

Solving Systems of Equations by elimination method

Use elimination to solve. Check your answers (This means to substitute your values back into **BOTH** equations).

1. $7c - 5d = 11$
 $-4d - 2c = -14$

Careful!

$$\begin{array}{r} 4(7c - 5d = 11) \\ -5(-2c - 4d = -14) \\ \hline 28c - 20d = 44 \\ 10c + 20d = 70 \\ \hline 38c = 114 \\ \hline 38 \quad \quad \quad 38 \\ \hline c = 3 \end{array}$$

$(3, 2)$

Check into originals!

$$\begin{array}{l} 7c - 5d = 11 \\ 7(3) - 5(2) \stackrel{?}{=} 11 \\ 21 - 10 = 11 \\ 11 = 11 \checkmark \end{array}$$

check BOTH EQs

$$\begin{array}{l} -4d - 2c = -14 \\ -4(2) - 2(3) \stackrel{?}{=} -14 \\ -8 - 6 = -14 \\ -14 = -14 \checkmark \end{array}$$

subst

$$\begin{array}{l} 7c - 5d = 11 \\ 7(3) - 5d = 11 \\ 21 - 5d = 11 \\ -21 \quad \quad -21 \\ \hline -5d = -10 \\ \hline -5 \quad \quad -5 \\ \hline d = 2 \end{array}$$

2. Let's make up numbers for the equations and solve it. No one said the solutions had to be "nice" numbers!

$$\begin{array}{l} -5(x + y = 2) \\ 5x - \frac{1}{3}y = 12 \end{array}$$

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

$$\begin{array}{l} -5\frac{1}{3}y = 2 \\ -\frac{3}{16} \cdot \frac{16}{3}y = \frac{2 \cdot -3}{1 \cdot 16} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} y = \frac{-6}{16} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{-3}{8} \\ y = -\frac{3}{8} \end{array}$$

subst into

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

Check in BOTH EQ's

$$\begin{array}{l} x + y = 2 \\ 2\frac{3}{8} + (-\frac{3}{8}) \stackrel{?}{=} 2 \\ 2 = 2 \checkmark \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 5x - \frac{1}{3}y = 12 \\ 5(2\frac{3}{8}) - \frac{1}{3}(-\frac{3}{8}) \stackrel{?}{=} 12 \\ 5(\frac{17}{8}) + \frac{1}{8} \stackrel{?}{=} 12 \\ \frac{85}{8} + \frac{1}{8} \stackrel{?}{=} 12 \\ \frac{86}{8} \stackrel{?}{=} 12 \\ 12 = 12 \checkmark \end{array}$$

$(2\frac{3}{8}, -\frac{3}{8})$

Solve by elimination.

$$\begin{aligned} 3. \quad & 2x = 3y + 5 \\ & 6x - 9y = 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3(2x - 3y = 5) \quad -6x + 9y = -15 \\ \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad 6x - 9y = 10 \\ \hline \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad 0 = -5 \end{array}$$

FALSE
SO NO SOLUTION!

Solve by substitution.

$$\begin{aligned} 4. \quad & x - 3y = 7 \\ & y = 2x - 9 \end{aligned}$$

solution
(4, -1)

$$\begin{array}{l} x - 3(2x - 9) = 7 \\ x - 6x + 27 = 7 \\ -5x + 27 = 7 \\ -27 \quad -27 \\ \hline -5x = -20 \\ \frac{-5}{-5} \quad \frac{-20}{-5} \\ x = 4 \end{array}$$

check
 $x - 3y = 7$
 $4 - 3(-1) = 7$
 $4 + 3 = 7$
 $7 = 7 \checkmark$

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

Questions:

What would the graph of #3 look like?
Parallel lines

When is it easiest to use the substitution method? when variable is singled out or isolated

The elimination method? **Graphing?** if both eqs with fraction slope and integer y-int (less than 10)

when BOTH EQUATIONS ARE IN STANDARD FORM