

5.2 Solving Systems of Linear Equations (Substitution Method)

Tell which equation you would choose to solve for one of the variables when solving the system by substitution. Explain your reasoning.

1. $\frac{1}{5}x + y = 8$
 $4x - 3y = 1$

← I would choose this one, because it is easy to isolate the variable.

2. $3x - 7y = 12$

$3x - 12y = 6$

← I would choose this one because I can isolate x after dividing everything by 3.

Solve the system of linear equations by substitution. Check your solution.

3. $y = x + 3$
 $y = 5x - 5$

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

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 = 4x-5 \\ +5 \quad +5 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{8}{4} = \frac{4x}{4}$$

$$2 = x$$

$$y = 5$$

Solution: (2 , 5)

Check solution:

4. $x = 5y + 2$
 $x - 4y = 5$

$$5y+2-4y=5$$

$$\begin{array}{r} y+2 = 5 \\ -2 \quad -2 \end{array}$$

$$y = 3$$

$$x = 17$$

Solution: (17 , 3)

Check solution:

Solve the system of linear equations by substitution. Check your solution.

5.
$$\begin{aligned} x - y &= 9 \\ 2x + 5y &= 4 \end{aligned} \rightarrow x = y + 9$$

$$2(y+9) + 5y = 4$$

$$2y + 18 + 5y = 4$$

$$7y + 18 = 4$$

$$-18 \quad -18$$

$$\frac{7y}{7} = \frac{-14}{7}$$

$$x = 7$$

$$y = -2$$

Solution: (7 , -2)

Check solution:

6. $2x + 3y = 25$

$$4x - y = 15 \rightarrow -y = -4x + 15$$

$$y = 4x - 15$$

$$2x + 3(4x - 15) = 25$$

$$2x + 12x - 45 = 25$$

$$14x - 45 = 25$$

$$+45 \quad +45$$

$$\frac{14x}{14} = \frac{70}{14}$$

$$x = 5$$

$$y = 5$$

Solution: (5 , 5)

Check solution:

7.
$$\begin{aligned} 3x - 6y &= 12 \\ 4x + 3y &= -6 \end{aligned} \rightarrow \frac{3x}{3} = \frac{6y + 12}{3}$$

$$x = 2y + 4$$

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

$$8y + 16 + 3y = -6$$

$$11y + 16 = -6$$

$$-16 \quad -16$$

$$\frac{11y}{11} = \frac{-22}{11}$$

Solution: (0 , -2) $y = -2$ $x = 0$

Check solution: