

**Systems of Equations**

**A System of Equations** A grouping of one or more equations containing one or more variables

Examples:

$$\begin{cases} x + y = 2 \\ 2x + y = 5 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 2y = x + 2 \\ y = 5x - 7 \\ 6x - y = 5 \end{cases}$$

**Solutions to a System**

To be a **solution to the system**, the values must make all equations in the system true

Is  $(-3, 4)$  a solution to the system?

$$\begin{cases} 3x + y = -5 \\ -x - y = -7 \end{cases}$$

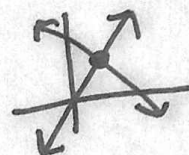
Check:  $3(-3) + (4) \stackrel{?}{=} -5$   
 $-9 + 4 = -5$   
 $-5 = -5$  ✓

$-(-3) - (4) = -7$   
 $3 - 4 = -7$   
 $-1 = -7$  ✗

**No**

**Types of Solutions**

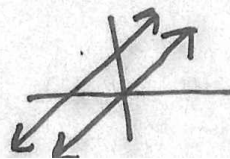
Intersection Lines have one unique solution.



Coincidental Lines (or same lines) have many solutions.



Parallel Lines have NO solutions.



## Solving Systems of Equations

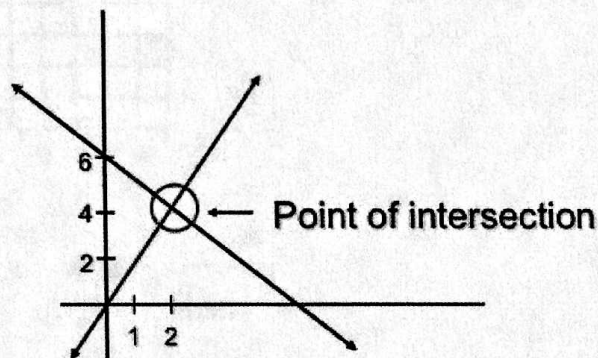
There are three methods to solving a system of equations.

1. Graphing
2. Substitution
3. Elimination

### Graphing

How do we "solve" a system of equations? By finding the point where two or more equations intersect

$$\begin{cases} x + y = 6 \\ y = 2x \end{cases}$$



### Standard Form of a Linear Equation: $ax + by = c$

The equation  $ax + by = c$  is just another form of a linear equation.

To graph, change it to  $y = mx + b$  OR use the x and y-intercepts

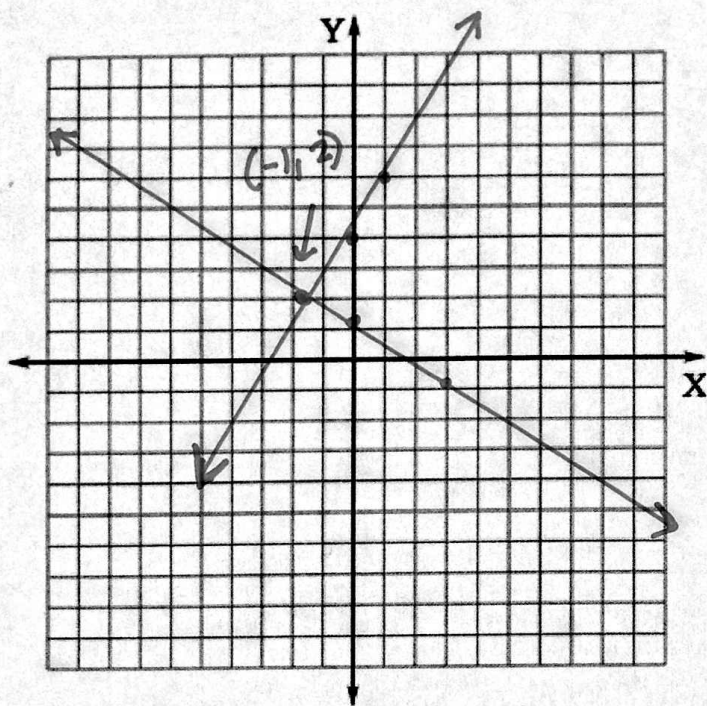
Ex) Change  $2x + 3y = 6$  to ~~standard~~ <sup>y-intercept</sup> form

$$3y = -2x + 6$$

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

$$y = -\frac{2}{3}x + 2$$

Ex) Solve the following system by Graphing Manually:  $\begin{cases} 2x + 3y = 4 \\ y = 2x + 4 \end{cases}$



