

Solving Systems of Equations

System of equations = consists of two or more linear equations with the same variables.

$$\text{Ex) } \begin{cases} 2x + 3y = 4 \\ 3x - y = -5 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Ex) } \begin{cases} x - y = 1 \\ y = 3 \end{cases}$$

We will solve systems of equations by substitution.

Def: solution of a system = an ordered pair that satisfies both equations at the same time.

Decide whether an ordered pair is a solution to the system.

$$\text{Ex) } \begin{cases} 3x - 2y = -4 \\ 5x + y = 15 \end{cases} \quad (2, 5) \rightarrow \text{ordered pair}$$

$$\begin{cases} 3x - 2y = -4 \\ 5x + y = 15 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} (2, 5) \\ \cancel{x} \cancel{y} \end{matrix}$$

So, substitute "x" for "x" and "y" for "y"

Solution:

$$\begin{array}{l} 3(2) - 2(5) = -4 \\ 6 - 10 = -4 \\ -4 = -4 \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} 5(2) + 5 = 15 \\ 10 + 5 = 15 \\ 15 = 15 \end{array} \right\} \text{YES!}$$

BOTH equations must work!

Ex) Is $(1, -2)$ a solution?

$$\begin{cases} x - 3y = 7 \\ 4x + y = 5 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x - 3y = 7 \\ 1 - 3(-2) = 7 \\ 1 + 6 = 7 \\ 7 = 7 \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} 4x + y = 5 \\ 4(1) + (-2) = 5 \\ 4 - 2 = 5 \\ 2 \neq 5 \end{array} \right\}$$

NO,
not a
solution!

Solve by Substitution:

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 5y = 7 \\ x = -1 - y \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2(-1-y) + 5y = 7 & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{So,} \\ x = -1 - 3 \\ x = -4 \end{array} \right. \\ -2 - 2y + 5y = 7 \\ -2 + 3y = 7 \\ 2 \\ \hline 3y = 9 \\ y = 3 \end{array} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2x + 5(3) = 7 \\ 2x + 15 = 7 \\ 2x = -8 \\ x = -4 \end{array} \right.$$

Substitution

Solve: $\begin{cases} 3x + 5y = 26 \\ y = 2x \end{cases}$

Solution:

Use $y = 2x$ in place of y in the first equation of the system.

$$3x + 5(2x) = 26$$
$$3x + 10x = 26$$

$$\frac{13x}{13} = \frac{26}{13}$$

$$x = 2$$

So,
 $y = 2(2)$

$$y = 4$$

$$(2, 4)$$

Ex) Solve by substitution

$$3x + 2y = 27$$

$$x = y + 4$$

$$\checkmark \quad 3(y+4) + 2y = 27$$

$$3y + 12 + 2y = 27$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5y + 12 = 27 \\ -12 \quad -12 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{5y}{5} = \frac{15}{5}$$

$$y = 3$$

$$\text{So, } x = 3 + 4$$

$$x = 7$$

$$\boxed{(7, 3)}$$

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Solve by substitution:

$$\begin{cases} 3x + 4 = -y \\ 2x + y = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 3x + 4 & = & -y \\ \hline -1 & -1 & -1 \end{array}$$

$-3x - 4 = y$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } 2(-4) + y &= 0 \\ -8 + y &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$y = 8$$

$$\boxed{(-4, 8)}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2x + (-3x - 4) & = & 0 \\ \hline -1x - 4 & = & 0 \\ +4 & +4 & \\ \hline -1x & = & 4 \\ x & = & -4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 1 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 4x + y = -2 \\ -2x - 3y = 1 \end{array} \right. \\ 2 \end{array} \quad \text{Solve by Substitution}$$

$$4x + y = -2 \quad \text{Solve for } y$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -4x \\ \hline -4x \end{array}$$

$$\textcircled{y = -4x - 2} \rightarrow \text{Substitute for "y"}$$

$$-2x - 3(-4x - 2) = 1$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2x + 12x + 6 = 1 \\ 10x = -5 \end{array}$$

$$\textcircled{x = -\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 4\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + y = -2 \\ -2 + y = -2 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\textcircled{y = 0}$$

$$\boxed{\left[-\frac{1}{2}, 0\right]}$$

Solving Systems of Equations by Elimination

Obj: Eliminate one variable to solve for the other.

