

Chapter 8.1 Notes
Systems of linear Equations

- * system of equations — a collection of 2 or more equations, each containing one or more variables.
- * Consistent — system of equation has at least one solution.
- * Inconsistent — system of equation has no solution
- * Linear equations may:
 - * intersect — has 1 solution, consistent and independent
 - * parallel — no solution, inconsistent
 - * coincident — lines lie on top of each other; infinitely many solutions, consistent, & dependent.
- * solving systems of equation:
 1. Method of substitution
 2. Method of elimination

1. Solve the system of equations. If the system has no solution, say that it is inconsistent.

$$\begin{cases} 3x - 5y = -7 & \leftarrow 1^{\text{st}} \text{ equation} \\ 10x + y = 12 & \leftarrow 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ equation} \end{cases}$$

$$5(10x + y = 12)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 50x + 5y = 60 \\ + \quad 3x - 5y = -7 \quad \leftarrow 1^{\text{st}} \text{ equation} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 53x = 53 \\ \hline 53 \end{array}$$

$$x = 1$$

$$3x - 5y = -7 \quad \leftarrow 1^{\text{st}} \text{ equation}$$

$$3(1) - 5y = -7$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 - 5y = -7 \\ -3 \quad -3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -5y = -10 \\ \hline -5 \quad -5 \end{array}$$

$$y = 2$$

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

↑ ↑
x y

* If we multiply the 2nd equation by 5, we can eliminate the y's.

* Now add the 2 equations together.

• Then solve for x.

* Now replace the # for x back into the 1st equation.

• Solve for y.

* This gives you your ordered pair.

2. Solve the system of equations. If the system has no solution, say that it is inconsistent.

$$\begin{cases} 4x + 5y = 24 & \leftarrow 1^{\text{st}} \text{ equation} \\ x - y = \frac{3}{2} & \leftarrow 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ equation} \end{cases}$$

$$5 \left(x - y = \frac{3}{2} \right)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} + \quad 5x - 5y = \frac{15}{2} \\ 4x + 5y = 24 \quad \leftarrow 1^{\text{st}} \text{ equation} \\ \hline 9x = \frac{63}{2} \end{array}$$

$$x = \frac{7}{2}$$

$$4x + 5y = 24 \quad \leftarrow 1^{\text{st}} \text{ equation}$$

$$4\left(\frac{7}{2}\right) + 5y = 24$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 14 + 5y = 24 \\ -14 \quad -14 \\ \hline 5y = 10 \\ \frac{5}{5} \quad \frac{10}{5} \end{array}$$

$$y = 2$$

* If we multiply the 2nd equation by 5, we can eliminate the y's.

* Now add the 2 equations together.

• Then solve for x.

* Now replace the # for x back into the 1st equation.

- Solve for y.

* This gives you your ordered pair.

$$\boxed{\left(\frac{7}{2}, 2\right)}$$

$\uparrow \quad \uparrow$
 $x \quad y$

3. Solve the system of equations. If the system has no solution, say that it is inconsistent.

$$\begin{cases} 6x - 3y = 6 & \leftarrow 1^{\text{st}} \text{ equation} \\ 24x + 3y = 29 & \leftarrow 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ equation} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} + \\ 6x - 3y = 6 \\ 24x + 3y = 29 \\ \hline 30x = 35 \\ \frac{30x}{30} = \frac{35}{30} \end{array}$$

$$x = \frac{7}{6}$$

$$6x - 3y = 6 \quad \leftarrow 1^{\text{st}} \text{ equation}$$

$$6\left(\frac{7}{6}\right) - 3y = 6$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 7 - 3y = 6 \\ -7 \quad -7 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -3y = -1 \\ -3 \quad -3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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

$$\boxed{\left(\frac{7}{6}, \frac{1}{3}\right)}$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ x & y \end{array}$$

* Since the y's have opposite #'s, we can eliminate them.

* So add the 2 equations together.

