

Basic Coordinate Geometry.

Straight line $y = mx + c$ gradient m
 \perp line has gradient $-\frac{1}{m}$.

Often this, together with substituting the coordinates of a point through which the line passes, helps in the solution

Intersection of straight lines with curves usually involves solving the equation of the line simultaneously with that of the curve.

It is also helpful to know how curves change when x or y has an additive value, and when x or y is scaled. This comes in other questions as well not in this set of worked examples (eg Trig equations)