

# SOLVE LINEAR SYSTEMS BY GRAPHING AND WORD PROBLEMS!

## SOLVING A LINEAR SYSTEM BY GRAPHING:

- Step 1:** Graph each line, using the appropriate form.  
**Step 2:** Estimate the coordinates of the point of intersection.  
**Step 3:** Check the coordinates algebraically.

Use the graph to **solve** the system. Then, **check** your solution algebraically.

1)  $\begin{cases} 2x + 7y = 7 & \bullet \quad m = -\frac{2}{7} \\ 3x - 2y = 9 & \bullet \quad m = \frac{3}{2} \end{cases}$

*Graphing is unreliable!*

$$\begin{aligned} -3(2x + 7y = 7) &\rightarrow -6x - 21y = -21 \\ 2(3x - 2y = 9) &\rightarrow 6x - 4y = 18 \end{aligned}$$

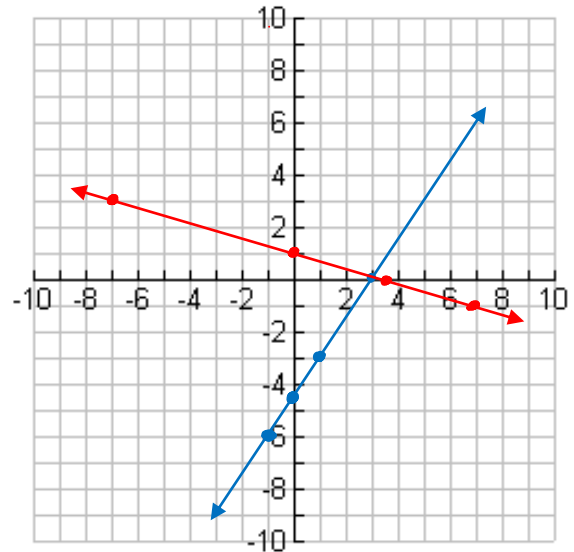
$$\begin{aligned} 4x + 14y &= 14 \\ 21x - 14y &= 63 \\ \hline 25x &= 77 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \frac{77}{25} \rightarrow 3\frac{2}{25}$$

$$-25y = -3$$

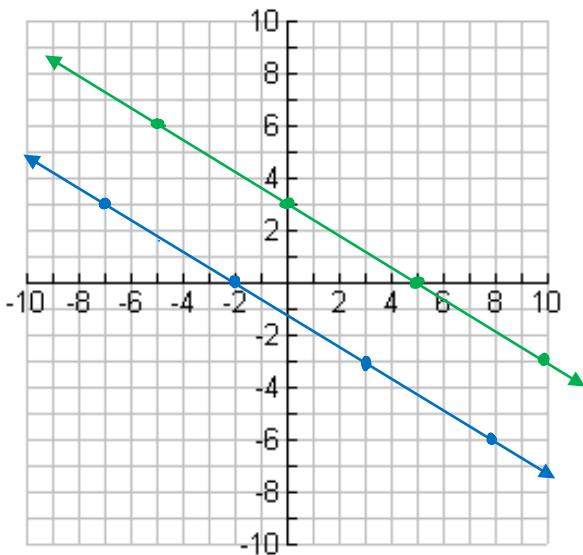
$$y = \frac{3}{25}$$

$$\left( \frac{77}{25}, \frac{3}{25} \right)$$

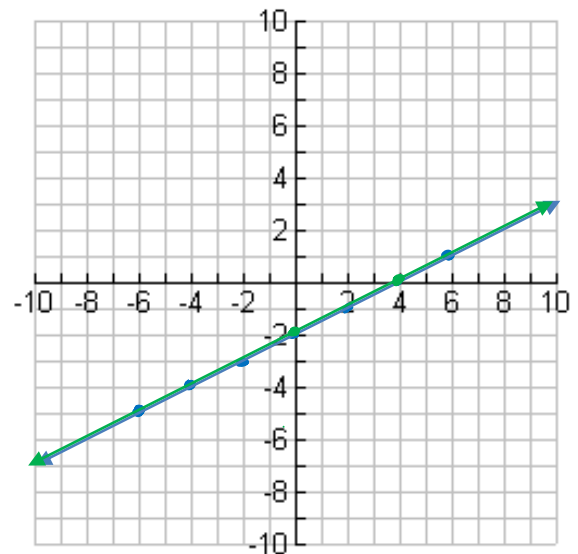


2)  $\begin{cases} y - 3 = -\frac{3}{5}(x + 7) & \bullet \\ 3x + 5y = 15 & \bullet \end{cases}$

3)  $\begin{cases} y + 5 = \frac{1}{2}(x + 6) & \bullet \\ 4x - 8y = 16 & \bullet \end{cases}$



*No solution,  
parallel lines.*



*All points (∞ points)  
on the line 4x - 8y = 16*

## SYSTEMS APPLICATION PROBLEMS

- 4) Find the value of the sum of two numbers if their sum is 2 and their difference is 4.

Let  $x =$  one number  
 $y =$  other number

$$\begin{cases} x + y = 2 \\ x - y = 4 \end{cases}$$

- 5) The school that Stephen goes to is selling tickets to a choral performance. On the first day tickets sales, the school sold 3 senior citizen tickets and 1 child ticket for a total of \$38. The school took in \$52 on the second day by selling 3 senior citizen tickets and 2 child tickets. Find the price of a senior citizen ticket and the price of a child ticket.

Let  $x =$  Price for a senior citizen ticket  
 $y =$  Price for a child's ticket

$$\begin{cases} 3x + 1y = 38 \\ 3x + 2y = 52 \end{cases}$$

- 6) Two angles are supplementary. The larger angle is 48 degrees more than 10 times the smaller angle. Find the measure of each angle.

Let  $x =$  measure of larger angle  
 $y =$  measure of smaller angle

$$\begin{cases} x + y = 180 \\ x = 48 + 10y \end{cases}$$

- 7) Suppose it takes a small airplane flying with a head wind 16 hours to travel 1800 miles. However, when flying with a tail wind, the airplane can travel the same distance in only 9 hours. Find the rate of speed of the wind and the air speed of the airplane

$D = R \cdot T$        $x =$  rate of plane     $y =$  rate of wind

$1800 = (x - y)16$       speed going against wind

$1800 = (x + y)9$       speed with wind helping

$$\begin{cases} 16x - 16y = 1800 \\ 9x + 9y = 1800 \end{cases}$$