• Then solve for x.

* Now replace the # for x back into the 1st equation.

• Solve for y.

* This gives you your ordered pair.

4. Solve the system of equations. If the system has no solution, say that it is inconsistent. Graph the lines.

$$\begin{cases} x+y=9 \\ x-y=1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x+y=9 \\ + \quad x-y=1 \\ \hline 2x=10 \\ \frac{2x}{2}=\frac{10}{2} \end{array}$$

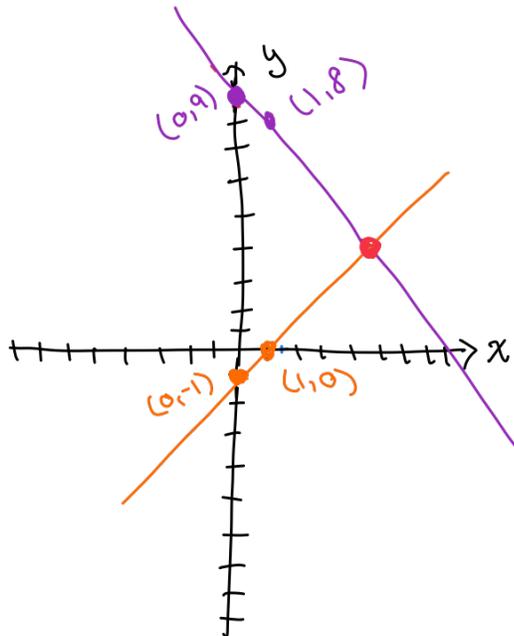
$$x=5$$

$$x+y=9 \leftarrow \text{1st equation}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5+y=9 \\ -5 \quad -5 \\ \hline y=4 \end{array}$$

$$(5, 4)$$

\uparrow x
 \uparrow y



- * Here we can eliminate the "y"s, because they are opposite.
- * So, eliminate the "y"s and then combine the other terms.
- * Now solve that equation for x, by dividing both sides by the number in front of x.
- * Now, pick one of the original equations and replace the x with your number. Then solve for y.
- * Then make an ordered pair, placing the number for x first, and then the number for y.

- * To graph:
- * Take the 1st equation and solve it for y. Then replace the x with 0 and solve for y. This gives you one point.
- * Then use the same equation and replace x with another number, I would suggest 1, and then solve for y. This is the second point.
- * Now take 2nd equation and solve for y. Then replace the x with 0 and solve for y. This gives you one point.
- * Then use the same equation and replace x with another number, I would suggest 1. Then solve for y. This is the 2nd point.

$$\begin{array}{r} x+y=9 \\ -x \quad -x \\ \hline y=-x+9 \end{array}$$

Replace x with 0

$$\begin{array}{l} y = -0 + 9 \\ y = 9 \\ (0, 9) \end{array}$$

Replace x with 1

$$\begin{array}{l} y = -1 + 9 \\ y = 8 \\ (1, 8) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x-y=1 \\ -x \quad -y \\ \hline -y = -x+1 \\ -1 \quad -1 \quad -1 \end{array}$$

Replace x with 0

$$\begin{array}{l} y = x - 1 \\ y = 0 - 1 \\ y = -1 \\ (0, -1) \end{array}$$

Replace x with 1

$$\begin{array}{l} y = 1 - 1 \\ y = 0 \\ (1, 0) \end{array}$$

5. Solve the system of equations. If the system has no solution, say that it is inconsistent. Graph the lines.

$$\begin{cases} 4x - y = 4 \\ 3x + 2y = 14 \end{cases}$$

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

$$\begin{array}{r} + \quad 8x - 2y = 8 \\ \quad 3x + 2y = 14 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\frac{11x}{11} = \frac{22}{11}$$

