

Section 4.1: SOLVING SYSTEMS OF LINEAR EQUATIONS BY GRAPHING

When you are done with your homework you should be able to...

- π Decide whether an ordered pair is a solution of a linear system
- π Solve systems of linear equations by graphing
- π Use graphing to identify systems with no solution or infinitely many solutions
- π Use graphs of linear systems to solve problems

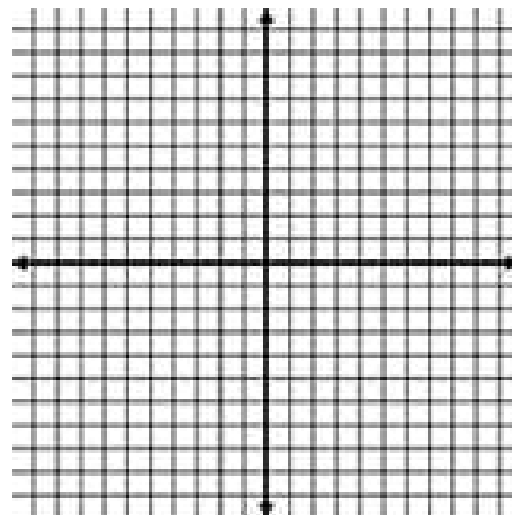
WARM-UP:

1. Determine if the given number or ordered pair is a solution to the given equation.

a. $5x + 3 = 21$; $\frac{18}{5}$

b. $-x + 2y = 0$; $(4, 1)$

2. Graph the line which passes through the points $(0, 1)$ and $(-5, 3)$.



SYSTEMS OF LINEAR EQUATIONS AND THEIR SOLUTIONS

We have seen that all _____ in the form _____ are straight _____ when graphed. _____ such equations are called a _____ of _____ or a _____ . A _____ to a system of two _____ equations in two _____ is an _____ that _____ equations in the _____ .

Example 1: Determine whether the given ordered pair is a solution of the system.

a.

$$(-2, -5)$$

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

$$3x + y = -11$$

b.

$$(10, 7)$$

$$6x - 5y = 25$$

$$4x + 15y = 13$$

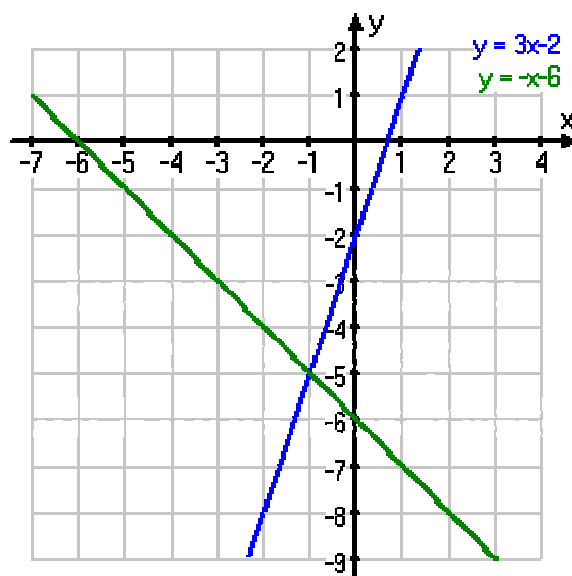
SOLVING LINEAR SYSTEMS BY GRAPHING

The _____ of a _____ of two linear equations in _____ variables can be found by _____ of the _____ in the _____ rectangular _____ system. For a system with _____ solution, the _____ of the point of _____ give the _____ solution.

STEPS FOR SOLVING SYSTEMS OF TWO LINEAR EQUATIONS IN TWO VARIABLES, x AND y , BY GRAPHING

1. Graph the first _____.
2. _____ the second equation on the _____ set of _____.
3. If the _____ representing the _____ graphs _____ at a _____, determine the _____ of this point of intersection. The _____ is the _____ of the _____.
4. _____ the _____ in _____ equations.

Example 2: Use the graph below to find the solution of the system of linear equations.

