

7.1 - Linear and Nonlinear Systems of Equations

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→ In this chapter we move from one equation to multiple connected equations

→ A solution to a set of equation is a point (or points) that makes all the equations true simultaneously.

→ One method to solve is called the method of substitution

Ex ① Solve

$$2x + y = 5$$

$$3x - 2y = 4$$

→ want a point (x, y) that makes both equations true.

substitution:

1 → solve for 1 variable in 1 equation: $y = 5 - 2x$

2 → substitute into other equation: $3x - 2(5 - 2x) = 4$

3 → solve: $3x - 10 + 4x = 4 \Rightarrow 7x = 14 \Rightarrow \boxed{x = 2}$

4 → solve for other variable: $y = 5 - 2(2)$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y = 1}$$

Ex ② $x - y = -4$

$$x + 2y = 5$$

$$x = y - 4 \quad \text{so} \quad y - 4 + 2y = 5 \Rightarrow 3y = 9 \Rightarrow \boxed{y = 3}$$

$$\text{so } x = 3 - 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x = -1}$$

→ check in original equation

→ Nonlinear equation work too.

Ex (3) $x - 2y = 0$
 $3x - y^2 = 0$

so $x = 2y$ then $3(2y) - y^2 = 0 \Rightarrow 6y - y^2 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow y(6 - y) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow y = 0, y = 6$

$y = 0 \Rightarrow x = 2(0)$
 $\Rightarrow x = 0$

$y = 6 \Rightarrow x = 2(6)$
 $\Rightarrow x = 12$

Ex (4) $x + y = 4$
 $x^2 + y = 2$

so $y = 4 - x$ then $x^2 + 4 - x = 2$

$\Rightarrow x^2 - x + 2 = 0$

$\Rightarrow x^2 - x = -2$

$\Rightarrow x^2 - x + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = -2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2$

$\Rightarrow \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = -2 + \frac{1}{4}$

$\Rightarrow \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{-7}{4}$

$\Rightarrow x - \frac{1}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{-7}{4}} \rightarrow$ imaginary number!

→ no real solutions.

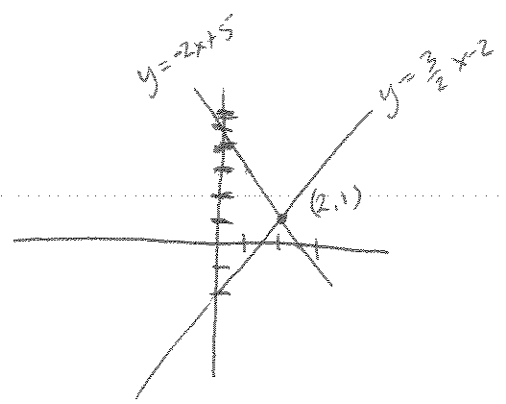
→ Graphically, ^{→ real} solutions are places where the graphs of the two equations intersect.

Example 1

$$2x + y = 5 \Rightarrow y = -2x + 5$$

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

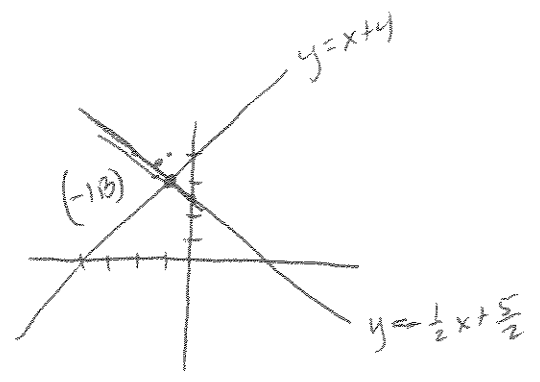
$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{3}{2}x - 2$$



Example 2

$$x - y = -4 \Rightarrow -y = -x - 4 \Rightarrow y = x + 4$$

$$x + 2y = 5 \Rightarrow 2y = -x + 5 \Rightarrow y = -\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{5}{2}$$

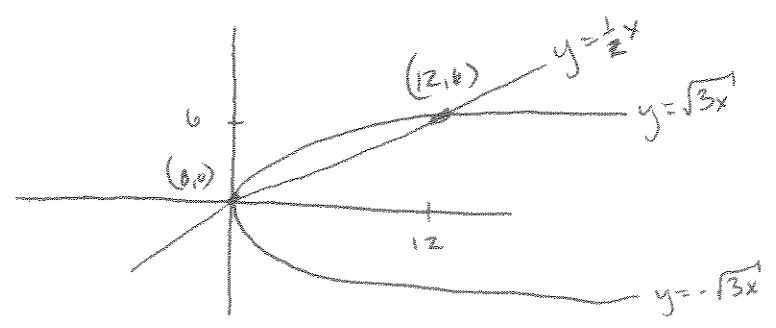


Example 4

$$x - 2y = 0 \Rightarrow -2y = -x \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2}x$$

$$3x - y^2 = 0 \Rightarrow -y^2 = -3x \Rightarrow y^2 = 3x \Rightarrow y = \pm\sqrt{3x}$$

not a function, but we can still graph

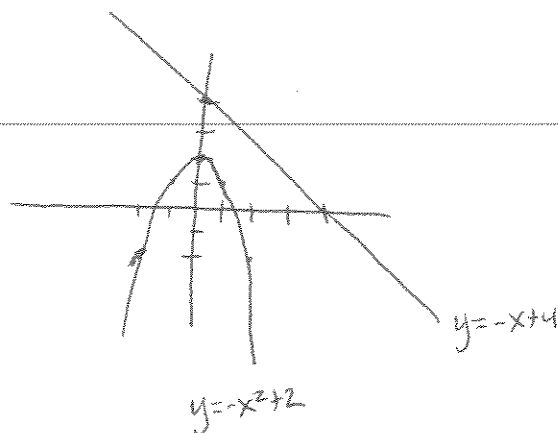


Example 4

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$$x+y=4 \Rightarrow y=-x+4$$

$$x^2+y=2 \Rightarrow y=-x^2+2$$



→ real

→ no intersections. Thus no solutions.

Ex Find two numbers that add to 12 and multiply to 40.

$$x+y=12$$

$$xy=40$$

so $x=12-y$ and $(12-y)y=40$

$$\Rightarrow 12y - y^2 = 40$$

$$\Rightarrow -y^2 + 12y = 40$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 - 12y = -40$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 - 12y + \left(\frac{-12}{2}\right)^2 = -40 + \left(\frac{-12}{2}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (y-6)^2 = -40 + 36$$

$$\Rightarrow (y-6)^2 = -4$$

$$\Rightarrow y-6 = \pm\sqrt{-4}$$

$$\Rightarrow y-6 = \pm 2i$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 6 \pm 2i$$

if $y = 6 + 2i$ then $x = 12 - (6 + 2i) = 12 - 6 - 2i = 6 - 2i$ $x =$