$$x = 2$$

$$4x - y = 4 \quad \leftarrow \text{1st equation}$$

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

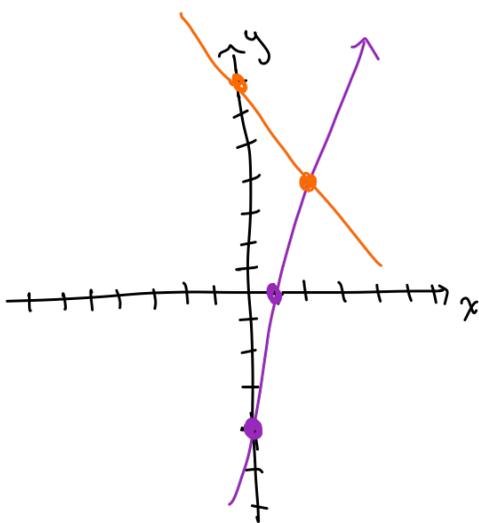
$$\begin{array}{r} 8 - y = 4 \\ -8 \quad -8 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -y = -4 \\ -1 \quad -1 \end{array}$$

$$y = 4$$

$$(2, 4)$$

\uparrow x \uparrow y



- * If we multiply the top equation by 2, then we could eliminate the y's.
- * Multiply each term inside the () by 2.
- * Now you can eliminate the y's, because they are opposites.
- * Then solve for x.

- * Now take one of the original equations and replace the x with the number you found.
- * Then solve the equation for y.
- * Now the solution will be the x number and then the y number.

- * To graph:
- * Take the 1st equation and solve it for y. Then replace the x with 0 and solve for y. This gives you one point.
- * Then use the same equation and replace x with another number, I would suggest 1, and then solve for y. This is the second point.
- * Now take 2nd equation and solve for y. Then replace the x with 0 and solve for y. This gives you one point.
- * Then use the same equation and replace x with another number. Here it was a fraction, so I would multiply by the same number as the denominator. Then solve for y. This is the 2nd point.

Line 1

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x - y = 4 \\ -4x \quad -4x \\ \hline -y = -4x + 4 \\ -1 \quad -1 \quad -1 \end{array}$$

$$y = 4x - 4$$

Replace x with 0 $y = 4(0) - 4$

$$(0, -4) \quad y = -4$$

Replace x with 1 $y = 4(1) - 4$

$$(1, 0) \quad y = 4 - 4 = 0$$

Line 2

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x + 2y = 14 \\ -3x \quad -3x \\ \hline 2y = -3x + 14 \\ \frac{2y}{2} \quad \frac{-3x}{2} \quad \frac{14}{2} \end{array}$$

Replace x with 0 $y = -\frac{3}{2}x + 7$

$$(0, 7) \quad y = -\frac{3}{2}(0) + 7 = 7$$

Replace x with 2 $y = -\frac{3}{2}(2) + 7$

$$(2, 4) \quad y = 4$$

6. Solve the system of equations. If the system has no solution, say that it is inconsistent. Graph the lines.

$$\begin{cases} 6x = 48 \\ x + 4y = 0 \leftarrow \text{2nd equation} \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{6x}{6} = \frac{48}{6}$$

$$x = 8$$

$$x + 4y = 0 \leftarrow \text{2nd equation}$$

$$8 + 4y = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4y = -8 \\ \underline{-4} \quad \underline{-4} \\ y = -2 \end{array}$$

$$y = -2$$

$$(8, -2)$$

* The 1st equation only has one variable. So, we will solve that equation for x.

* Now take one of the original equations and replace the x with the number you found.

* Then solve the equation for y.

* Now the solution will be the x number and then the y number.

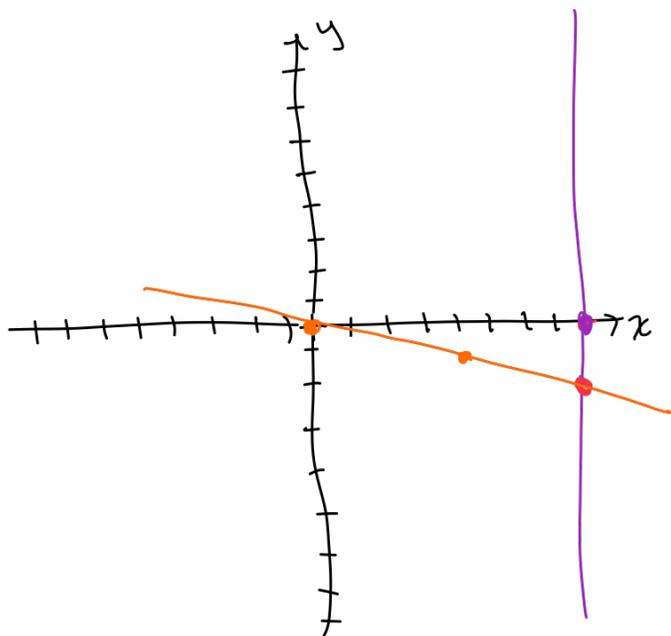
* To graph:

* Take the 1st equation and solve it for y. Then replace the x with 0 and solve for y. This gives you one point.

* Then use the same equation and replace x with another number, I would suggest 1, and then solve for y. This is the second point.

* Now take 2nd equation and solve for y. Then replace the x with 0 and solve for y. This gives you one point.

* Then use the same equation and replace x with another number. Here it was a fraction, so I would multiply by the same number as the denominator. Then solve for y. This is the 2nd point.



$$\frac{6x}{6} = \frac{48}{6}$$

$$x = 8$$

* This is a vertical line

$$x + 4y = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4y = -x \\ \underline{-4} \quad \underline{-4} \\ y = -\frac{1}{4}x \end{array}$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{4}x$$

Replace x with 0

$$(0,0) \quad y = -\frac{1}{4}(0)$$

$$y = 0$$

Replace x with 4

$$(4,-1) \quad y = -\frac{1}{4}(4)$$

$$y = -1$$

7. Solve the system of equations. If the system has no solution, say that it is inconsistent. Graph the lines.

$$\begin{cases} 15x - 10y = 10 & \leftarrow \text{1st equation} \\ 8x + 8y = 2 & \leftarrow \text{2nd equation} \end{cases}$$

$$4(15x - 10y = 10)$$

$$60x - 40y = 40$$

$$5(8x + 8y = 2)$$

$$40x + 40y = 10$$

$$+ \begin{array}{r} 60x - 40y = 40 \\ 40x + 40y = 10 \\ \hline 100x = 50 \\ \hline \frac{100x}{100} = \frac{50}{100} \end{array}$$

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

$$8x + 8y = 2 \quad \leftarrow \text{2nd equation}$$

$$8\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 8y = 2$$

$$4 + 8y = 2$$

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

$$\hline 8y = -2$$

$$\frac{8y}{8} = \frac{-2}{8}$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

* If we multiply the top equation by 4, and the bottom equation by 5, then we could eliminate the y's.

* Now you can eliminate the y's, because they are opposites.

* Then solve for x.

* Now take one of the original equations and replace the x with the number you found.

* Then solve the equation for y.

* Now the solution will be the x number and then the y number.

* To graph:

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$$15x - 10y = 10$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -15x \\ \hline -10y = -15x + 10 \\ \hline \frac{-10y}{-10} = \frac{-15x + 10}{-10} \end{array}$$

Replace x with 0

$$y = \frac{3}{2}x - 1$$

$$(0, -1) \quad y = \frac{3}{2}(0) - 1$$

Replace x with 2

$$y = \frac{3}{2}(2) - 1$$

$$(2, 2) \quad y = 2$$

$$8x + 8y = 2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -8x \\ \hline 8y = -8x + 2 \\ \hline \frac{8y}{8} = \frac{-8x + 2}{8} \end{array}$$

