

Solving Systems of Equations with 2 Unknowns

- I. By **Graphing** takes too much time and sometimes difficult to be accurate.
- II. By **Substitution** ONE equation is rearranged to either "x = " or "y = ".
 - then, substitute into the other equation.

*** Choose this method when ONE has the a variable with a coefficient of 1 or -1.

- III. By **Elimination** will create "equivalent equations".
 - you can multiple/divide by a constant in an equation.
 - you can add/subtract equations to get a new equation.
 - setup to eliminate a variable by finding a lowest common multiple for the coefficients.
 - then, substitute to get the other unknown.

*** Choose this method when either variable DOES NOT HAVE a coefficient of 1 or -1.

YOUR TURN...

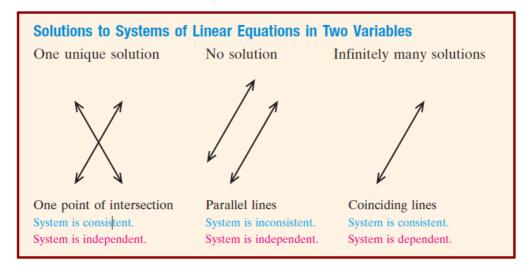
Solve each of the following systems of equations...use ANY method!!!

Classifying Systems of Equations:

If a system of linear equations has one or more solutions, the system is said to be a **consistent system**. If a linear equation has no solution, it is said to be an **inconsistent system**.

If two equations represent the same line, then all points along the line are solutions to the system of equations. In such a case, the system is characterized as a **dependent system**. An **independent system** is one in which the two equations represent different lines.

Three possibilities when solving systems of equations in two variables...



True or False??

- A consistent system is a system that always has a unique solution.
- A dependent system is a system that has no solution.
- If two lines coincide, the system is dependent.
- T If two lines are parallel, the system is independent.

Inconsistent System (Parallel lines)

- sometimes there may be no solutions when the lines are parallel.
- indicator is getting 0 = # in your solution.

Example: Solve...
$$y = 3x - 5$$
 & $y = 3x + 2$

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

Dependent System (Same line)

- sometimes there may be infinitely many solutions when the lines are the same.
- indicator is getting 0 = 0 in your solution.
- will have an infinite number of solutions. * develop a parametric solution

Example:

Solve...

$$3x - y = 5$$

$$-15 + 9x = 3y$$

Dependent Systems:

How many solutions?....

$$3x + 5y = 9 \qquad \bigcirc$$

$$6x = 18 - 10y$$
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$$3 \div 2 \quad 3x + 5y = 9 \dots 9$$

$$2x + 3y - 4 = 0$$
 (5)

$$6y - 8 = -4x$$

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$$2x+3y=4--.3$$

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② $4x+6y=8....$ ④

$$49:2 2x+3y=4 ...$$



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