

There are essentially two methods we employ here

- 1.) use graphical method: the two equations correspond to two graphs. If they intersect then those points give sol<sup>n</sup>s. This is an approximate method due to the limits of graphing precisely.
- 2.) Substitution. We have two equations in variables  $x$  and  $y$ . Choose  $x$  or  $y$  and solve for it, then stick that into the remaining equation. This is sometimes harder than graphing but we are rewarded with exact solutions.

**E205** Solve the following system of linear equations

$$2x + y = 6 : \text{Eq}^{\circ} \text{ I}$$

$$-x + y = 0 : \text{Eq}^{\circ} \text{ II}$$

Solve II for  $y$  and get  $y = x$  III

Substitute III into I,

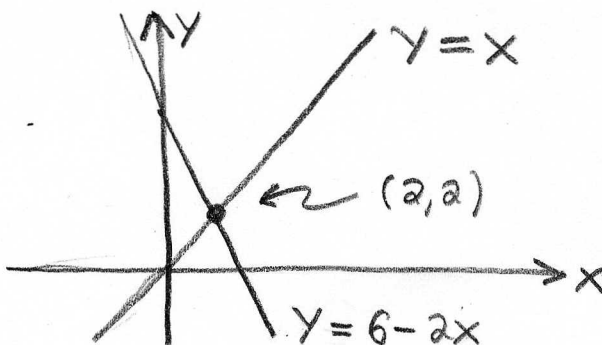
$$2x + x = 6 \Rightarrow 3x = 6 \Rightarrow \boxed{x = 2}$$

III says  $y = x = 2$   
thus  $\boxed{y = 2}$

We just used the "method of substitution". Let's see how the graphical method compares.

$$\text{I} : y = 6 - 2x$$

$$\text{II} : y = x$$



Remark: we'd need some graph paper to do this accurately

E206 Solve  $\begin{cases} X + Y = 0 & \text{Eq. } \textcircled{I} \\ X^3 - 5X - Y = 0 & \text{Eq. } \textcircled{II} \end{cases}$

Clearly  $\textcircled{I}$  is easy to substitute into  $\textcircled{II}$ .  $\textcircled{I} \Rightarrow Y = -X$   $\textcircled{III}$   
 Substitute  $\textcircled{III}$  into  $\textcircled{II}$ ,

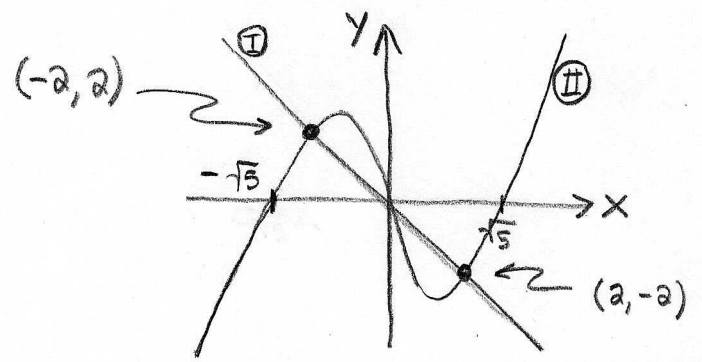
$$X^3 - 5X + X = 0$$

$$X(X^2 - 4) = 0$$

$$X = 0 \text{ or } X^2 = 4 \Rightarrow X = \pm 2$$

We find solutions  $(0, 0), (2, -2), (-2, 2)$

Let's critique our sol<sup>n</sup>s graphically (this is §6.1# 10)



$\textcircled{I} : Y = -X$   
 $\textcircled{II} : Y = X^3 - 5X = X(X^2 - 5)$   
 cubic with zeros at  $X = 0$  &  $X = \pm\sqrt{5}$

E207 Solve  $\begin{cases} X = Y + 1 & \text{Eq. } \textcircled{I} \\ X^2 + Y^2 = 4 & \text{Eq. } \textcircled{II} \end{cases}$