Ex) Solve by elimination

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x - \boxed{y} = 7 \\ + 2x + \boxed{y} = 3 \\ \hline 5x = 10 \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{So,} \\ 2(2) + y = 3 \end{array} \right\}$$

Substitute $x=2$
in for "x" in the 2nd
equation

Ex) Solve by elimination

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x - y = 2 \\ + 4x + y = 10 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

*Always look for variables with a coefficient ~~not~~ of 1.

$$6x = 12$$

$$x = 2$$

Sub $x=2$ in for "x" in $2x-y=2$

$$2(2) - y = 2$$

$$4 - y = 2$$

$$y = 2$$

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$\begin{cases} 4x + y = -2 \\ -2x - 3y = 1 \end{cases}$ Solve by elimination

$$-2x - 3y = 1$$

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$$12x + 3y = -6$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2x - 3y = 1 \\ \hline 10x = -5 \end{array}$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } -2\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) - 3y &= 1 \\ +1 - 3y &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -3y &= 0 \\ y &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Ex) Solve by ~~Substitution~~
Elimination

$$\begin{aligned} & 5(2x + 3y = -15) \quad |5 \\ & -2(5x + 2y = 1) \quad |-2 \end{aligned}$$

Decide which variable you want to
eliminate first!

$$\begin{array}{rcl} & \Downarrow & \\ \cancel{10x} + 15y & = -75 & \text{So,} \\ \cancel{-10x} - 4y & = -2 & 5x + 2(-7) = 1 \\ \hline 11y & = -77 & \\ y & = -7 & \\ & & \begin{array}{r} 5x = 14 = 1 \\ +14 \quad 14 \\ \hline 5x = 15 \end{array} \\ & & x = 3 \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{(3, -7)}$$

Solve by Elimination

$$\text{Ex}) \quad 4x - 3y = -19$$

$$3(2x + y = 13)3$$



$$\cancel{4x - 3y = -19}$$

$$\cancel{6x + 3y = 39}$$

$$\frac{10x}{= 20}$$

$$x = 2$$

So,

$$4(2) - 3y = -19$$

$$8 - 3y = -19$$

$$-8 \quad -8$$

$$\underline{-3y = -27}$$

$$y = 9$$

$$(2, 9)$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \textcircled{\#1} \quad 2x + 5y = 17 \\
 \textcircled{+} \quad 6x - 5y = -9 \\
 \hline
 8x = 8
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \text{So, } 2(1) + 5y = 17 \\
 \quad 2 + 5y = 17 \\
 \quad -2 \qquad \quad -2 \\
 \hline
 5y = 15 \\
 \quad 5 \qquad \quad 5 \\
 \qquad \qquad y = 3
 \end{array}$$

$x = 1$

$(1, 3)$

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Solve by Elimination

$$\begin{aligned} -8(6x + 7y = 4) &\quad -8 \\ 7(5x + 8y = -1) &\quad 7 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 -48x - 56y = -32 \\
 + 35x + 56y = -7 \\
 \hline
 -13x = -39
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 \text{So, } 5(3) + 8y & = & -1 \\
 15 + 8y & = & -1 \\
 -15 & & -15 \\
 \hline
 8y & = & -16 \\
 y & = & -2
 \end{array}$$

④ 49) $FG = 3x - 10$

$$GH = 2x + 5$$

$$HF = x + 5$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x - 10 = 2x + 5 \\ -5 \quad \cancel{+5} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x - 15 = 2x \\ -3x \quad \cancel{-3x} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -15 = -1x \\ \cancel{-15} \quad \cancel{-1x} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$15 = x$$

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Solve by Elimination

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 6x - y = -1 & \Rightarrow & 6x - y = -1 \\ 5y = 17 + 6x & & \underline{-6x + 5y = 17} \\ & & 4y = 16 \\ & & y = 4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 5y = 17 + 6x & & \\ -6x & & + 6x \\ \hline -6x + 5y = 17 & & \end{array}$$

* Need in standard
~~form~~

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 5(4) = 17 + 6x & & \\ 20 = 17 + 6x & & \\ -17 & -17 & \\ 3 = 6x & & \\ \frac{1}{2} = x & & \end{array}$$

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Types of Solutions

$$0 = 0$$

$$2 = 2$$

$$7 = 7$$

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Infinitely many solutions
(E.g. We have the same line)



$$0 = 1 \quad \underline{\text{No solution}}$$

$$1 = 2$$

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Eliminate "y" first.

#5 $2x + 18y = -9$

$-1(4x + 18y = -27) - 1$

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~~$2x + 18y = -9$~~

~~$-4x - 18y = 27$~~

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -2x & = 18 \\ \hline -2 & & \end{array}$$

$x = -9$

$$\boxed{\left(-9, \frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

So, $2(-9) + 18y = -9$

~~$-18 + 18y = -9$~~

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$$\begin{array}{rcl} 18y & = 9 \\ \hline 18 & & 18 \end{array}$$

$y = \frac{1}{2}$

Eliminate "x" first

$-2(2x + 18y = -9) - 2$

$4x + 18y = -27$

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~~$-4x - 36y = 18$~~

~~$+ 4x + 18y = -27$~~

~~$-18y = -9$~~

$y = \frac{1}{2}$

So, $2x + 18\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -9$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2x + 9 & = -9 \\ -9 & & -9 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2x & = -18 \\ \hline 2 & & \end{array}$$

$x = -9$