

Lesson 33 - Systems of Equations

Systems of Equations

$$\begin{cases} f(x,y) = c \\ g(x,y) = d \end{cases}$$

- a solution to a system of equations makes all equations in the system true at the same time
- two types of systems: $\begin{cases} \text{consistent} - \text{there exists at least one solution} \\ \text{inconsistent} - \text{no solutions exist} \end{cases}$

ex Are the following systems solved by the points given?

a)

$$\begin{cases} 2x + y = 13 \\ y = 7 \end{cases} \rightarrow 2 \cdot 3 + 7 = 6 + 7 = 13 \checkmark$$

$(x,y) = (3,7) \Rightarrow$ Yes, solution

b)

$$\begin{cases} 3x + 5y = 11 \\ x - 2y = 4 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} 3 \cdot 2 + 5 \cdot 1 = 6 + 5 = 11 \checkmark \\ 2 - 2 \cdot 1 = 2 - 2 = 0 \neq 4 \times \end{matrix}$$

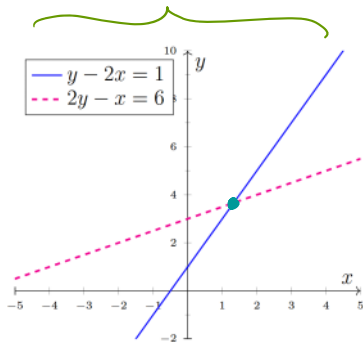
$(x,y) = (2,1) \Rightarrow$ No, not a solution

Systems of Linear Equations

- three types of linear systems:

$$\begin{cases} \text{consistent} \begin{cases} \text{independent} - \text{exactly one solution} \\ \text{dependent} - \text{infinitely many solutions} \end{cases} \\ \text{inconsistent} - \text{no solutions exist} \end{cases}$$

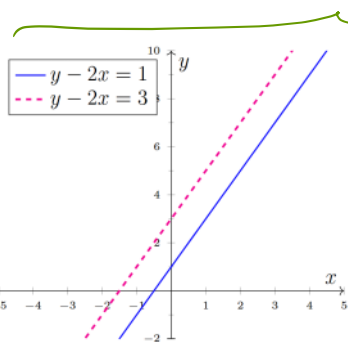
different slopes



one solution

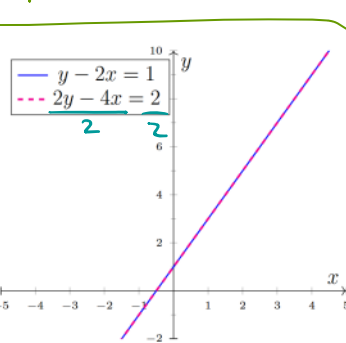
\downarrow
consistent independent

same slope



no solutions

\downarrow
inconsistent



infinitely many solutions

\downarrow
consistent dependent

system of 2 equations: solution \leftrightarrow graphs intersect

• In 2D, lines can be parallel, perpendicular, or neither

$$\begin{cases} y = m_1x + b_1 \\ y = m_2x + b_2 \end{cases} \quad m \text{ is slope}$$

parallel if ... $m_1 = m_2$

90° angle ← perpendicular if ... $m_1 = -\frac{1}{m_2}$ aka $m_2 = -\frac{1}{m_1}$
or neither.



• solution by substitution: isolate one variable & substitute into other equation

ex

(a) $\begin{cases} y = x - 7 \\ 2x + y = 8 \end{cases}$ ← plug in $y = 5 - 7 = -2$

$$2x + (x - 7) = 8$$

$$2x + x - 7 = 8$$

$$3x = 15$$

$$x = 5$$

$10 - 2 = 8 \checkmark$

$(5, -2)$

one solution ↔ consistent & independent

(b) $\begin{cases} x + 4y = 11 \\ 3x - 2y = 19 \end{cases}$ → $x = 11 - 4y$

$$3(11 - 4y) - 2y = 19$$

$$33 - 12y - 2y = 19$$

$$33 - 19 = 12y + 2y$$

$$14 = 14y$$

$$y = 1$$

$x = 11 - 4 \cdot 1 = 7$

$(7, 1)$
consistent & indep.

works but is harder $\begin{cases} 3x = 19 + 2y \\ x = \frac{19}{3} + \frac{2}{3}y \end{cases}$

(c) $\begin{cases} 6x + y = 10 \\ y = -6x + 1 \end{cases}$ → $6x + (-6x + 1) = 10$

$$1 = 10$$

↑
this is NEVER true, so
no solns. ↔ inconsistent

(d) $\begin{cases} 2x + 4y = 8 \\ x = -2y + 4 \end{cases}$ → $2(-2y + 4) + 4y = 8$

$$-4y + 8 + 4y = 8$$

$$8 = 8$$

↑
ALWAYS true → infinitely many solutions
(consistent, dependent)

