

Distinct or Coincident Lines (1.7)

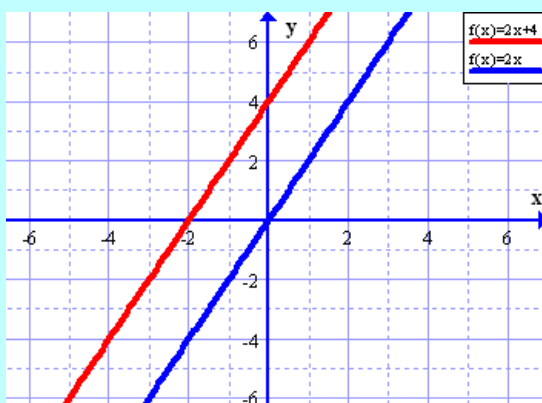
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Remember the linear systems that we solved by graphing in our first lesson?

a)  $y = 2x + 4$     b)  $y = 2x + 4$     c)  $y = x - 3$   
       $y = 2x$                  $y = -x + 4$      $4x - 4y = 12$

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a)  $y = 2x + 4$   
       $y = 2x + 0$



These lines are parallel and distinct, there was no solution to the system.

What would happen when you solve this system algebraically?

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Solve the following linear system using an algebraic method.

$$y = 2x + 4 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$y = 2x \quad \textcircled{2}$$

Sub ① into ② (setting  $y=y$ )

$$2x+4 = 2x$$

$$4 = 2x - 2x$$

$$4 = 0x$$

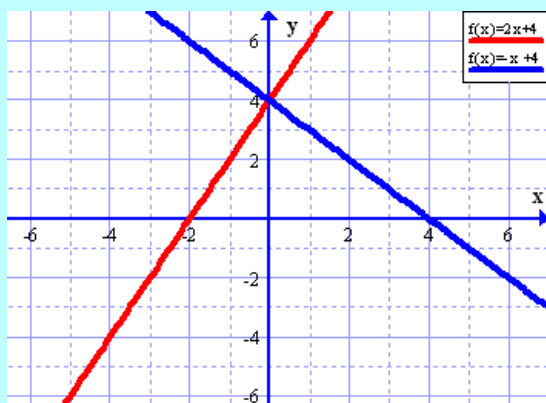
mathematically false statement  
→ never true

∴ no solutions

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b)  $y = 2x + 4$

$$y = -x + 4$$



These lines are not parallel, there was **one** solution to the system.

What would happen when you solve this system algebraically?

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Solve the following linear system using an algebraic method.

$$y = 2x + 4 \rightarrow 2x - y = -4 \quad (1)$$

$$y = -x + 4 \rightarrow x + y = 4 \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{add} \\ 2x - y = -4 \\ x + y = 4 \\ \hline 3x = 0 \\ \boxed{x = 0} \end{array}$$

Sub  $x = 0$  into (2)

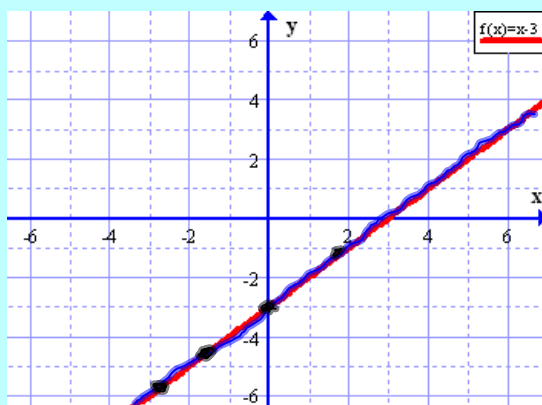
$$0 + y = 4$$

$$\boxed{y = 4}$$

$\therefore$  one solution,  $(0, 4)$

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c)  $y = x - 3$   
 $4x - 4y = 12$



These lines are the same (coincident), there were **infinitely many** solutions to the system.

