

The most general equation of a line is of the form:

$$Ax + By + C = 0 \quad (1)$$

where  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are any numbers and  $A$  and  $B$  are not both zero.

If  $B \neq 0$  Then dividing by  $B$  to obtain the form

$$y = -\frac{A}{B}x - \frac{C}{B} \quad (2)$$

This is the equation of a line whose slope is:

$$m = -\frac{A}{B} \quad \text{and} \quad y_{\text{intercept}} = -\frac{C}{B}$$

Equation (2) can be normalized to the general form

$$y = mx + b \quad (3)$$

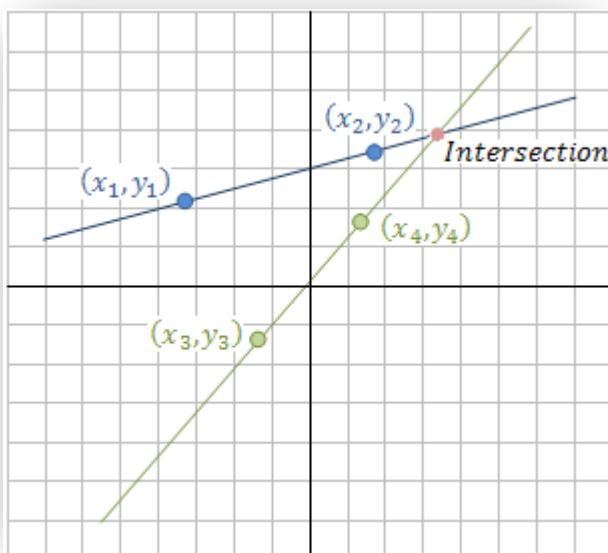
The slope of the line ( $m$ ) is defined in terms of the inclination and is

$$m = \tan(\alpha) = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \quad (4)$$

Note: if the angle  $\alpha$  is greater than  $90^\circ$  then the slope is negative

$\alpha(0 \div 90)$  degree : positive slope

$\alpha(90 \div 180)$  degree : negative slope



Necessary condition for two lines to be perpendicular to each other is

that their slopes fulfill the condition

$$m_1 m_2 = -1 \quad (5)$$

In order to find the intersection point of two lines we have to solve the

system of linear equations representing the lines

$$Ax + By = -C$$

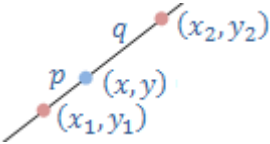
$$Dx + Ey = -F$$

solution by matrix: 
$$x = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} -C & B \\ -F & E \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} A & B \\ D & E \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{BF - CE}{AE - BD}$$

$$y = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} A & -C \\ D & -F \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} A & B \\ D & E \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{CD - AF}{AE - BD}$$

If the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} A & B \\ D & E \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$  then intersection point exists.

Equation of a line passing through a point $(x_1, y_1)$	$y = mx + (y_1 - mx_1)$	$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$
Equation of a line passing through two points $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)$	$y = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}x - \frac{x_1(y_2 - y_1)}{x_2 - x_1} + y_1$	$\frac{y - y_1}{y_2 - y_1} = \frac{x - x_1}{x_2 - x_1}$
Equation of a line perpendicular to a given slop $m$ and passing through a point $(x_p, y_p)$	$y = -\frac{1}{m}x + \left(y_p + \frac{1}{m}x_p\right)$	$y - y_1 = -\frac{1}{m}(x - x_1)$
Equation of a line perpendicular to a line which is defined by two points $(x_1, y_1)$ and $(x_2, y_2)$ and passing through the point $(x_p, y_p)$	$y = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{y_2 - y_1}x + \left(y_p - \frac{x_1 - x_2}{y_2 - y_1}x_p\right)$	$y - y_1 = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{y_2 - y_1}(x - x_1)$
Equation of a line passing through the intercepts $x_i, y_i$	$y = -\frac{y_i}{x_i}x + y_i$	$x_iy = -y_ix + x_iy_i$
Equation of a line passing through the point $(x_p, y_p)$ and parallel to a line which is defined by two points $(x_1, y_1)$ and $(x_2, y_2)$	$y = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}x + \left(y_p - \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}x_p\right)$	$y - y_p = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}(x - x_p)$
Equation of a horizontal line	$y = -\frac{C}{B}$	$y = b$
Equation of a vertical line	$x = -\frac{C}{A}$	$x = a$