Notice  $\textcircled{I}$  substitutes nicely into  $\textcircled{II}$ ,

$$(Y+1)^2 + Y^2 = 4$$

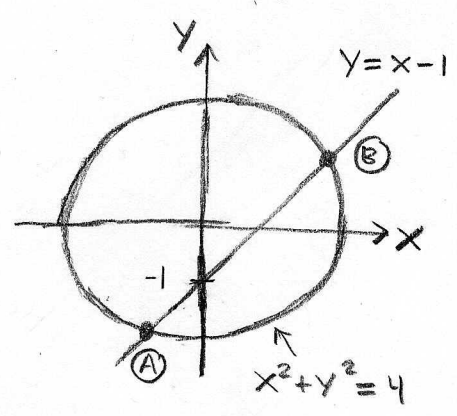
$$Y^2 + 2Y + 1 + Y^2 - 4 = 0$$

$$2Y^2 + 2Y - 3 = 0$$

$$Y = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4(2)(-3)}}{4} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{28}}{4}$$

Thus  $Y = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{7}}{2} = 0.8229$  or  $-1.823$  then the  $X$ -values follow from  $\textcircled{I}$ :  $X = 1.8229$  or  $X = -0.823$

The sol<sup>n</sup>s are  $(-0.823, -1.823)$  and  $(1.8229, 0.8229)$



You can see the graph checks our algebra.

E208 Solve  $\begin{cases} x^2 + y = 4 & \text{Eq. } \textcircled{I} \\ e^x - y = 0 & \text{Eq. } \textcircled{II} \end{cases}$

Solve  $\textcircled{II}$  for  $y = e^x$   $\textcircled{III}$  then substitute into  $\textcircled{I}$ ,

$$x^2 + e^x = 4$$

this is a transcendental eq.<sup>n</sup>.  
We cannot solve it algebraically.

THIS IS WHY YOU MUST DO §6.1 #55 & 56 GRAPHICALLY

Method of Elimination, Two Variable Linear Systems (§6.2)

I commonly refer to this as adding or subtracting equations. Basically given

$$a_{11}x + a_{12}y = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x + a_{22}y = b_2$$

Multiply one or both rows by nonzero #'s such that either  $a_{11}$  &  $a_{21}$  match or  $a_{12}$  &  $a_{22}$  match then add or subtract to eliminate either x or y.

Solve for remaining variable then back substitute to find the other variable. (see pg. 460 for nice neatly written algorithm). CHECK ANSWER

E209 
$$\begin{array}{r} (x + y = 7) \\ + (x - y = 5) \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$2x = 12 \Rightarrow \boxed{x = 6}$$

$$\text{Then } 6 - y = 5 \Rightarrow y = 6 - 5 = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{y = 1}$$

The solution is (6, 1)

Check Answer:  
 $6 + 1 = 7$  ✓  
 $6 - 1 = 5$  ✓

(we should write sol<sup>n</sup> as a pair for systems although no danger of confusion exists here in contrast with E207)

**E210** Solve  $\begin{cases} 2x - 7y = 1 \rightarrow (6x - 21y = 3) \\ 3x + y = 0 \rightarrow (6x + 2y = 0) \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} & -23y = 3 \\ & \underline{y = -3/23} \end{aligned}$$

Then  $3x - 3/23 = 0 \Rightarrow 3x = \frac{3}{23} \Rightarrow \underline{x = \frac{1}{23}}$

The solution is  $(\frac{1}{23}, -\frac{3}{23})$

Check Answer:  $2(\frac{1}{23}) - 7(\frac{-3}{23}) = \frac{2+21}{23} = \frac{23}{23} = 1 \checkmark$   
 $3(\frac{1}{23}) - \frac{3}{23} = 0 \checkmark$