What would happen when you solve this system algebraically?

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Solve the following linear system using an algebraic method.

$$\begin{array}{l} y = x - 3 \rightarrow -x + y = -3 \quad \textcircled{1} \\ 4x - 4y = 12 \quad \textcircled{2} \end{array}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \times 4: \underline{-4x + 4y = -12}$$

$$\text{add: } 0x + 0y = 0$$

"since"

$$\boxed{0 = 0}$$



$\therefore$  statement is always true

$\therefore$  infinite solutions

"therefore"



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When solving a linear system algebraically:

Exactly One Solution:

- you can find the value of one of the variables and then solve for the other.

No Solution:

- you end up with an untrue statement.  
e.g.  $0x = 2$  is never true
- these lines are distinct.

Infinitely Many Solutions:

- you end up with a statement which is true for any value of x.
- $0x = 0$  is always true
- these lines are coincident.

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Ex. 1) Write a linear system with:

a) infinitely many solutions

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x + y & = & 1 \quad (1) \\ 2x + 2y & = & 2 \quad (2) \\ \hline 1 \times 2: & 2x + 2y & = 2 \\ \text{subtract} & & 0 = 0 \end{array}$$

b) no solution

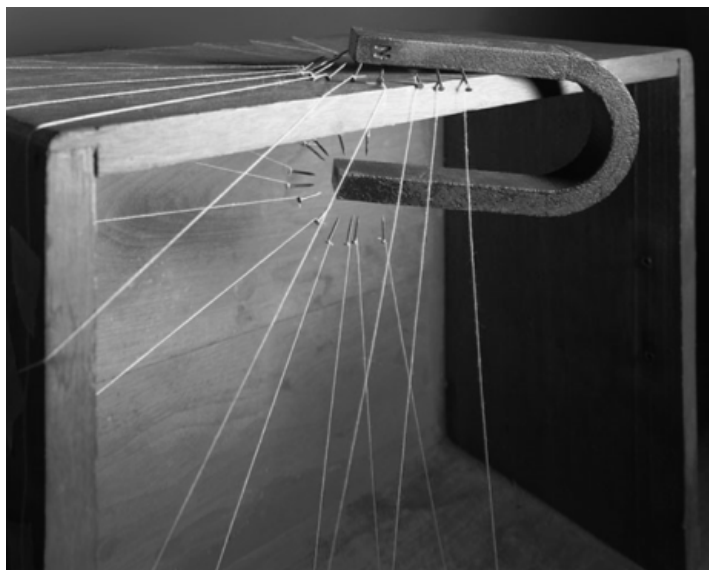
$$\begin{array}{rcl} y & = & 3x - 5 \quad (1) \\ y & = & 3x + 7 \quad (2) \\ \text{Sub (1) into (2)} & & \\ 3x - 5 & = & 3x + 7 \\ -3x + 5 & & -3x + 5 \\ \hline 0 & = & 12 \end{array}$$

State why it satisfies the condition and then solve the system.

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Assigned Work:

p. 59 # 1, 2a, 3abcfh, 4, 6\*



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3 (f)

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x - 5y - 2 = 0 \\ 4x + 5y + 2 = 0 \\ \hline 7x = 0 \\ \frac{7x}{7} = \frac{0}{7} \\ x = 0 \end{array}$$

$3x - 2 = 5y$   
 $\frac{3x - 2}{5} = y$

$5y = -4x - 2$   
 $y = -\frac{4}{5}x - \frac{2}{5}$

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3 (h)

$$2x - 5 = 4y \quad (1)$$

$$0.01x - 0.02y = 0.25$$

$$x - 2y = 25 \quad (2)$$

$(2) \times 2 : 2x - 4y = 50$   
 $(1) \rightarrow : 2x - 4y = 5$

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Subtract  $0 + 0 = 45$   
 $0 = 45 ?$   
 $\therefore$  no solution!

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