

Guided Notes: Solving Systems of Equation by Graphing

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DEFINITIONS:

- A **system of equations** is a set of two or more equations with the same variables.
- A **solution to a system of equations** is a set of values for the variables that solve all the equations simultaneously (at the same time).
- The intersection of two graphed lines is the solution to a system of equations.

SOLVING BY GRAPHING STEPS:

- **STEP 1:** Solve both equations for y. In other words, put the equation in slope-intercept form, $y = mx + b$.
- **STEP 2:** Using the slope and y-intercept graph both lines on the same coordinate plane.
- **STEP 3:** Find the intersecting point if it occurs. This ordered pair is the solution to the system.

EXAMPLE 1:

$$\begin{aligned} 3x + y &= 9 \quad (1) \\ y &= -x - 1 \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

Step 1: Solve by equations for y.

Which equation do we need to rewrite? _____

Step 2: Using the slope and y-intercept graph both lines on the coordinate plane.

$$(5, -6)$$

EXAMPLE 2:

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

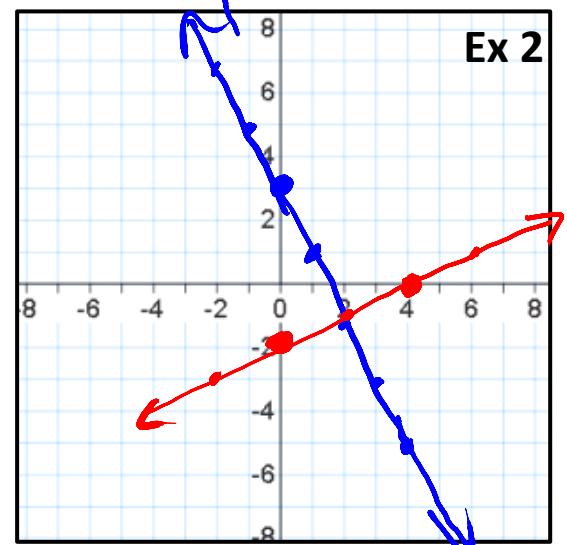
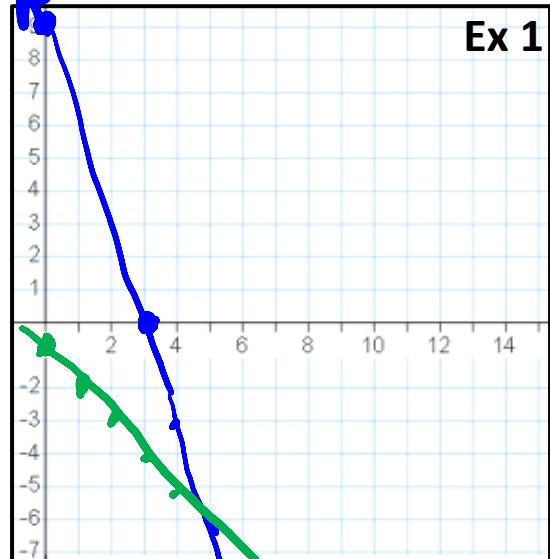
Step 1: Solve by equations for y.

Which equation do we need to rewrite? _____

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

Step 2: Using the slope and y-intercept graph both lines on the coordinate plane.

$$(2, -1)$$



EXAMPLE 3:

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

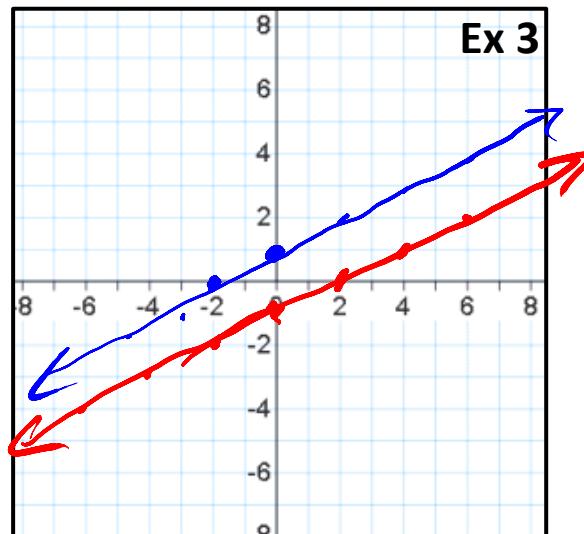
$$6y - 3x = 6$$

Step 1: Solve by equations for y.

Which equation do we need to rewrite? _____

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x + 1$$

Step 2: Using the slope and y-intercept graph both lines on the coordinate plane.



