

## NOTES: Section 3.2 – Solve Linear Systems Algebraically

Goals: #1 - I can solve a system of linear equations using substitution.

#2 - I can solve a system of linear equations using elimination.



#3 - I can determine whether a system of equations has one, infinitely many, or no solutions when using substitution or elimination.

#4 - I can determine one method, substitution or elimination, works more conveniently than the other.

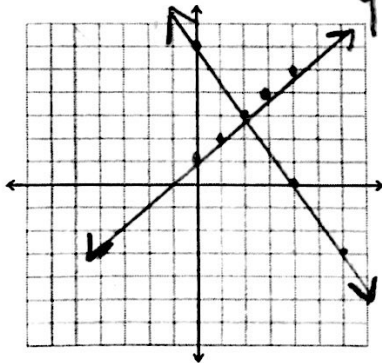
### Homework: Lesson 3.2 Worksheet

#### Warm Up:

Solve the system of equations graphically. Then classify the system as *consistent and independent*, *consistent and dependent*, or *inconsistent*.

1.  $3x + 2y = 12$       $2y = -3x + 12$   
 $y = -\frac{3}{2}x + 6$

$x - y = -1$       $-y = -x - 1$   
 $y = x + 1$

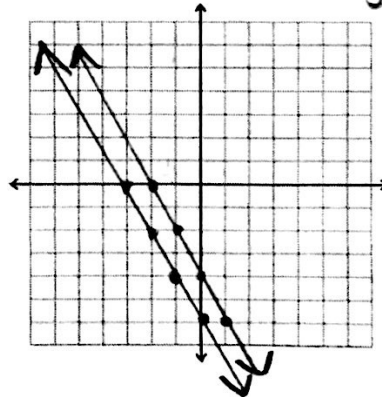


Solution: (2, 3)

Classify: consistent & independent

2.  $4x + 2y = -8$       $2y = -4x - 8$   
 $y = -2x - 4$

$-2x - y = 6$       $-y = 2x + 6$   
 $y = -2x - 6$



Solution: No Solution

Classify: inconsistent

#### Notes:

There are two algebraic methods for solving linear systems:

substitution and elimination

**Example #1:** Solve the system using the substitution method.

a.  $2x + 5y = -5$

$x + 3y = 3$

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 $x + 3y = 3$   
 $x = 3 - 3y$

$2(3 - 3y) + 5y = -5$       $x = 3 - 3(11)$   
 $6 - 6y + 5y = -5$       $x = 3 - 33$   
 $6 - y = -5$       $x = -30$

$6 - y = -5$   
 $-y = -11$       $y = 11$

b.  $x + 4y = 1$

$3x + 2y = -12$

$x + 4y = 1$       $x = 1 - 4(\frac{3}{2})$   
 $x = 1 - 4y$       $x = -5$

$3(1 - 4y) + 2y = -12$

$3 - 12y + 2y = -12$

$3 - 10y = -12$

$-10y = -15$

$y = \frac{3}{2}$

**Example #2:** Solve the system using the elimination method.

a.  $3x - 7y = 10$

$6x - 8y = 8$   
 $-6x + 14y = -20$

$6y = -12$   
 $y = -2$

$3x - 7(-2) = 10$

$3x + 14 = 10$

$3x = -4$

$x = \frac{-4}{3}$

b.  $4x - 2y = -16$

$-3x + 4y = 12$   
 $+ 8x - 4y = -32$

$5x = -20$

$x = -4$

$4(-4) - 2y = -16$

$-16 - 2y = -16$

$-2y = 0$

$y = 0$

Notes:

We can use either method when solving systems algebraically. In general,

- Substitution is convenient when one of the variables has a coefficient of 1 or -1.

- Elimination is convenient when neither variable has a coefficient of 1 or -1.

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**Review:**

We know that when we solve linear systems, we could have ONE solution, NO solution, or infinitely many solutions.

What does this look like algebraically?

**ONE SOLUTION**

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \# \\y &= \# \\&(\ , \ )\end{aligned}$$

**NO SOLUTION**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{variables} \\8 \neq 12\end{aligned}$$

**INFINITELY MANY SOLUTIONS**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{drop out} \\0 = 0 \checkmark\end{aligned}$$

**Example #3: Solve the linear system.**

a.  $x - 2y = 4$

$$3x - 6y = 8$$

$$x - 2y = 4$$

$$x = 4 + 2y$$

$$3(4 + 2y) - 6y = 8$$

$$12 + 6y - 6y = 8$$

$$12 \neq 8$$

**no solution**

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b.  $(4x - 10y = 8)$

$$-14x + 35y = -28$$

$$\begin{aligned}+ \quad 14x - 35y &= 28 \\-14x + 35y &= -28 \\ \hline\end{aligned}$$

$$0 = 0 \checkmark$$

**infinitely many solutions**

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**Example #4:** You need a 15% acid solution for your science experiment, but there's only 10% solution and 30% solution left. You decide to mix the 10% solution with the 30% solution to make your own 15% acid solution. You need a total of 10 liters of 15% solution for your science experiment. How many liters of the 10% solution and the 30% solution should you use?

$x = \#$  of liters of 10% solution  
 $y = \#$  of liters of 30% solution

$$x + y = 10$$

$$.10x + .30y = .15(10)$$

$$.10x + .30y = 1.5$$

$$x = 10 - y$$

$$.10(10 - y) + .30y = 1.5$$

$$1 - .10y + .30y = 1.5$$

$$1 + .20y = 1.5$$

$$.20y = 0.5$$

$y = 2.5$  liters of 30% solution

$$x + 2.5 = 10$$

$x = 7.5$  liters of 10% solution