

Foundations and Precalculus 10

Warm up: $x + 2y = 12 \rightarrow (4) + 2y = 12$
 $x = 4$
 $\frac{2y}{2} = \frac{8}{2}$
 $y = 4$

5.3 - Solving Systems of Equations by Substitution

We can eliminate a variable by solving one equation for a variable and substituting it into the other one.

Substitution Steps:

1. Solve for one variable from either equation (it is simplest to select the variable whose coefficient is one).
2. Substitute the result from step 1 into the other equation.
3. Solve for the remaining variable.
4. Substitute known value into either original equation and solve.
5. Check your answer.

Example 1:

① $3x + y = 3$ • solve for y

② $7x - 2y = 20$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x + y = 3 \\ -3x \quad -3x \\ \hline y = (3 - 3x) \end{array}$$

• sub into ②

$$7x - 2(3 - 3x) = 20$$

• simplify:
- distributive property
- collect like terms (CLT)

$$7x - 6 + 6x = 20$$

$$13x - 6 = 20$$

$$\frac{13x}{13} = \frac{26}{13}$$

• Solve for variable.

$$x = (2)$$

• sub into ①

$$3(2) + y = 3$$

$$\frac{6 + y}{-6} = \frac{3}{-6}$$

$$y = -3$$

check $\{x=2, y=-3\}$ in $(2, -3)$

① $3(2) + (-3) = 3$ ② $7(2) - 2(-3) = 20$
 $6 - 3 = 3$ $14 + 6 = 20$
 $3 = 3 \checkmark$ $20 = 20 \checkmark$

Example 2:

① $9x + 6y = -7$ No coefficient 1

② $3x - 3y + 4 = 0$ → create same coefficient in front of x or y by multiplying.

$$\begin{array}{r} 9x - 9y + 12 = 0 \\ +9y \quad +9y \\ \hline 9x + 12 = 9y - 12 \end{array}$$

• solve for 9x
sub into ①

$$9x = (9y - 12)$$

• simplify
- distribute
- CLT

$$1(9y - 12) + 6y = -7$$

$$9y - 12 + 6y = -7$$

$$15y - 12 = -7$$

• solve for variable

$$\frac{15y}{15} = \frac{5}{15}$$

• sub into ②

$$3x - 3(\frac{1}{3}) + 4 = 0$$

$$3x - 1 + 4 = 0$$

$$3x + 3 = 0$$

$$\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{-3}{3}$$

$$x = -1$$

check $(-1, \frac{1}{3})$

$9(-1) + 6(1/3)$	-7
$3(-1) - 3(1/3) + 4$	0

• can also check your solution using a calculator.

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Example 3: LCD of 3, 2 = 6

Recap Steps:

① $\left(\frac{2}{3}x - \frac{1}{2}y = 4\right) \rightarrow \left(\frac{6}{1}\right)\frac{2}{3}x - \left(\frac{6}{1}\right)\frac{1}{2}y = \left(\frac{6}{1}\right)4$

② $\left(\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{4}y = \frac{5}{2}\right) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{6}{2}y = 24$
 $4x - 3y = 24$

$\frac{4}{2}x + y = \frac{20}{2}$

$2x + y = 10$

$\begin{array}{r} 2x + y = 10 \\ -2x = -2x \end{array}$ • sub into modified ①

$y = (10 - 2x)$

$4x - 3(10 - 2x) = 24$ • simplify

$4x - 30 + 6x = 24$

$10x - 30 = 24$ • solve for variable

$ + 30 $

$\frac{10x}{10} = \frac{54}{10}$

$x = \frac{27}{5}$ or 5.4 • sub into modified ②

$2\left(\frac{27}{5}\right) + y = 10$

$5\left(\frac{54}{5} + y = 10\right)$

$54 + 5y = 50$

$ - 54 $

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

$y = -\frac{4}{5}$ or -0.8

check $\left(\frac{27}{5}, -\frac{4}{5}\right)$ in original system:

$\begin{array}{r} (2/3)(27/5) - (1/2) \\ \times (-4/5) \\ \hline 4 \\ (1/2)(27/5) + (1/4) \\ \times (-4/5) \\ \hline 2.5 \end{array}$

$\begin{array}{r} (5/2) \\ \hline 2.5 \end{array}$

HW: p425 #4,5,7b,19; challenge yourself #11, 15, 16

calculator or using decimals (ok when decimal ends)

$\frac{2}{3}x - \frac{1}{2}y = 4$ ①

L.S. = $\frac{2}{3}x - \frac{1}{2}y$

= $\frac{2}{3}(5.4) - \frac{1}{2}(-0.8)$

= 3.6 + 0.4

= 4

= R.S.

$\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{4}y = \frac{5}{2}$ ②

L.S. = $\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{4}y$

= $\frac{1}{2}(5.4) + \frac{1}{4}(-0.8)$

= 2.7 - 0.2

= 2.5

= R.S.