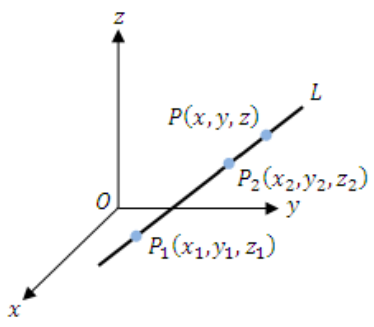
Slop (m) of a line $y = ax + b$ or $y = mx + b$	$m = a$	$m = -\frac{y_i}{x_i}$	$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$
$y_{intercept}$ ( $y_i$ )	$y_i = b$	$y_i = -mx_i$	$y_i = y_1 - mx_1$
$x_{intercept}$ ( $x_i$ )	$x_i = -\frac{b}{a}$	$x_i = -\frac{y_i}{m}$	$x_i = \frac{y_1 - mx_1}{m}$
$\tan \alpha$	$\tan \alpha = m$	$\tan \alpha = -\frac{y_i}{x_i}$	$\tan \alpha = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$
Line angle ( $\alpha$ ) from x axes (range $0 \leq \alpha < \pi$ )	$\alpha = \arctan(m)$	$\alpha = \arctan\left(-\frac{y_i}{x_i}\right)$	$\alpha = \arctan\left(\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}\right)$
Line midpoint $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$	-	$\bar{x} = \frac{x_i}{2}$ $\bar{y} = \frac{y_i}{2}$	$\bar{x} = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}$ $\bar{y} = \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}$
Point $(x, y)$ which divides the line connecting two points $(x_1, y_1)$ and $(x_2, y_2)$ in the ratio $p : q$			$x = \frac{px_2 + qx_1}{p + q}$ $y = \frac{py_2 + qy_1}{p + q}$
Angle between two lines ( $\theta$ )	$\theta = \arctan\left(\left \frac{m_1 - m_2}{1 + m_1m_2}\right \right)$		$\tan \theta = \left \frac{(y_2 - y_1)(x_4 - x_3) - (y_4 - y_3)(x_2 - x_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)(x_4 - x_3) + (y_2 - y_1)(y_4 - y_3)}\right $
Angle between two lines given by $Ax + By + C = 0$ and $Dx + Ey + F = 0$	$\theta = \arctan\left(\left \frac{AE - BD}{BE + AD}\right \right)$		
Slope (M) of a line perpendicular to a given slop (m)	$M = -\frac{1}{m}$	$M = \frac{x_i}{y_i}$	$M = \frac{x_1 - x_2}{y_2 - y_1}$

Line form	$Ax + By + C = 0, \quad Dx + Ey + F = 0$	$y = ax + b, \quad y = cx + d$
Distance between two points (D)	$D = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$	
Distance between intercepts $x_i$ and $y_i$	$D = \sqrt{x_i^2 + y_i^2}$	
Distance from a line to the origin	$D = \frac{ C }{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}}$	$D = \frac{ b }{\sqrt{a^2 + 1}}$
Distance from a line given by two points $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)$ to the origin	$D = \frac{ (y_2 - y_1)x_1 - (x_2 - x_1)y_1 }{ (x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)(x_2 - x_1) } \sqrt{(y_2 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - x_1)^2}$	
Distance from a line to the point $(x_p, y_p)$	$D = \frac{ Ax_p + By_p + C }{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}}$	$D = \frac{ ax_p - y_p + b }{\sqrt{a^2 + 1}}$
Distance from a line given by two points $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)$ to the point $(x_p, y_p)$	$D = \frac{ (x_p - x_1)(y_2 - y_1) - (y_p - y_1)(x_2 - x_1) }{\sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}}$	
Distance between two parallel lines	Parallel condition: $A/B = D/E$ $D = \left  \frac{C}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}} - \frac{F}{\sqrt{D^2 + E^2}} \right $	Parallel condition: $a = c$ $D = \frac{ b - d }{\sqrt{a^2 + 1}}$ or: $\theta = \tan^{-1} a$ $D =  b - d  \cos \theta$

Intersection point $(x, y)$ of two lines. If $a = c$ or $AE = BD$ then both lines are parallel and no intersection point exists	$x = \frac{BF - CE}{AE - BD} \quad y = \frac{CD - AF}{AE - BD}$	$x = \frac{d - b}{a - c} \quad y = \frac{ad - cb}{a - c}$
Intersection point $(x, y)$ of two lines each line defined by two points, first line by the points $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)$ and second line by $(x_3, y_3), (x_4, y_4)$	$x = \frac{(x_2y_1 - x_1y_2)(x_4 - x_3) - (x_4y_3 - x_3y_4)(x_2 - x_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)(y_4 - y_3) - (x_4 - x_3)(y_2 - y_1)}$ $y = \frac{(x_2y_1 - x_1y_2)(y_4 - y_3) - (x_4y_3 - x_3y_4)(y_2 - y_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)(y_4 - y_3) - (x_4 - x_3)(y_2 - y_1)}$	