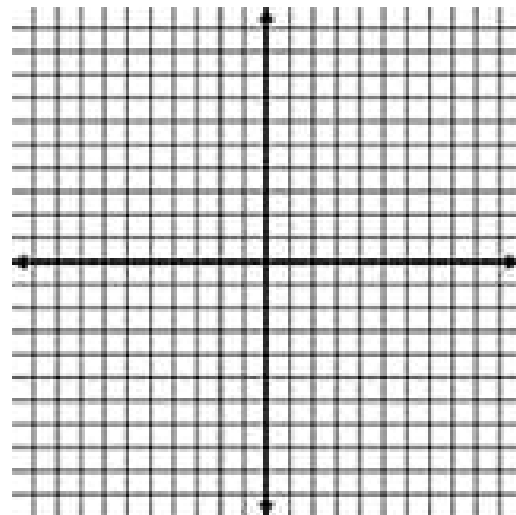


Example 3: Solve each system by graphing. Use set notation to express solution sets.

a.

$$x + y = 2$$

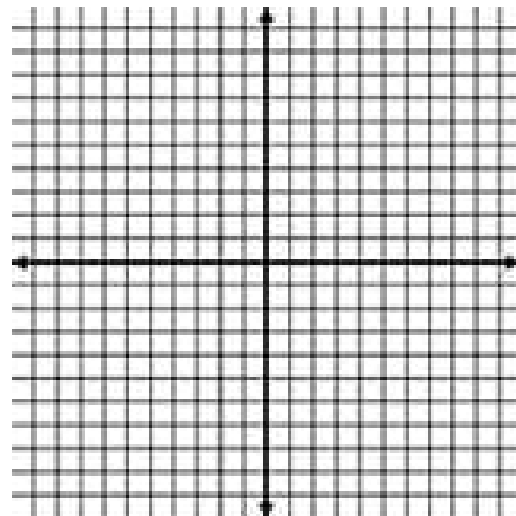
$$x - y = 4$$



b.

$$y = 3x - 4$$

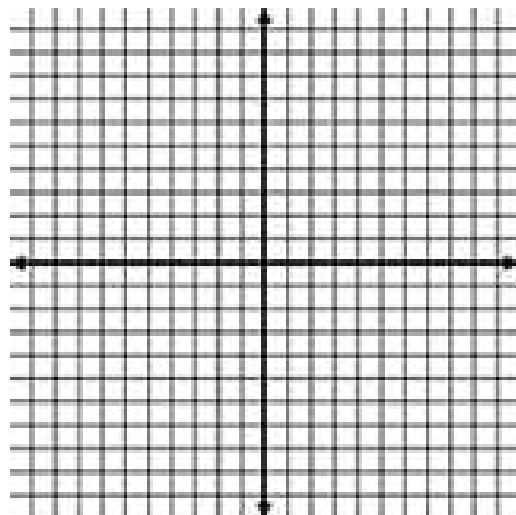
$$y = -2x + 1$$



c.

$$x + y = 6$$

$$y = -3$$



LINEAR SYSTEMS HAVING NO SOLUTION OR INFINITELY MANY SOLUTIONS

We have seen that a _____ of linear equations in _____ variables represents a _____ of _____. The lines either _____ at _____ point, are _____, or are _____. Thus, there are _____ possibilities for the _____ of solutions to a system of two linear equations.

THE NUMBER OF SOLUTIONS TO A SYSTEM OF TWO LINEAR EQUATIONS

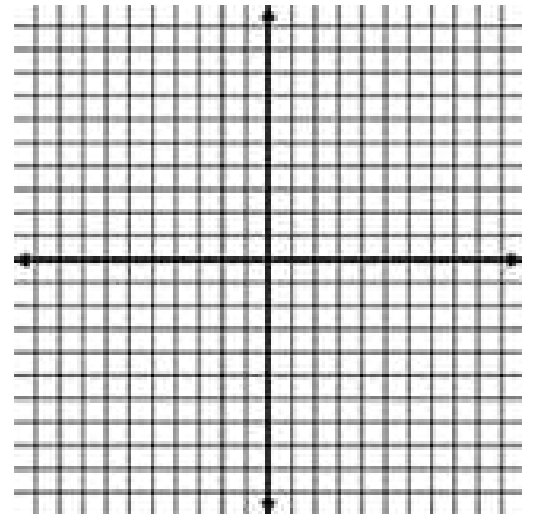
NUMBER OF SOLUTIONS	WHAT THIS MEANS GRAPHICALLY
Exactly _____ ordered pair solution.	The two lines _____ at _____ point. This is a _____ system.
_____ Solution	The two lines are _____. This is an _____ system.
_____ many solutions	The two lines are _____. This is a system with _____ equations.

