

Useful facts about lines

1. Equation of a (non vertical) line:

$$y = mx + b; m \text{ is called slope.}$$

2. Two lines $L_1 : y = m_1x + b_1$ and

$$L_2 : y = m_2x + b_2 \text{ are parallel iff } m_1 = m_2.$$

3. Two lines $L_1 : y = m_1x + b_1$ and

$$L_2 : y = m_2x + b_2 \text{ are perpendicular iff}$$

$$m_1 = -\frac{1}{m_2}$$

4. The slope of the line through the points

$$(x_0, y_0) \text{ and } (x_1, y_1) \text{ is } m = \frac{y_1 - y_0}{x_1 - x_0}$$

5. The equation of the line through point $P=(x_0, y_0)$

$$\text{and } Q=(x_1, y_1) \text{ is } \frac{y - y_0}{x - x_0} = \frac{y_1 - y_0}{x_1 - x_0} \text{ if}$$

$$x_1 - x_0 \neq 0 \text{ and } y = y_0 \text{ if } x_1 = x_0.$$

6. The equation of a line through $P(x_0, y_0)$ with slope m is $y = y_0 + m(x - x_0)$

Useful facts about circles

1. Equation of a circle (in standard form):
 $(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2 = r^2$ The circle has center (x_0, y_0) and radius r .
2. If a line L is tangent to a circle at P , then the line is perpendicular to the radius OP .

