Grade 8 TN Lesson: Systems of Equations II

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TN Standard: MA.8.SPI 0806.3.1 Find solutions to systems of two linear equations in two variables.



Focus On: Systems of Equations

Solving by Substitution

The *substitution method* is especially useful when one equation is solved for a variable or can easily be solved for the variable.

- **Step 1** Solve one equation for a variable.
- **Step 2** Substitute the value into the other equation.
- **Step 3** Solve the equation.
- **Step 4** Substitute the solution into the first equation and solve for the second variable.
- **Step 5** Check to be sure the solution works for both of the original equations.

 5x + 2y = 14 System

 x + y = -2 Step 1

 y = -x - 2 Step 1

 5x + 2(-x - 2) = 14 Step 2

 5x - 2x - 4 = 14 Step 3

 3x - 4 = 14 Step 3

 3x = 18 x = 6

$$y = -x - 2 = -6 - 2 = -8$$
Step 4The solution is $(6, -8)$ $5(6) + 2(-8) = 30 - 16 = 14$ checkStep 5 $6 + (-8) = -2$ checkStep 5

Solving by Adding or Subtracting

Use the *adding or subtracting method* to eliminate one of the variables by adding the equations when the coefficients of one of the variables are opposites.

- **Step 1** Write each equation in the form Ax + By = C, if necessary.
- **Step 2** Multiply each side of the equations by a number so that the coefficients of one of the variables are opposites, if necessary.
- **Step 3** Add the equations.
- **Step 4** Solve the new equation.
- **Step 5** Substitute the solution into one of the original equations and solve for the second variable.
- **Step 6** Check to be sure the solution works for both of the original equations.

3x = 9 - 2y $4x + 4y = 16$	System	$\begin{vmatrix} -2x = -2 \\ x = 1 \end{vmatrix}$	Step 4
3x + 2y = 9 $4x + 4y = 16$	Step 1	4(1) + 4y = 16 4 + 4y = 16	Step 5
Multiply by –2 so that the coefficients of <i>y</i> are 4 and –4.		4y = 12 $y = 3$	
-2(3x + 2y) = 9(-2) -6x - 4y = -18 + 4x + 4y = 16 -2x + 0 = -2	Step 2 Step 3	3(1) = 9 - 2(3) 3 = 9 - 6 3 = 3 check 4(1) + 4(3) = 4 + 12 = 16 check	

Systems of Equations

Math Content

Students will solve systems of equations.

1. Use the substitution method to solve the equation below.

-5x + 8y = 20y = x + 1

- **2.** Use the addition or subtraction method to solve the equation below.
 - 2x 3y = -5-3x 6y = -24

(Hint: when a system of equations has no solution, you will find a false statement, such as 2 = 5, when you solve the system.) **A** x + 3y = 5 **C** 3x - y = 2

4. Which of these systems has no solution?

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

 $2x + 6y = 12$
b. $y = 3x - 2$
 $x + y = -6$
c. $3x - y = 2$
 $x + y = 6$
d. $2x + y = 6$
d. $2x + y = 6$
d. $2x + y = 9$
 $3x - y = 16$

5. Solve the equation below by using any method.

$$x + 4y = 5$$
$$2x - 3y = -12$$

3. Which of these systems has an infinite number of solutions? (Hint: when a system of equations has infinite solutions, all variables will cancel when you solve the system.)

A.
$$3x + 5y = 24$$
 C. $2x + 2y = 6$

$$4x - y = 0 \qquad x + y = 3$$

B.
$$2x - 3y = -2$$

 $4x + y = 24$
 $x - y = 4$

Systems of Equations

6. Which is the solution to the following system of equations?

$$3x - 2y = -3$$
$$-3x - y = -6$$

A.
$$(-1, 3)$$

C. $(-1, -3)$
D. $(1, 2)$

B. (1, 3) **D.** (1, -3)

8. A teacher writes the following system on the board.

$$3x - 5y = 7$$
$$x - 2y = 3$$

- **a.** Aretha finds the solution using the substitution method. Show her work.
- **b.** Brandon solves the same system using the addition or subtraction method. Show his work.
- **c.** Which student had less work to do? Explain your answer.

- **9.** The sum of two numbers, *x* and *y*, is 21. Their difference is 29.
 - **a.** Write an equation for both statements.
 - **b.** Solve the system to find both numbers.

7. a. Solve the system.

$$-x + y = 7$$
$$2x + y = 13$$

b. A student reports the solution to part **a** to be "y = 9." Is this solution correct? Explain your answer.

Systems of Equations II Answer Key

- **1.** (4, 5)
- **2.** (2, 3)
- **3.** C
- **4.** A
- **5.** (-3, 2)
- **6.** B
- **7a.** (2, 9)
- **7b.** No, a solution to a system of equations must be an ordered pair. The student also needs to report the value of *x*.

8a.
$$3x - 5y = 7$$

 $x - 2y = 3$

x = 2y + 3

$$3(2y + 3) - 5y = 7$$

 $6y + 9 - 5y = 7$

$$y + 9 = 7$$

$$y + 9 = 7$$

$$y = -2$$

$$x - 2(-2) = 3$$

$$x + 4 = 3$$

$$x = -1$$

$$(-1, -2)$$

$$3x - 5y = 7$$

$$x - 2y = 3$$

$$-3(x - 2y) = -3(3)$$

$$-3x + 6y = -9$$

$$3x - 5y = 7$$

$$-3x + 6y = -9$$

$$y = -2$$

$$x - 2(-2) = 3$$

$$x + 4 = 3$$

$$x = -1$$

$$(-1, -2)$$

8c. *Sample answer:* Brandon had less work, because the value of *y* was easy to find with the addition/subtraction method and could be easily substituted into the other equation to find *x*.

9a.
$$x + y = 21$$

 $x - y = 29$
9b. (25, -4)