Example 4: Solve each system by graphing. If there is no solution or infinitely many solutions, so state. Use set notation to express solution sets.

a.

$$x + y = 4$$

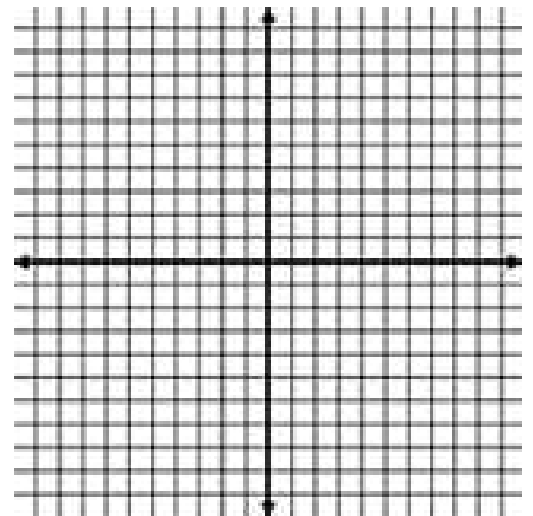
$$2x + 2y = 8$$



b.

$$y = 3x - 1$$

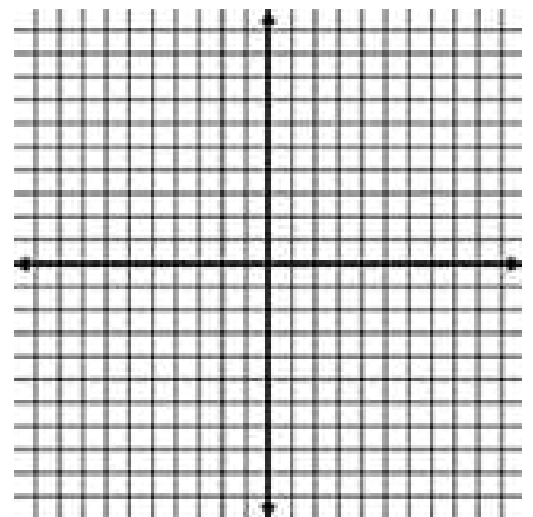
$$y = 3x + 2$$



c.

$$2x - y = 0$$

$$y = 2x$$



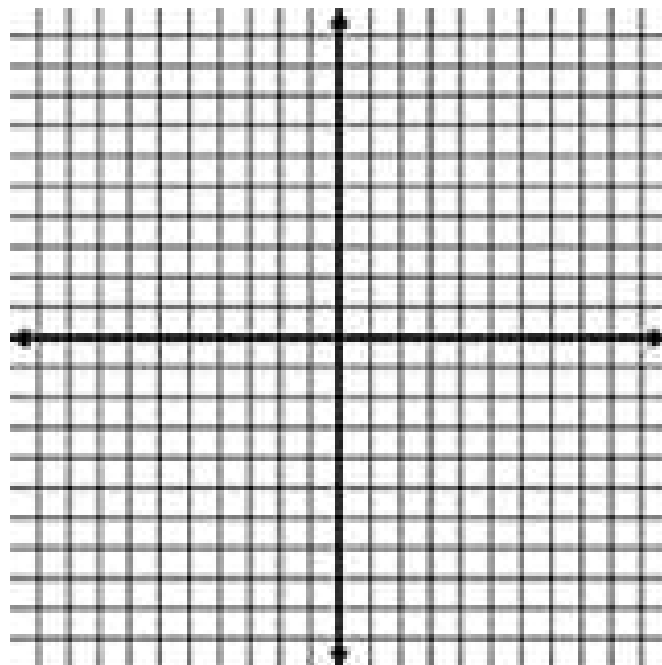
APPLICATION

A band plans to record a demo. Studio A rents for \$100 plus \$50 per hour. Studio B rents for \$50 plus \$75 per hour. The total cost, y , in dollars, of renting the studios for x hours can be modeled by the linear system

$$y = 50x + 100$$

$$y = 75x + 50$$

- a. Use graphing to solve the system. Extend the x -axis from 0 to 4 and let each tick mark represent 1 unit (one hour in a recording studio). Extend the y -axis from 0 to 400 and let each tick mark represent 100 units (a rental cost of \$100).



- b. Interpret the coordinates of the solution in practical terms.