$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 3y &= 4 \\ 3y &= -2x + 4 \\ y &= -\frac{2}{3}x + \frac{4}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 2x + 4 \\ \text{solution:} \\ &\boxed{(-1, 2)} \end{aligned}$$

Calculator Steps:

Step 1: Type both equations into  $\boxed{Y=}$

Step 2:  $\boxed{2nd}$   $\boxed{Trace}$

Step 3:  $\boxed{5}$  intersect

Step 4:  $\boxed{Enter}$   $\boxed{Enter}$   $\boxed{Enter}$

*Note: You may have to change your window to find the intersection!*

**Examples:** Determine whether the following have one, none, or infinitely many solutions. If a solution exists, find the solution.

1.

$$\begin{cases} 2y + x = 8 \\ y = 2x + 4 \end{cases}$$

(0, 4)

$\boxed{\text{one}}$

2.

$$\begin{cases} y = -6x + 8 \\ y + 6x = 8 \end{cases}$$

$\boxed{\text{infinitely many solutions}}$

(same line)

3.

$$\begin{cases} x - 5y = 10 \\ -5y = -x + 6 \end{cases}$$

parallel lines, so:

$\boxed{\text{none}}$

Solve by graphing:

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

$$y = \frac{1}{3}x - 3$$

$$(3, -2)$$

**Substitution** If one of the equations is already solved for a variable, Substitution may be an easy method to solve.

- 1) Make sure one of the equations is in either  $y =$  form or  $x =$  form
- 2) Substitute the expression into the other equation.
- 3) solve for the variable.
- 4) Substitute the value of  $x$  (or  $y$ ) into the other equation and solve

**Examples:** Solve by Substitution.

1. 
$$\begin{cases} 2x - 3y = 6 \\ y = -x - 12 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x - 3(-x - 12) &= 6 \\ 2x + 3x + 36 &= 6 \\ 5x + 36 &= 6 \\ 5x &= -30 \\ x &= -6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= -x - 12 \\ y &= -(-6) - 12 \\ y &= 6 - 12 \\ y &= -6 \end{aligned}$$

$$(-6, -6)$$

2. 
$$\begin{cases} y = 4x + 3 \\ y = -x - 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 4x + 3 \\ 4x + 3 &= -x - 2 \\ 5x &= -5 \\ x &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= -(-1) - 2 \\ y &= 1 - 2 \\ y &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$(-1, -1)$$

**Elimination** We can solve by elimination by either adding or subtracting two equations to eliminate a variable!

**Example: Solve by Elimination**

add

$$\begin{cases} 3x - 2y = 14 \\ + (2x + 2y = 6) \\ \hline \end{cases}$$

$$5x = 20$$

$$x = 4$$

$$\boxed{(4, -1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2(4) + 2y &= 6 \\ 8 + 2y &= 6 \\ 2y &= -2 \\ y &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

subtract

$$\begin{cases} 4x + 9y = 1 \\ - (4x + 6y = -2) \\ \hline \end{cases}$$

$$3y = 3$$

$$y = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4x + 9(1) &= 1 \\ 4x + 9 &= 1 \\ 4x &= -8 \\ x &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{(-2, 1)}$$

*Note: If one will not cancel, multiply one or both equations to get variables to cancel*

$$\begin{aligned} 7(5x + y = 9) & \rightarrow 35x + 7y = 63 \\ 10x - 7y = -18 & + (10x - 7y = -18) \\ \hline 45x &= 45 \\ x &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 10(1) - 7y &= -18 \\ 10 - 7y &= -18 \\ -7y &= -28 \\ y &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{(1, 4)}$$

**Special Solutions** Solve each system by elimination.

$$\begin{cases} 2x - y = 3 \\ -2x + y = -3 \\ \hline \end{cases}$$

$$0 = 0$$

True Statement  
same line

$\boxed{\text{infinitely many solutions}}$

$$\begin{cases} 2x - 3y = 18 \\ -2x + 3y = -6 \\ \hline \end{cases}$$

$$0 = 12 \text{ false}$$

parallel lines

$\boxed{\text{no solution}}$