

## Lesson 3.10 Perpendiculars Distance

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# Lesson 3.10 Perpendiculars and Distance Workbook pages 209-214

Content Objective

Students use perpendicular lines to find distance.



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## Florida's B.E.S.T. Standards for Mathematics

### MA.912.GR.1.1

Prove relationships and theorems about lines and angles. Solve mathematical and real-world problems involving postulates, relationships and theorems of lines and angles.

### MA.912.GR.3.3

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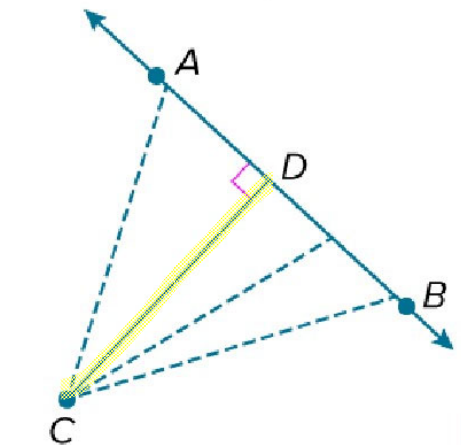
## Learn

### Distance Between a Point and a Line

#### Key Concept : Distance Between a Point and a Line

The distance between a line and a point not on the line is the length of the segment perpendicular to the line from the point.

The **shortest distance** between point C and line AB is the length of the segment that is **perpendicular to the line** through the point. So, the distance between C and AB is CD.



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## Example 1

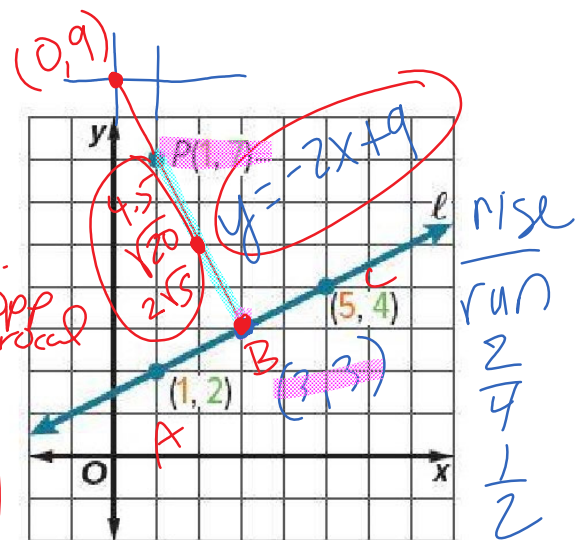
Distance from a Point to a Line on the Coordinate Plane

### Step 1 Find the equation of line $\ell$ .

Begin by finding the slope of the line through points (1, 2) and (5, 4).

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{4 - 2}{5 - 1} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

perp. neg. opp reciprocal  
new slope  $-\frac{2}{1}$



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**Step 2 Find the equation of the line perpendicular to line  $\ell$ .**

Write the equation of line  $w$  that is perpendicular to line  $\ell$  and contains  $P(1, 7)$ . Because the slope of line  $\ell$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$ , the slope of line  $w$  is  $-2$ . Write the equation of line  $w$  through  $P(1, 7)$  with slope  $-2$ .

Use slope intercept form  $y = mx + b$ 

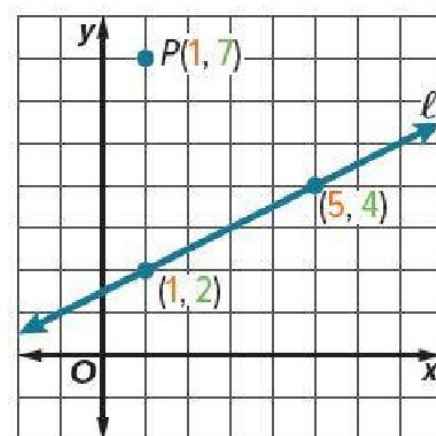
$$y = -2x + 9$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7 &= -2(1) + b \\ +2 &= -2 + b \end{aligned}$$

$$9 = b$$

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**Step 3 Prove by Graphing!****Example 1**

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#### Step 4 Calculate the distance between $P$ and $Q$ .

Use the Distance Formula to determine the distance between  $P(1, 7)$  and  $Q(3, 3)$ .

