

Consider the equation

$$2x + 5y = 20$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2x \qquad -2x \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\frac{5y}{5} = \frac{-2x + 20}{5}$$

$$y = -\frac{2}{5}x + 4$$

Let  $x=0$

$$2(0) + 5y = 20$$

$$\frac{5y}{5} = \frac{20}{5}$$

$$y = 4$$

Solution

$$(x, y) = (0, 4)$$

Let  $y=0$

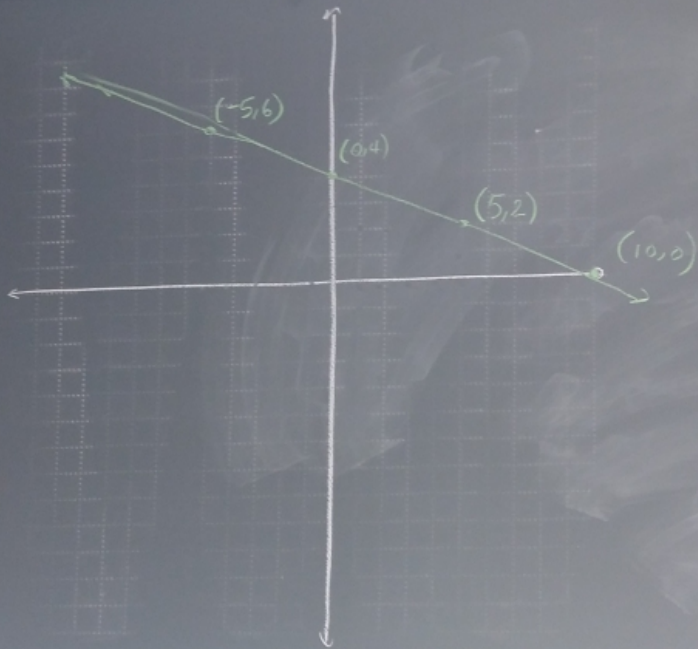
$$2x + 5y = 20$$

$$2x + 5(0) = 20$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{20}{2}$$

$$x = 10$$

$$(x, y) = (10, 0)$$



Check  $(5, 2)$

$$2x + 5y = 20$$

$$2(5) + 5(2) = 20$$

$$10 + 10 = 20$$

$$20 = 20 \checkmark$$

→ We can confirm that  
 $(5, 2)$  is a solution  
to  $2x + 5y = 20$

Check  $(-5, 6)$

$$2(-5) + 5(6) = 20$$

$$-10 + 30 = 20$$

$$20 = 20 \checkmark$$

→  $(-5, 6)$  is a solution.

∴ Any point on a line  
is a solution to a linear  
equation.

## Working with 2 equations

$$3x + 2y = -8$$

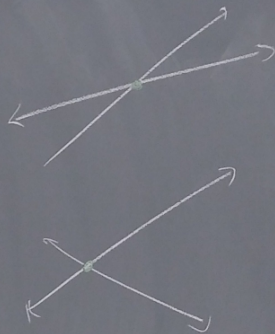
← standard form  
 $Ax + By = C$

$$y = 2x - 4$$

← slope intercept form  
 $y = mx + b$

When graphing,  $(0, -4)$  satisfies both equations

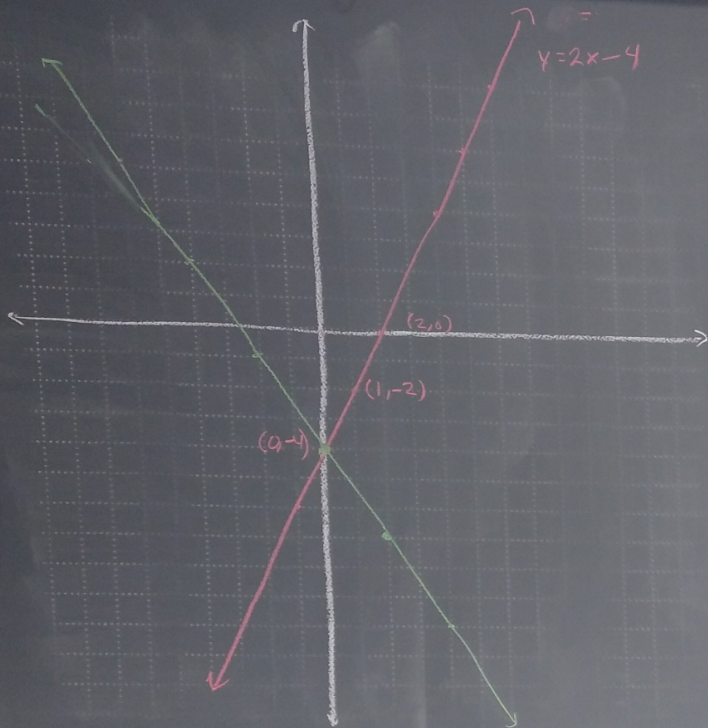
→  $(0, -4)$  is the solution to the system of equations.



if two different slopes  
→ expect one solution  
↑  
point of intersection

Parallel lines would have  
no solution (no intersection  
points)

Two of the same line  
has infinite solutions.



$$y = 2x - 4$$

y-int  $(0, -4)$       slope  $\frac{2}{1}$

$$3x + 2y = -8$$

→ Convert  
↓

Let  $x = 0$

$$3(0) + 2y = -8$$

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

$$y = -4$$

y-int  $\rightarrow (0, -4)$

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

$$y = -\frac{3}{2}x - \frac{8}{2}$$

$$y = -\frac{3}{2}x - 4$$

slope  $-\frac{3}{2}$

$(0, -4)$

## Working with 2 equations

$$3x + 2y = -8 \quad \leftarrow \text{standard form}$$

$$Ax + By = C$$

$$y = 2x - 4 \quad \leftarrow \text{slope intercept form}$$

$$y = mx + b$$

When graphing,  $(0, -4)$  satisfies both equations

$\rightarrow (0, -4)$  is the solution to the system of equations.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \underline{y = 2x - 4}$$

$$3x + 2y = -8$$

$$\rightarrow 3x + 2(2x - 4) = -8$$

$$3x + 4x - 8 = -8$$

$$+8 \quad +8$$

$$3x + 4x = 0$$

$$7x = 0$$

$$\frac{7x}{7} = \frac{0}{7}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad x = 0$$

1. Isolate one variable from one equation
2. Substitute result from step 1 into the other equation.
3. Solve resulting equation
4. Use solution to solve for other variable.