Area of triangle (A) defined by 3 vertices points $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3)$	$A = \frac{1}{2}  [x_1(y_2 - y_3) + x_2(y_3 - y_1) + x_3(y_1 - y_2)] $
Perimeter of triangle (P) defined by 3 vertices points $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3)$	$P = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} + \sqrt{(x_3 - x_2)^2 + (y_3 - y_2)^2} + \sqrt{(x_3 - x_1)^2 + (y_3 - y_1)^2}$

Equation of a plane. (A, B, and C are not all zero)	$Ax + By + Cz + D = 0$
Distance of a point $P_1(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ from a plane $Ax + By + Cz + D = 0$	$d = \frac{ Ax_1 + By_1 + Cz_1 + D }{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + C^2}}$
The angle between plane $A_1x + B_1y + C_1z + D_1 = 0$ and plane $A_2x + B_2y + C_2z + D_2 = 0$	$\cos \theta = \frac{ A_1A_2 + B_1B_2 + C_1C_2 }{\sqrt{A_1^2 + B_1^2 + C_1^2} \sqrt{A_2^2 + B_2^2 + C_2^2}}$
Two plans are perpendicular if and only if the attitude numbers $A_1, B_1, C_1$ and $A_2, B_2, C_2$ fullfiles the condition.	$A_1A_2 + B_1B_2 + C_1C_2 = 0$
Line passing through two points $P_1(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $P_2(x_2, y_2, z_2)$	<p>A point <math>P(x, y, z)</math> is on L if and only if the direction numbers determined by P and <math>P_1</math> are propotional to those determined by <math>P_1</math> and <math>P_2</math>. If the propotionality constant is t, we see that the condition are:  <math>x - x_1 = t(x_2 - x_1), \quad y - y_1 = t(y_2 - y_1), \quad z - z_1 = t(z_2 - z_1)</math>                      and the two point form of the parametric equation of a line is:</p> $\begin{aligned} x &= x_1 + (x_2 - x_1)t \\ y &= y_1 + (y_2 - y_1)t \\ z &= z_1 + (z_2 - z_1)t \end{aligned}$



Equation of a plane passing through 3 points $P_1, P_2, P_3$ .	$A = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & y_1 & z_1 \\ 1 & y_2 & z_2 \\ 1 & y_3 & z_3 \end{vmatrix} \quad B = - \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & 1 & z_1 \\ x_2 & 1 & z_2 \\ x_3 & 1 & z_3 \end{vmatrix} \quad C = - \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$
Since the three points lie in the plane, each of them satisfies the plane equation:	$D = - \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & z_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & z_2 \\ x_3 & y_3 & z_3 \end{vmatrix}$
	$\begin{aligned} A &= -[y_2z_3 - y_3z_2 - y_1(z_3 - z_2) + z_1(y_3 - y_2)] \\ B &= -[x_1(z_3 - z_2) - (x_2z_3 - x_3z_2) + z_1(x_2 - x_3)] \\ C &= -[x_1(y_2 - y_3) - y_1(x_2 - x_3) + (x_2y_3 - x_3y_2)] \\ D &= -[x_1(y_2z_3 - y_3z_2) - y_1(x_2z_3 - x_3z_2) + z_1(x_2y_3 - x_3y_2)] \end{aligned}$
	And the plane equation will be: $Ax + By + Cz = D$
<b>Example:</b> Find the equation of a plane which passes through the three points: $P_1(2,3,1), \quad P_2(1,2,-1), \quad P_3(3,-1,2)$	$\begin{aligned} A &= -[1(4 - 1) - 3(2 + 1) + 1(-1 - 2)] = 9 \\ B &= -[2(2 + 1) - 1(2 + 3) + 1(1 - 3)] = 1 \\ C &= -[2(2 + 1) - 3(1 - 3) + 1(-1 - 6)] = -5 \\ D &= -[2(4 - 1) - 3(2 + 3) + 1(-1 - 6)] = 16 \end{aligned}$
	The plane equation is: $Ax + By + Cz = D \rightarrow 9x + y - 5z = 16$