

Solving a System by Elimination

Three outcomes when solving a system by elimination

$$\begin{aligned}x &= 2 \\ y &= -3\end{aligned}$$

$$5 = 5$$

True Statement

$$5 \neq 19$$

False Statement

Solve the system of equations:

1. Line the x and y variables on top of each other.
2. Add equations together, eliminating the appropriate variable.
3. Solve for first variable.
4. Insert value into either equation, solve for second variable.

$$2x + 3y = 34$$

$$4x - 3y = -4$$

Solve the system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned}6x + 3y &= -15 \\ -6x &= 3y + 25\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}4x + 3y &= -3 \\ -2x + 2y &= 12\end{aligned}$$

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$$2x + 4y = -10$$

$$3x + 3y = -3$$

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$$x = 2$$

$$y = -3$$

$$5 = 5$$

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False Statement

(x,y) Solution(s)

System is consistent

Equations are independent

Infinitely Many Solutions

System is consistent

Equations are dependent

No Solutions

System is inconsistent