

Algebra 2

3-2a Solving LinSys Algebraically: Substitution

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Goal: To solve a system of equations algebraically.

Review:

On our previous notes, we solved the following system by graphing. Remember, solving a system means finding the value of *both* variables that satisfy both equations. However, in the system below, we already know that $y = 1$. Thus, we can substitute the value from the first equation into the second equation. Do so and solve this system.

$$y = 1$$

$$3x + 4y = 16$$

Solve the system by substitution. Check your solution algebraically and by calculator.

Steps to solve a linear system by substitution	Example 1 $-x + y = 1$ $2x + y = -2$	Practice 1 $u - v = 8$ $7u + v = 0$
1. Solve for one variable in one equation		
2. Substitute expression from #1 into other equation; solve for remaining variable		
3. Substitute value from #3 into equation from #1; solve for remaining variable		
4. Check solution	$-x + y = 1$ $2x + y = -2$	$u - v = 8$ $7u + v = 0$

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Practice

2.
$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 2y &= 3 \\ x - 4y &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

3.
$$\begin{aligned} -3w + z &= 6 \\ -3w - 5z &= 11 \end{aligned}$$

Application

Example 2: Suppose you bought eight oranges and one grapefruit for a total of \$4.60. Later that day, you bought six oranges and three grapefruits for a total of \$4.80. What is the price of each type of fruit?

Practice: Your great uncle Hafiz has \$74 dollars in his piggy bank, some of which are \$1 bills and the rest are \$5 bills. He has a total of 30 bills. How many of each bill does he have?