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} \quad \text{Distance Formula}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \sqrt{(3-1)^2 + (3-7)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{2^2 + (-4)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4 + 16} \\ &= \sqrt{20} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sqrt{20} = \sqrt{4 \cdot 5} = 2\sqrt{5}$$

$$4.5 \text{ or } 2\sqrt{5}$$

The distance between point  $P$  and line  $\ell$  is



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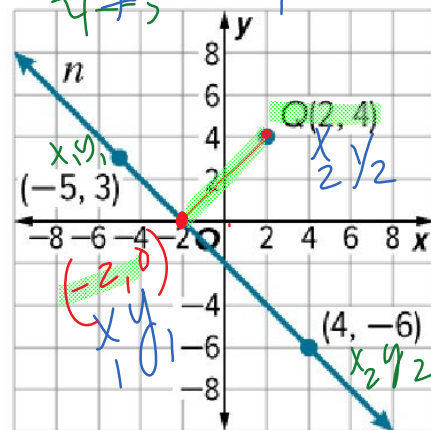
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Line  $n$  contains points  $(-5, 3)$  and  $(4, -6)$ . Find the distance between line  $n$  and point  $Q(2, 4)$ . Round to the nearest tenth, if necessary.

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \sqrt{(2 - (-5))^2 + (4 - 3)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4^2 + 1^2} \\ &= \sqrt{16 + 1} \\ &= \sqrt{17} \approx 4.1 \end{aligned}$$

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

$$\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{-6 - 3}{4 - (-5)} = \frac{-9}{9} = -1$$



new slope 1



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### Distance Between Parallel Lines

Find the distance between the two lines:

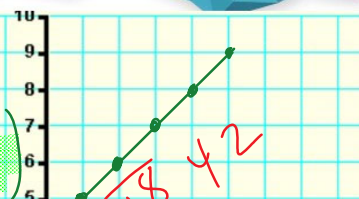
$$y = x + 4 \text{ and } y = x - 2$$

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

orig slope

new slope

$$(0, 4)$$



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

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

$$(3 - 0)^2 + (1 - 4)^2$$

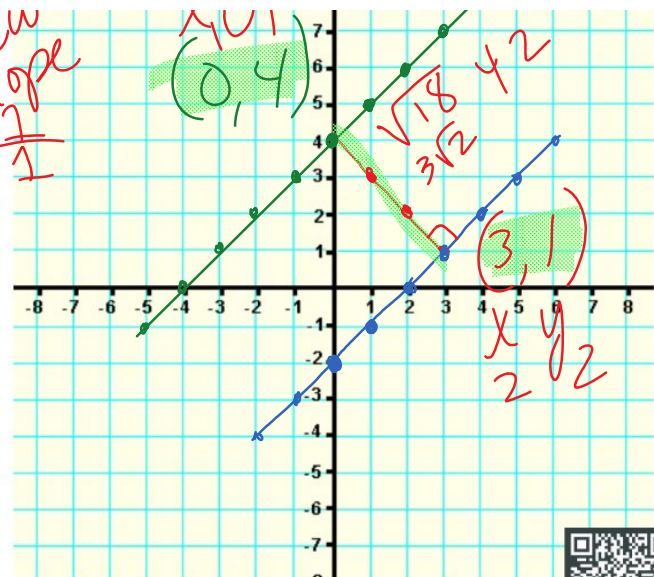
$$(3)^2 + (-3)^2$$

$$9 + 9$$

$$\sqrt{18} = 4.2$$

$$\sqrt{18} = \sqrt{9 \cdot 2} = 3\sqrt{2}$$

new slope  
 $-\frac{1}{1}$



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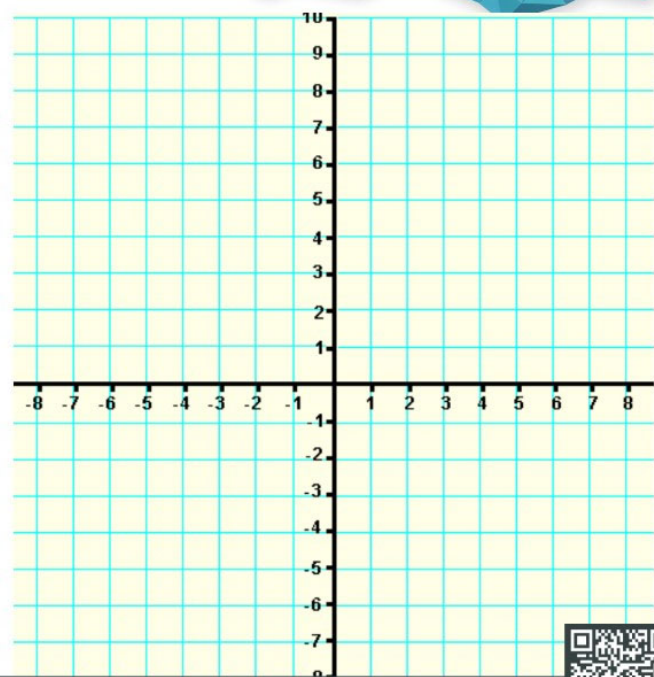


## Distance Between Parallel Lines

Find the distance between the two lines:

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

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$



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