④ Let  $x=0$

$$y = 2x - 4$$

$$y = 2(0) - 4$$

$$y = 0 - 4$$

$$y = -4$$

$(0, -4)$  is solution

$$3x + 2y = -8$$

$$3(0) + 2y = -8$$

$$0 + 2y = -8$$

$$2y = -8$$

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

$$y = -4$$

$(0, -4)$  is solution

Use substitution method

$$x + y = 16$$

$$x - y = 4$$

① Solve for  $y$ .

using 1st equation,  $x + y = 16$

$$\begin{array}{r} -x \quad -x \\ \hline y = -x + 16 \end{array}$$

② Use  $y$  in other equation.

$$x - y = 4$$

③ Solve resulting equation

$$x - (-x + 16) = 4 \rightarrow x = 10$$

$$x + x - 16 = 4$$

$$2x - 16 = 4$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +16 \quad +16 \\ \hline 2x \quad = 20 \\ \hline 2 \quad \quad 2 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{20}{2}$$

④ Solve for  $y$  using  $x = 10$

Chose  $x + y = 16$

$$(10) + y = 16$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -10 \quad -10 \\ \hline y = 6 \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{\rightarrow (x, y) = (10, 6)}$$



$$x + y = 16$$

$$x - y = 4$$

① Solve for x.

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

② Substitute into 1st Eqn.

$$x + y = 16$$

$$(4 + y) + y = 16$$

③ Solve

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 + 2y = 16 \\ -4 \quad \quad -4 \\ \hline 2y = 12 \\ y = 6 \end{array}$$

④ Solve for x using  $y = 6$

$$x + y = 16$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x + (6) = 16 \\ \quad \quad -6 \quad -6 \\ \hline x = 10 \end{array}$$

$$\rightarrow (x, y) = (10, 6)$$

$$x+y=16$$

$$\rightarrow y=-x+16$$

What happens if we substitute  
back into  $x+y=16$ ?

$$x+y=16$$

$$x+(-x+16)=16$$

$$x-x+16=16$$

$$16=16 \rightarrow \text{infinite solutions}$$

Note: substituting line  
back into itself

Use substitution method (if you can solve for a variable quickly.)

$$\begin{array}{r} x + y = 16 \\ x - y = 4 \\ \hline 2x = 20 \\ \frac{2x}{2} = \frac{20}{2} \\ x = 10 \end{array}$$

Observe "signs" for  $y$  are different

Add the two equations together.

→  $y$  cancelled, left with  $x$ .

→ Note: we have done this before so we know  $(10, 6)$

$$\textcircled{A} \quad 3x - 2y = -7$$

$$\textcircled{B} \quad 6x + y = 6$$

$$\textcircled{A} \quad 3x - 2y = -7$$

$$2\textcircled{B} \quad 12x + 2y = 12 \quad \leftarrow 2(\textcircled{B}), 2(6x + y) = 2(6)$$

$$\hline 15x = 5$$

$$\frac{15x}{15} = \frac{5}{15} \frac{1.7}{3.7}$$

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

Observe: cannot easily cancel one variable.

We've chosen to get rid of  $y$   
Multiply 2nd equation

$$12x + 2y = 12$$

Solve for y using  $x = \frac{1}{3}$

$$\textcircled{A} 3x - 2y = -7$$

$$3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) - 2y = -7$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 - 2y = -7 \\ -1 \quad -1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$-2y = -8$$

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

$$y = 4$$

$$\rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{3}, 4\right)$$

$$\textcircled{A} 2x + 3y = 7$$

$$\textcircled{B} x + y = 3$$

$$\textcircled{A} 2x + 3y = 7$$

$$-2 \textcircled{B} -2x - 2y = -6$$

$$\hline y = 1$$

$$\textcircled{B} x + y = 3$$

$$x + (1) = 3$$

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

$$x = 2$$

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

$$\textcircled{A} \quad 3x + 2y = 4$$

$$\textcircled{B} \quad 4x + 3y = 7$$

$$-4 \textcircled{A} \quad -12x - 8y = -16$$

$$3 \textcircled{B} \quad 12x + 9y = 21$$

$$y = 5$$

← Choose to eliminate  $x$ .

$$\textcircled{A} \quad 3x + 2y = 4$$

$$3x + 2(5) = 4$$

$$3x + 10 = 4$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x + 10 = 4 \\ \underline{-10 \quad -10} \\ 3x = -6 \end{array}$$

$$3x = -6$$

$$x = -2$$

$$(x, y) = (-2, 5)$$

### Addition / Elimination Method

1. Both equations in standard form
2. Clear Fractions / Decimals
3. Select a variable to eliminate.
4. Multiply one or both equations by a non zero number.  
→ Make sure + coefficient, - coefficient  
with same variable in both equations
5. Add the equations to eliminate chosen variable.
6. Solve
7. Substitute solution in step 6 to find other variable.