

Categorizing Systems of Linear Equations in Two Variables

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To identify the kind of system of linear equations in two variables like

$$\begin{cases} a_1x + b_1y = c_1 \\ a_2x + b_2y = c_2 \end{cases}$$

get the ratios of $\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$.

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