

Solving Systems of Equations by Substitution

- * unfortunately some systems when graphed will have a solution (intersection) at a fraction.
- * For these examples, to be the most accurate we will use the Substitution method to solve.

Substitution method -

* When given a System of equations in two variables, such as x , & y , you will solve for one variable & "Substitute" in for the other.

Steps

- ① If not already isolated (solved for one variable), pick either x , or y to isolate & solve for.
- ② Once one variable is isolated, substitute whatever that variable equals in to your second equation.

Example

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

$$y = 2x + 4 \quad 2x - 3y = 4$$

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

or x .

- ③ Once you "substitute", you should have only ~~one variable~~ either x , or y .

* Now you need to solve for the variable that remains

* After substitution step & you will have it equal to a #.

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

$$* 2x - 6x - 12 = 4$$

$$-4x - 12 = 4$$

$$\quad \quad \quad +12 \quad +12$$

$$\underline{-4x = 16}$$

$$\underline{-4 \quad -4}$$

$$\boxed{x = -4}$$

- ④ your final step will be to take your result from step 3 ($x = -4$), & plug it in to either of the two equations given in the system.

Example

Original equation $y = 2x + 4$
 $y = 2(-4) + 4$
 $y = -8 + 4$
 $\boxed{y = -4}$

$$\text{Solution: } \begin{matrix} x = -4 \\ \text{OR} \\ y = -4 \end{matrix} \quad (-4, -4)$$

Warm-up

① Solve $3(x+5) = 30$
 $3x + 15 = 30$

② Solve using graphing

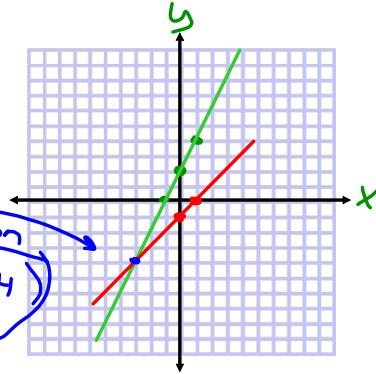
$y = 2x + 2$
 $y = x - 1$

$y = 2x + 2$ y-int.

Slope = 2

$y = x - 1$ y-int
 Slope = 1

solution
 $(-3, -4)$



Example

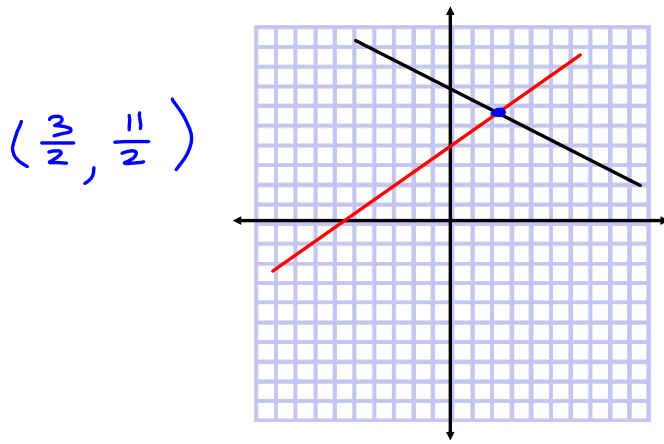
Solve using Substitution.
 $y = 4x + 3$
 $x + y = 12$

- ① Done, solved y
- ② substitute.

③ $x + 4x + 3 = 12$
 $5x + 3 = 12$
 $\quad -3 \quad -3$

 $\frac{5x}{5} = \frac{9}{5}$ $x = \frac{9}{5}$

④ $y = 4x + 3$
 $x = \frac{9}{5}$
 $\frac{4}{1} \cdot \frac{9}{5} = \frac{36}{5}$
 $3 = \frac{5 \cdot 3}{5} = \frac{15}{5}$
 $y = \frac{36}{5} + 3$
 $y = \frac{36}{5} + \frac{15}{5}$
 $x = \frac{9}{5}$ $y = \frac{51}{5}$



Ex

$$\begin{cases} y = 4x + 3 \\ x + y = 10 \end{cases}$$

- ① Isolate for 1 variable

$$y = 4x + 3$$

- ② Substitute $y = 4x + 3$ into our other equation.

$$x + (4x + 3) = 10$$

- ③ Solve for the variable.

$$x + 4x + 3 = 10$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5x + 3 = 10 \\ -3 \quad -3 \\ \hline 5x = 7 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{5x}{5} = \frac{7}{5} \quad x = \frac{7}{5}$$

- ④ plug into one of the original equations.

$$x = \frac{7}{5} \quad y = 4x + 3$$

$$y = \frac{4}{1} \left(\frac{7}{5} \right) + 3$$

$$y = \frac{28}{5} + 3$$

$$y = \frac{28}{5} + \frac{15}{5}$$

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} y = \frac{43}{5} \\ x = \frac{7}{5} \end{array}}$$

$$3 = \frac{5 \cdot 3}{5}$$

$$3 = \frac{15}{5}$$