Step 3: Find the point of intersection if it occurs. no solution

EXAMPLE 4:

$$y = \frac{2}{3}x - 4$$

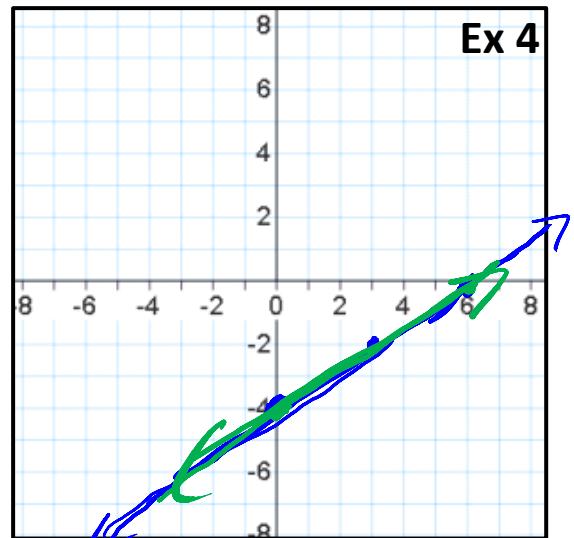
$$2x - 3y = 12$$

Step 1: Solve by equations for y.

Which equation do we need to rewrite? _____

$$y = \frac{2}{3}x - 4$$

Step 2: Using the slope and y-intercept graph both lines on the coordinate plane.



Step 3: Find the point of intersection if it occurs. infinite solutions

WORD PROBLEM:

Suppose you and your friends form a band. You want to record a demo. Studio

A rents for \$100 plus \$50 per hour. Studio B rents for \$50 plus \$75 per hour.

- a. Write an equation to represent the cost of each studio.

$C = \text{cost}$

Studio A: $50t + 100 = C$

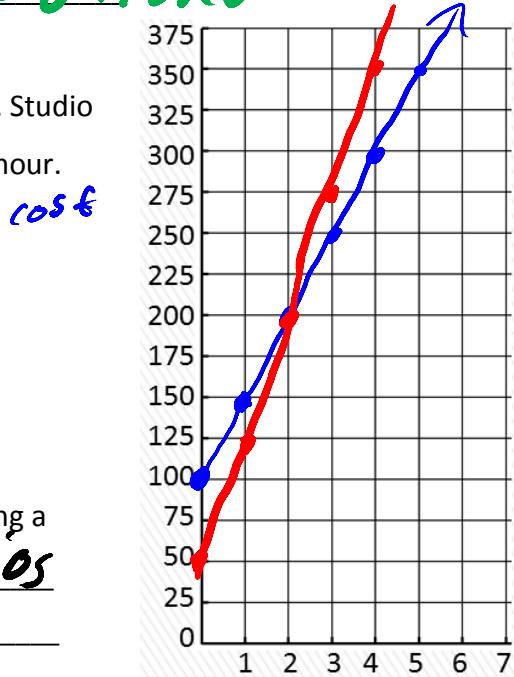
Studio B: $75t + 50 = C$

- b. Solve the system by graphing.

Solution: $(2, 200)$

- c. Explain what the solution of the system means in terms of renting a

studio. For 2 hours the studios will cost the same

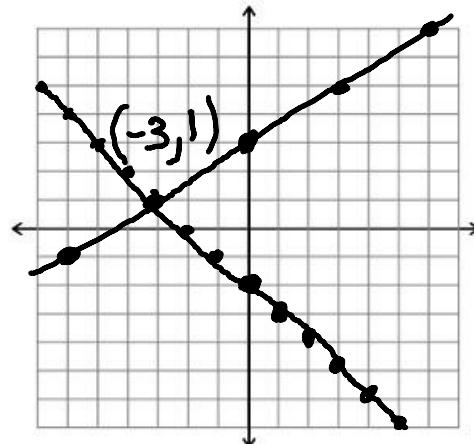


Solving Systems of Linear Equations by Graphing Practice

1. $y = -x - 2$ ← $y\text{-int}$
 $y = \frac{2}{3}x + 3$ ← $y\text{-int}$

 $m = -1$
 $m = \frac{2}{3}$

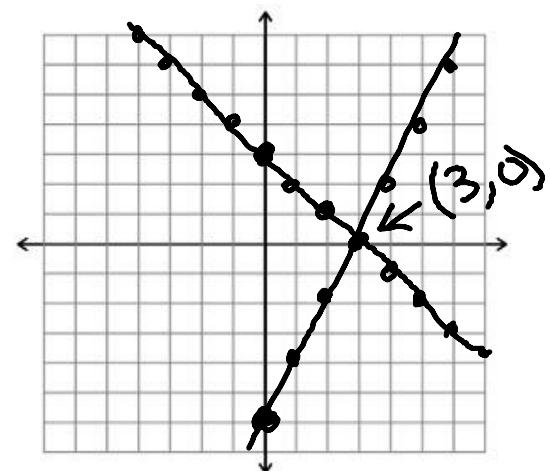
Solution: (-3, 1)



