

## Systems of Equations- Elimination Method

pg 6 AIM: I can solve a system of equation algebraically using *elimination*.

Warm Up: What is the solution to the following systems?

(a)

$x$	$y = 2x - 1$	$y = x + 2$
-5	-11	-3
-3	-7	-1
0	-1	2
3	5	5
5	9	7
7	13	9

Solution: (3, 5)

(b)

$x$	$y = 5x - 1$	$y = 5x + 2$
-3	-16	-13
-2	-11	-8
-1	-6	-3
0	-1	2
1	4	7
2	9	12

Solution: No solution

### Solving a System of Equations by Elimination

1. Line up **like terms** for all equations
2. Look for **opposite** coefficients (like  $3x$  and  $-3x$ ) that will **eliminate** a variable. If you can't find one, you can make one by **multiplying** an equation by a number.
3. **ADD** each set of like terms to eliminate a variable, solve the remaining equation for the other variable.
4. Use your **new found** value to **substitute** and solve for the other missing variable.
5. Write the solution as an ordered pair **(x, y)**.  
**Coordinate.**

Exercise 1- Solve the following system:

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x - 9y = 17 \\ 5x + 9y = 11 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\frac{7x}{7} = \frac{28}{7}$$

$$\boxed{X = 4}$$

$$\cancel{5x} + 9y = 11$$

$$5(4) + 9y = 11$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -20 + 9y = 11 \\ \underline{+20} \phantom{+ 9y} \\ 9y = 11 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{9y}{9} = \frac{11}{9}$$

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

Solution  
(4, -1)

Exercise 2- Solve the following system of equations:  $\begin{cases} 3y + x = 4 \\ y - 2x = 6 \end{cases}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3y + x = 4 \\ -3(y - 2x) = -3(6) \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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

$$\boxed{x = -2}$$

$$3y + x = 4$$

$$3y - 2 = 4$$

$$\frac{3y}{3} = \frac{6}{3}$$

$$y = 2$$

$$\boxed{y = 2}$$

Solution (-2, 2)

Ex 3

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x + 3y = 1 \\ + -2x + 5y = 7 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\frac{8y}{8} = \frac{8}{8}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{y=1} \quad -2x + 3(1) = 1$$

Solution

$$(-1, 1)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x + 3 + 1 \\ -3 \quad - \\ \hline 2x \quad - \\ -3 \quad - \\ \hline x = -1 \end{array}$$

Ex 4

$$\begin{array}{r} -3x + 4y = 14 \\ 8x - 4y = -4 \\ \hline 5x = 10 \\ 5 \quad 5 \end{array}$$

$$x=2, \quad -3x + 4y = 14$$

$$\text{solution: } -3(2) + 4y = 14$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -6 + 4y = 14 \\ +6 \quad 4y = 14 \\ \hline 4y = 20 \\ 4 \quad 4 \\ \hline y = 5 \end{array}$$

$$x=5$$