

11/6/12 Solving Systems of equations by graphing.

**Definition:** A system of equations is just a group of 2 or more equations.

We will be dealing with groups of 2 equations. These equations will represent lines on the coordinate plane.

**Definition:** A solution to a system of 2 equations involving  $x$  and  $y$  is the ordered pair where the graphs intersect.

Tell whether the ordered pair is a solution of the system:

**Example 1**

1 Plug the ordered pair into each equation.

$$5x - 2y = 23 \quad (5, 1)$$

$$4x + y = 21$$

$$5(5) - 2(1) = 23$$

$$25 - 2 = 23$$

$$23 = 23 \quad \checkmark \text{ True!}$$

$$4(5) + 1 = 21$$

$$20 + 1 = 21$$

$$21 = 21 \quad \checkmark \text{ True!}$$

Ans: Yes, (5, 1) is a solution

2  $(-3, 1)$ ,  $y = -\frac{1}{3}x$

$$3y = -5x - 12$$

$$1 = -\frac{1}{3}(-3)$$

$$1 = \frac{+3}{3}$$

$$1 = 1 \quad \checkmark \text{ True}$$

$$3(1) = -5(-3) - 12$$

$$3 = +15 - 12$$

$$3 = 3 \quad \checkmark \text{ True!}$$

Ans: Yes, (-3, 1) is a solution

3  $(-3, 4)$ ,  $y = -4$

$$2x = -y - 2$$

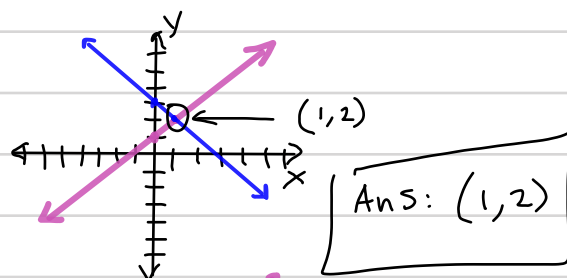
$$4 = -4 \quad \times \text{ False!}$$

Ans: No, (-3, 4) is not a solution

**Example**

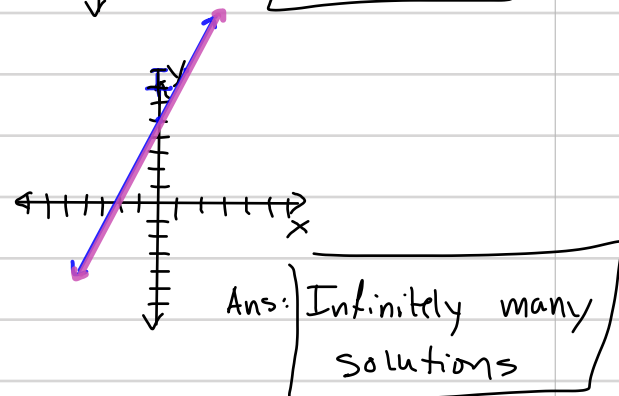
Solve by graphing

4  $x + y = 3 \rightarrow x + y = 3$   
 $x - y = 1$   
 $-x \quad -x$   
 $-y = -x + 1$   
 $\frac{-y}{-1} = \frac{-x + 1}{-1}$   
 $y = \frac{1}{1}x + 1$   
 $y = x + 1$



Ans: (1, 2)

5  $-3x = 5 - y \rightarrow -3x = 5 - y$   
 $2y = 6x + 10$   
 $\frac{2y}{2} = \frac{6x + 10}{2}$   
 $y = 3x + 5$



Ans: Infinitely many solutions

1 Get each into  $y = mx + b$  form.

2 Graph each.

3 The answer is the point where the lines intersect.

If the lines are parallel, Ans: No sol b/c the lines don't intersect!

Note: when your two lines turn out to be exactly the same, then the answer is infinitely many solutions, because the graph shows infinitely many points.