**E211** Solve  $\begin{cases} 0.1x - 0.7y = 2 = R1 \\ 0.13x - 0.35y = 1 = R2 \end{cases}$

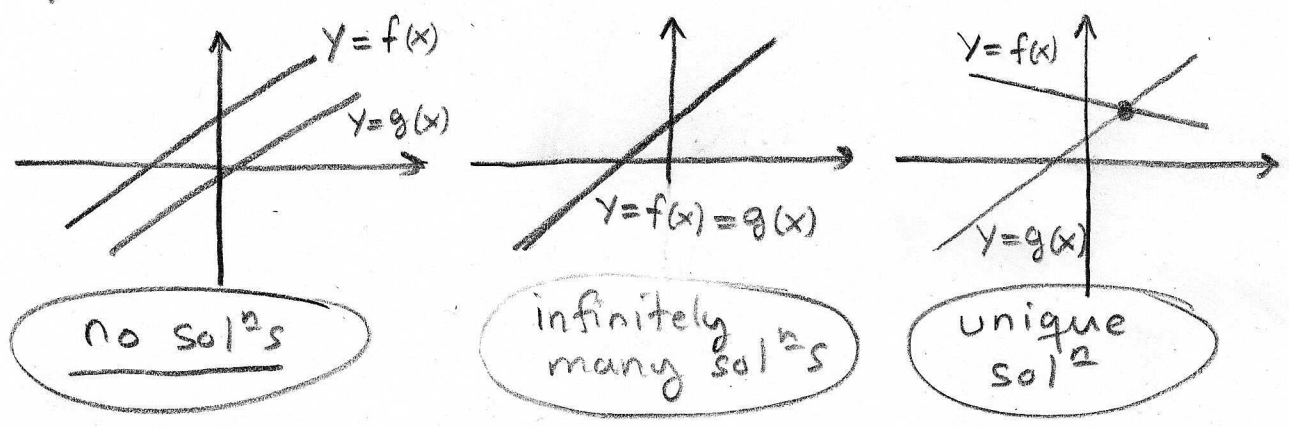
$10R_1 : (x - 7y = 20)$   
 $20R_2 : \underline{(26x - 7y = 20)}$

$$-25x = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{x = 0}$$

Then  $0 - 7y = 20 \Rightarrow \underline{y = -20/7}$

$\therefore \underline{(0, -20/7)}$  is the sol<sup>n</sup>

Remark: if you think about what we're doing graphically it is strange we always find just one sol<sup>n</sup> in our examples. Two linear equations correspond to two lines:  $y = f(x)$  &  $y = g(x)$  thus



**E212** Solve  $\begin{cases} x + y = 1 & : R1 \\ 2x + 2y = 2 & : R2 \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} 2(R1) &: (2x + 2y = 2) \\ R2 &: \underline{-(2x + 2y = 2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$0 = 0 \Rightarrow y = 1 - x \text{ is the sol}^n$$

$$\text{Sol}^n \text{ Set} = \{ (x, y) \mid y = 1 - x, x \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

Graphically:  $R1 \neq R2$  are the same line.

**E213** Solve  $\begin{cases} 2x - 2y = 1 \\ x - y = 3 \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} R1 &: (2x - 2y = 1) \\ 2(R2) &: \underline{-(2x - 2y = 6)} \end{aligned}$$

$$0 = -5 \text{ a contradiction, this is impossible} \Rightarrow \text{no sol}^n\text{'s}$$

Graphically:  $R1 \neq R2$  are parallel lines.

### Multivariable Linear Systems (§6.3)

All the possibilities for two eq<sup>n</sup>s and 2 unknowns exist as well for 3 unknowns. For 3 linear equations our sol<sup>n</sup> will be a triple

**E214** Show  $(-1, 0, 4)$  is a sol<sup>n</sup> of  $\begin{cases} 3x - y + z = 1 & : R1 \\ 2x - 3z = -14 & : R2 \\ 5y + 2z = 8 & : R3 \end{cases}$

A sol<sup>n</sup> will solve all three equations simultaneously

$$x = -1, y = 0, z = 4$$

$$3(-1) - 0 + 4 = 1 \quad \text{solves } R1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$2(-1) - 3(4) = -14 \quad \text{solves } R2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$5(0) + 2(4) = 8 \quad \text{solves } R3 \quad \checkmark$$

We solve systems of 3 linear eq<sup>s</sup> and 3 unknowns by essentially the same methods as in § 6.1 or § 6.3. We can use substitution or elimination.

