

Algebra 2

Ch.3 Handout 3.1

Graphing Systems of Equations

A system of linear equations is

a set of two or more equations that we use the same variables

A system is a linear system if the graph of

each equation in a system of two variables is a line

A solution to a system of linear equations is an ordered pair that makes every equation in that system true.

Three types of linear system:

An independent system has

a unique solution (one solution) (one ordered pair)

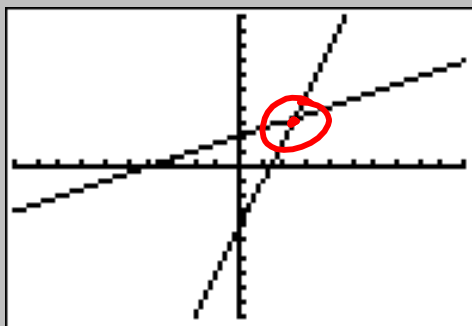
A dependent system does

not have a unique solution (all solutions or infinitely many solutions)

An inconsistent system has

no solution

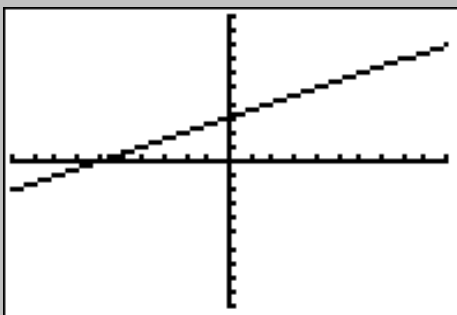
Intersecting lines



One solution
Independent

$m = \text{different}$

Coinciding Lines (Same line)

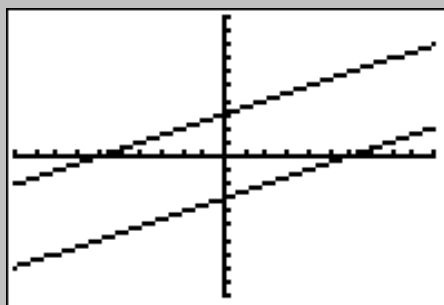


All solution
Dependent

$m = \text{same}$

$b = \text{same}$

Parallel lines



No solution
Inconsistent

$m = \text{same}$

$b = \text{different}$

Steps to solving a Linear System by using the graphing method:

1. Graph each equation

A. You may use any method of graphing linear equations that you have learned. -- a) x|y chart, b) x-int/y-int, and 3rd point
c) slope-intercept method

2. Find the points of intersection

What is the solution of the system graphed below?

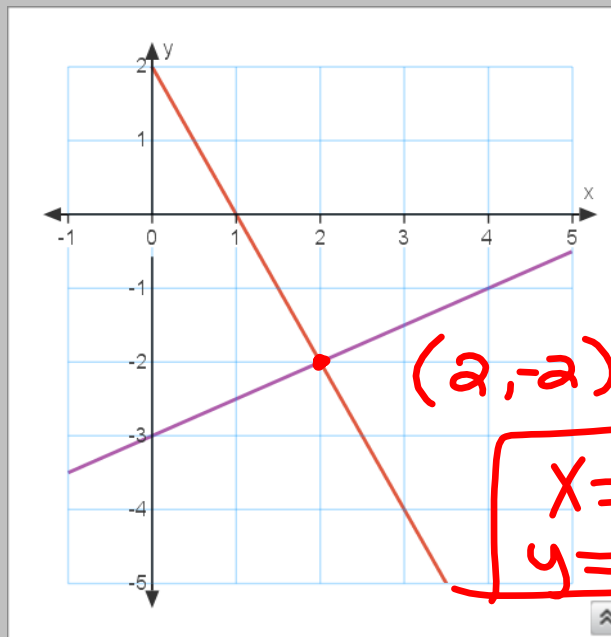
$$y = \frac{1}{2}x - 3$$

$$y = -2x + 2$$

check:

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

$$-2 = -2(2) + 2$$



$$\begin{aligned} x &= 2 \\ y &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

1. Solve the system by graphing the equations and finding the intersection.

$$a) \begin{cases} x + 3y = 2 \\ 3x + 3y = -6 \end{cases}$$

$$x + 3y = 2$$

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

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

$$m = -\frac{1}{3}$$

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

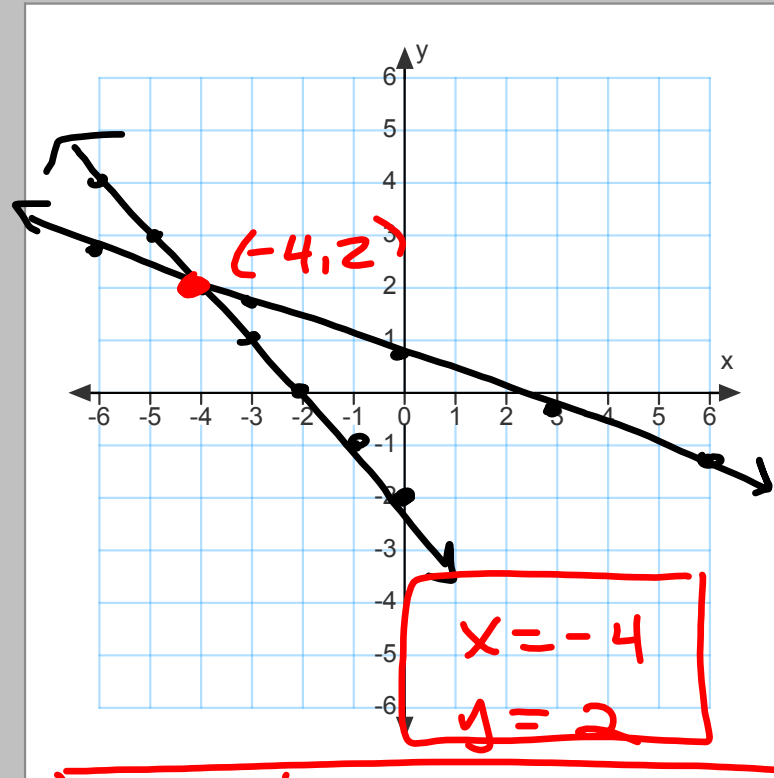
$$3x + 3y = -6$$

$$\frac{3y}{3} = \frac{-3x}{3} - \frac{6}{3}$$

$$y = -x - 2$$

$$m = -1$$

$$b = -2$$



check

$$-4 + 3(2) = 2$$

$$3(-4) + 3(2) = -6$$

$$b) \begin{cases} 2x + y = 5 \\ -x + y = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$2x + y = 5$$