- solution by elimination: make both equations look like $ax+by=c$
 add equations together $ax-ax=0$
 $by-by=0$

ex

(a) $\begin{cases} 5x + 3y = 23 \\ x - 3y = 1 \end{cases}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5x + 3y = 23 \\ + \quad x - 3y = 1 \\ \hline 6x + 0y = 24 \\ 6x = 24 \\ x = 4 \end{array}$$

$4 - 3y = 1$
 $-3y = -3$
 $y = 1$

$(4, 1)$
 consistent, indep

(b) $\begin{cases} x + 4y = 11 \\ 3x - 2y = 19 \end{cases}$

$$\begin{array}{r} x + 4y = 11 \xrightarrow{\times -3} -3x - 12y = -33 \\ + \quad 3x - 2y = 19 \\ \hline -14y = -14 \\ y = 1 \end{array}$$

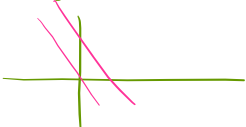
$x + 4 = 11$
 $x = 7$

$(7, 1)$
 consistent, indep

(c) $\begin{cases} 6x + y = 10 \\ y = -6x + 1 \end{cases}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6x + y = 10 \\ + \quad -6x - y = -1 \\ \hline 0x + 0y = 9 \\ 0 = 9 \\ \downarrow \\ \text{never true} \\ \downarrow \\ \text{no solutions} \\ \text{(inconsistent)} \end{array}$$

$\begin{cases} y = -6x + 10 \\ y = -6x + 1 \end{cases}$



(d) $\begin{cases} 2x + 4y = 8 \\ x = -2y + 4 \end{cases}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x + 4y = 8 \\ \rightarrow x + 2y = 4 \xrightarrow{\times (-2)} -2x - 4y = -8 \\ \hline 0x + 0y = 0 \\ 0 = 0 \\ \downarrow \\ \text{always true} \end{array}$$

consistent, dependent \leftrightarrow infinitely many solutions

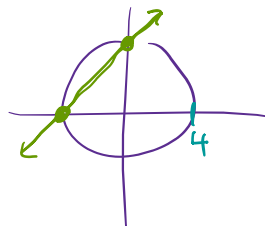
at least one equation is not $ax+by=c$

Systems of Nonlinear Equations

- there may be any number of solutions
- we still use substitution and elimination \rightarrow only possible if there are like terms in both equations

ex $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$

1. $\begin{cases} x^2 + y^2 = 16 \rightarrow \text{circle of radius 4} \\ x - y = -4 \rightarrow \text{line} \end{cases}$
 substitution $x = y - 4$



isolate var. in 2nd eq.

$$(y-4)^2 + y^2 = 16$$

$$y^2 - 8y + 16 + y^2 = 16$$

$$y^2 - 8y + y^2 = 0$$

$$2y^2 - 8y = 0$$

$$y^2 - 4y = 0$$

$$y(y-4) = 0 \rightarrow \begin{cases} y=0 \\ y=4 \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{need } x\text{-coord}$$

① $y=0 \rightarrow x-0=-4 \rightarrow x=-4 \quad (-4, 0)$

② $y=4 \rightarrow x-4=-4 \rightarrow x=0 \quad (0, 4)$

Sub in to linear eqn
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+ 2. $\begin{cases} x^2 + y^2 = 49 \\ x^2 - y^2 = 1 \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{hyperbola}$
 elimination

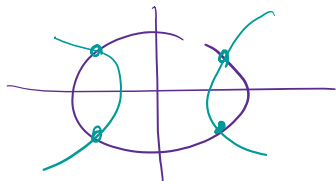
$$2x^2 = 50$$

$$x^2 = 25$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{25} = \pm 5$$

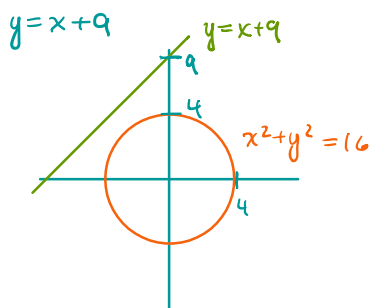
$$x = 5 \xrightarrow{\text{1st eqn}} 25 + y^2 = 49 \rightarrow y^2 = 24 \quad y = \pm\sqrt{24}$$

$$x = -5 \quad 25 + y^2 = 49 \rightarrow y = \pm\sqrt{24}$$



4 Solns: $(5, \sqrt{24})$
 $(5, -\sqrt{24})$
 $(-5, \sqrt{24})$
 $(-5, -\sqrt{24})$

3. $\begin{cases} x^2 + y^2 = 16 \\ x - y = -9 \rightarrow x = y - 9 \end{cases}$



$$(y-9)^2 + y^2 = 16$$

$$y^2 - 18y + 81 + y^2 = 16$$

$$2y^2 - 18y + 65 = 0 \quad \begin{matrix} a=2 \\ b=-18 \\ c=65 \end{matrix}$$

$$b^2 - 4ac = 18^2 - 4 \cdot 2 \cdot 65 = -196$$

$\sqrt{-196}$ DNE \rightarrow no Solutions