**E215** Solve 
$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 4 & : R1 \\ x - y + z = 2 & : R2 \\ 2x - z = 0 & : R3 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R1 + R2 \\ R3 \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{l} (2x + 2z = 6) \\ (2x - z = 0) \end{array} \right.$$

$$3z = 6 \Rightarrow \boxed{z = 2}$$

$$R3: 2x - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow 2x = 2 \Rightarrow \boxed{x = 1}$$

$$R2: 1 - y + 2 = 2 \Rightarrow \boxed{y = 1} \quad \boxed{\text{The sol}^n \text{ is } (1, 1, 2)}$$

**E216** Elimination as in **E215** requires insight. Substitution on the other hand just requires careful calculation. Solve

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y + 3z &= 5 & : R1 & \quad x = 4 \quad y = -1 \quad z = 1 \\ 2x - y + 2z &= 11 & : R2 \\ 3x + y - z &= 10 & : R3 \end{aligned}$$

Solve R3 for  $y = 10 + z - 3x$  **(I)**. Substitute **(I)** into R2 and then solve for z,

$$\begin{aligned} 2x - (10 + z - 3x) + 2z &= 11 \\ 2x + 3x - 10 - z + 2z &= 11 \Rightarrow \underline{z = 21 - 5x} \quad \text{II} \end{aligned}$$

We have made use of **(R2)** & **(R3)** we now use **(R1)** to finish, substitute **(I)** and **(II)** into **(R1)**

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2(10 + z - 3x) + 3(21 - 5x) &= 5 \\ x + 20 + 2z - 6x + 63 - 15x &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

over  $\curvearrowright$

E216 Continued : Collect terms from the last step,

$$-20x + 2z = 5 - 20 - 63$$

Now substitute ② to eliminate  $z$ ,

$$-20x + 2(21 - 5x) = -78$$

$$-20x + 42 - 10x = -78$$

$$-30x = -78 - 42$$

$$x = \frac{-120}{-30} = 4 \quad \therefore \boxed{x = 4}$$

Thus ② says  $z = 21 - 5(4) = 21 - 20 \Rightarrow \boxed{z = 1}$

Returning to ①  $y = 10 + z - 3x = 10 + 1 - 12 = -1 \Rightarrow \boxed{y = -1}$

We find the sol<sup>n</sup>  $\boxed{(4, -1, 1)}$

Remark: Elimination is much quicker when you see it.

**E217** Solve  $2x + y + 3z = 1$  : R1  
 $2x + 6y + 8z = 3$  : R2  
 $6x + 8y + 18z = 5$  : R3

R2 - R1  $5y + 5z = 2 \Rightarrow z = \frac{1}{5}(2 - 5y)$  ⑥

$3(R2)$  :  $(6x + 18y + 24z = 9)$

$R3$  :  $(6x + 8y + 18z = 5)$

$10y + 6z = 4 \Rightarrow z = \frac{1}{6}(4 - 10y)$  ⑦

⑥  $\neq$  ⑦  $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{5}(2 - 5y) = \frac{1}{6}(4 - 10y)$

$$\Rightarrow 6 - 30y = 20 - 50y$$

$$\Rightarrow 20y = 14 \Rightarrow \boxed{y = \frac{14}{20} = \frac{7}{10}}$$

Then ⑥ :  $z = \frac{1}{5}(4 - 10(\frac{7}{10})) = \frac{1}{5}(4 - 7) = \frac{-3}{5} \Rightarrow \boxed{z = -\frac{3}{5}}$

R1 :  $2x + \frac{7}{10} - \frac{3}{5} = 1 \Rightarrow 2x = 1 + \frac{3}{10} - \frac{7}{10} = \frac{10 + 3 - 7}{10} = \frac{6}{10}$

Thus,  $2x = \frac{6}{10}$  and  $\boxed{x = \frac{3}{10}}$  Hence  $\boxed{(\frac{3}{10}, \frac{7}{10}, -\frac{3}{5})}$  is the sol<sup>n</sup>.