$$y = -2x + 5$$

$$m = -2$$

$$b = 5$$

$$-x + y = 2$$

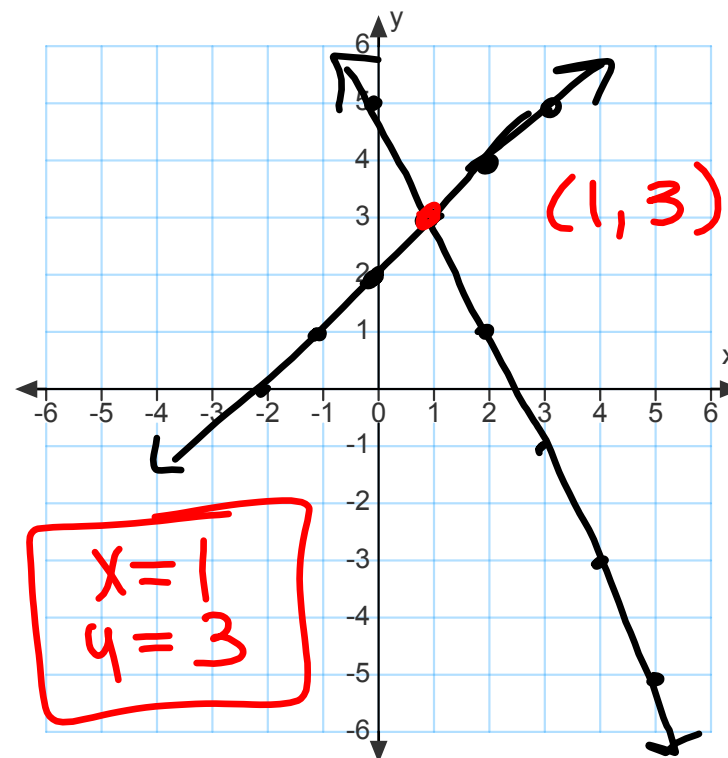
$$y = x + 2$$

$$m = 1$$

$$b = 2$$

$$\underline{\text{ck: } 2(1) + 3 = 5}$$

$$-1 + 3 = 2$$



2. Without graphing, classify each system as independent, dependent, or inconsistent.

a)
$$\begin{cases} y = 3x + 2 \\ -6x + 2y = 4 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} y = 3x + 2 \quad m = 3 \quad b = 2 \\ \hline -6x + 2y = 4 \quad m = 3 \quad b = 2 \\ 2y = 6x + 4 \\ y = 3x + 2 \end{array}$$

same (red bracket)
same (blue bracket)

Dependent
All solutions

b)
$$\begin{cases} 2x + y = 5 \\ -x + y = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 2x + y = 5 \quad m = -2 \quad b = 5 \\ y = -2x + 5 \\ \hline -x + y = 2 \quad m = 1 \quad b = 2 \\ y = x + 2 \end{array}$$

different (red bracket)

Independent
one solution

2. Without graphing, classify each system as independent, dependent, or inconsistent.

$$c) \begin{cases} 3x + y = 5 \\ 15x + 5y = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$3x + y = 5 \quad m = -3$$

$$y = -3x + 5 \quad b = 5$$

$$15x + 5y = 2$$

$$5y = -15x + 2$$

$$y = -3x + \frac{2}{5} \quad m = -3$$

$$b = \frac{2}{5}$$

Inconsistent
No solution

$$d) \begin{cases} y = 2x + 3 \\ -4x + 2y = 6 \end{cases}$$

$$y = 2x + 3 \quad m = 2$$

$$b = 3$$

$$-4x + 2y = 6$$

$$2y = 4x + 6$$

$$y = 2x + 3 \quad m = 2$$

$$b = 3$$

Dependent
All solutions

same

different

2. Without graphing, classify each system as independent, dependent, or inconsistent.

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \text{e) } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x - y = 5 \\ y + 3 = 2x \end{array} \right. & \begin{array}{l} x - y = 5 \\ -y = -x + 5 \\ y = x - 5 \end{array} & \begin{array}{l} m = 1 \\ b = -5 \end{array} \\ & \hline & \begin{array}{l} y + 3 = 2x \\ y = 2x - 3 \end{array} & \begin{array}{l} m = 2 \\ b = -3 \end{array} \end{array}$$

Independent
One solution

Interpreting Solutions to Systems of Equations

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- 1 Graph both equations using either the x|y chart, intercepts, or slope-intercept form
- 2 Do the graphs intersect? This is the solution! Label your solution
- 3 Check your solution. Substitute x and y- values into both equations/solve
- 4 Are they the same line? Slopes and y-intercept the same then INFINITELY MANY SOLUTIONS!!
- 5 Are the lines parallel? Slopes are the same but y-intercepts are different then NO SOLUTION!!

Assignments

Pgs 121-123 2-8 evens, 19-24 all, 25, 27-29, 33-36,
38-42 evens

(graph highlighted problems)