Replace x with 0

$$y = -1x + \frac{1}{4}$$

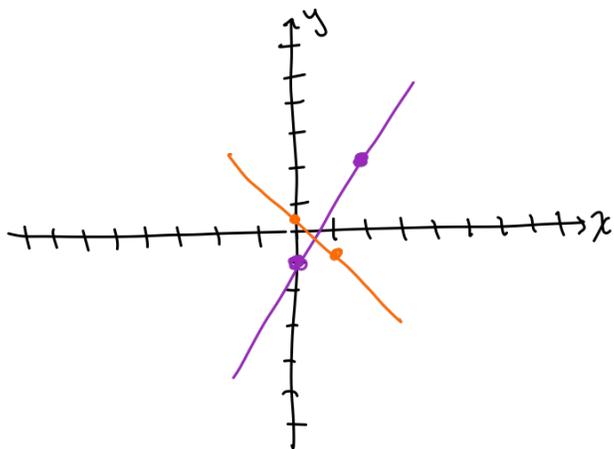
$$(0, \frac{1}{4}) \quad y = -1(0) + \frac{1}{4}$$

Replace x with 1

$$y = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$(1, -\frac{3}{4}) \quad y = -1(1) + \frac{1}{4}$$

$$y =$$



8. Solve the system of equations. If the system has no solution, say that it is inconsistent. Graph the lines.

$$\begin{cases} 3x - y = 0 & \leftarrow 1^{\text{st}} \text{ equation} \\ 9x + 3y = 12 \end{cases}$$

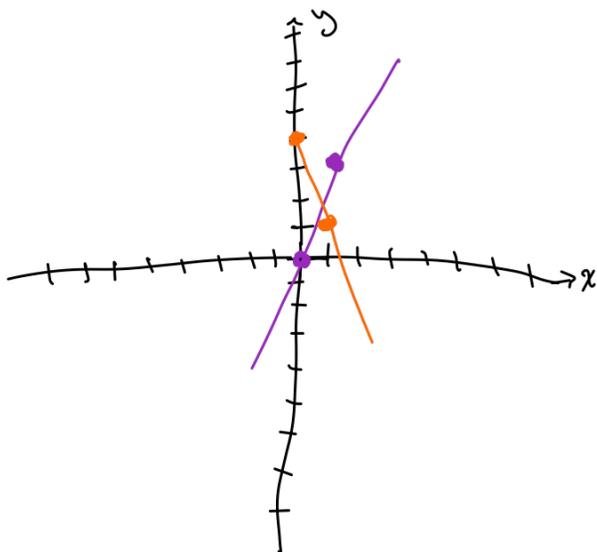
$$\begin{array}{r} 3(3x - y = 0) \\ + \quad 9x - 3y = 0 \\ \hline 18x = 12 \\ \frac{18x}{18} = \frac{12}{18} \end{array}$$

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

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x - y = 0 & \leftarrow 1^{\text{st}} \text{ equation} \\ 3\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) - y = 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 - y = 0 \\ \hline -y = -2 \\ \frac{-y}{-1} = \frac{-2}{-1} \\ y = 2 \end{array}$$

$$\left(\frac{2}{3}, 2\right)$$



- * If we multiply the top equation by 3, then we could eliminate the y's.
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$$\begin{array}{r} 3x - y = 0 \\ \hline -y = -3x \\ \frac{-y}{-1} = \frac{-3x}{-1} \end{array}$$

$$y = 3x$$

Replace x with 0

$$y = 3(0)$$

$$(0, 0) \quad y = 0$$

Replace x with 1

$$y = 3(1)$$

$$(1, 3) \quad y = 3$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 9x + 3y = 12 \\ \hline -9x + 3y = 12 \\ \hline 3y = -9x + 12 \\ \frac{3y}{3} = \frac{-9x}{3} + \frac{12}{3} \end{array}$$

$$y = -3x + 4$$

Replace x with 0

$$y = -3(0) + 4$$

$$(0, 4) \quad y = 4$$

Replace x with 1

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

$$(1, 1) \quad y = 1$$