2. $y = -x + 3$ ← $y\text{-int}$
 $y = 2x - 6$ ← $y\text{-int}$

 $m = -1$
 $m = 2$

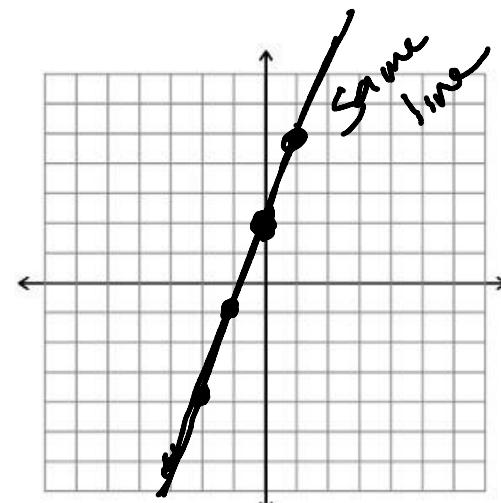
Solution: (3, 0)



3. $y = 3x + 2$ ← $y\text{-int}$
 $6x - 2y = -4$

 $\begin{array}{rcl} 6x & - & 2y = -4 \\ -6x & & -6x \\ \hline -2y & = & -6x - 4 \\ -2 & & -2 \end{array}$
 $y = 3x + 2$

$y = 3x + 2$

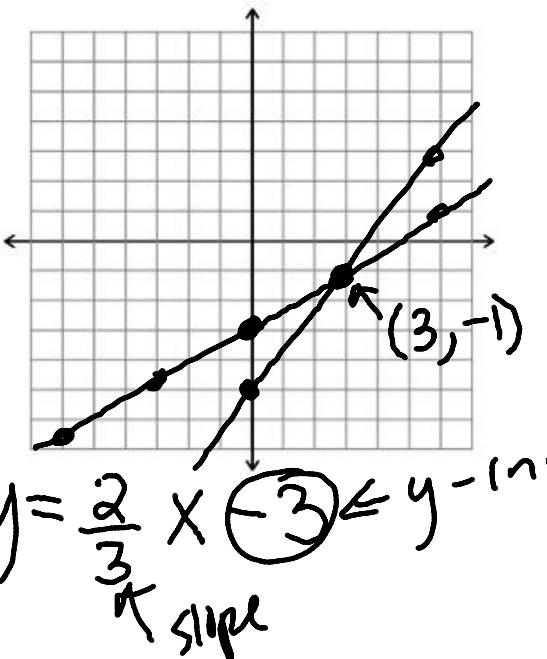


Solution: Infinitely many solutions

4. $2x - 3y = 9$ $\leftarrow y^{-int}$
 $y = \frac{4}{3}x - 5$

slope $2x - 3y = 9$
 $-2x \quad -2x$
 $\underline{-3y} = \underline{-2x} + 9$
 $\underline{\underline{-3}} \quad \underline{\underline{-3}}$
 $(3, -1)$

Solution: _____



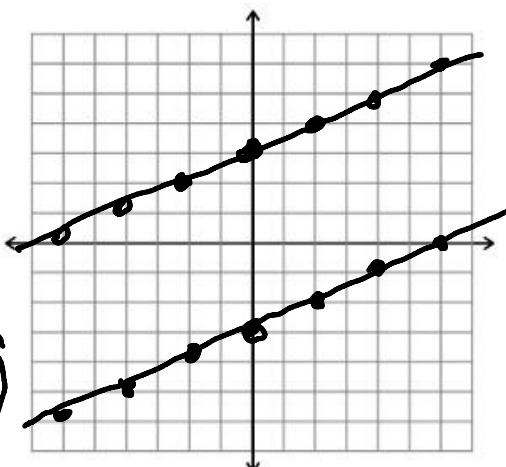
5. $-2x + 4y = 12$

$x - 2y = 6$

$$\begin{aligned} -2x + 4y &= 12 \\ +2x \quad +2x & \\ \hline 4y &= 2x + 12 \\ \frac{4y}{4} &= \frac{2x}{4} + \frac{12}{4} \\ y &= \frac{1}{2}x + 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -2y &= -x \\ \frac{-2y}{-2} &= \frac{-x}{-2} \\ y &= \frac{1}{2}x - 3 \end{aligned}$$

Solution: _____



No solution