y = 2x - 2$$

- a. The graphs of these lines are _____.
- b. Where is the y-intercept of each line? _____
- c. What is the slope of each line? _____
- d. What can you conclude about parallel lines and their slopes?

2. What is the reciprocal of $\frac{2}{3}$? _____ What is the reciprocal of 2? _____
3. What is the opposite reciprocal of $\frac{1}{2}$? (opposite meaning the opposite sign) _____ .
4. What is the opposite reciprocal of 3? _____.
5. What is the opposite reciprocal of -4? _____.

6. Graph these equations on the same screen. Click: Zoom→ Square. Then answer the questions.

$$y = 3x + 1$$

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

- a. The graphs of these lines are _____.
- b. What is the y-intercept of each line? _____
- c. What is the slope of each line? _____
- d. What can you conclude about the slopes of perpendicular lines?

7. Graph these equations on the same screen. Then answer the questions.

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

$$y = 3x$$

$$y = 3x - 2$$

Which of these equations are parallel to each other? _____

Which have graphs that are perpendicular to each other? _____

Write a summary of the relationship between parallel and perpendicular lines.

Homework: Complete the parallel and perpendicular lines Day 10 worksheet