

Solving Systems of Linear Equations in Two Variables by Graphing

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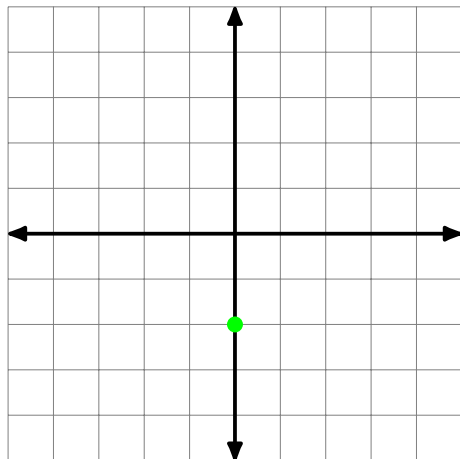
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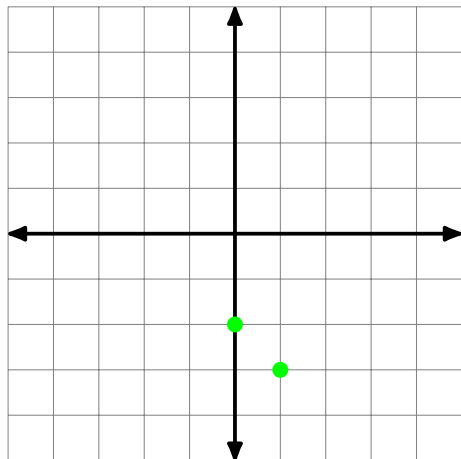


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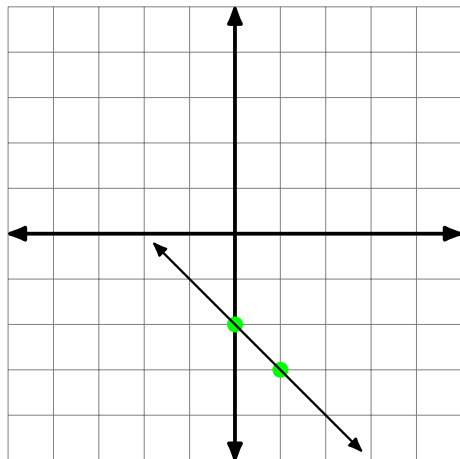


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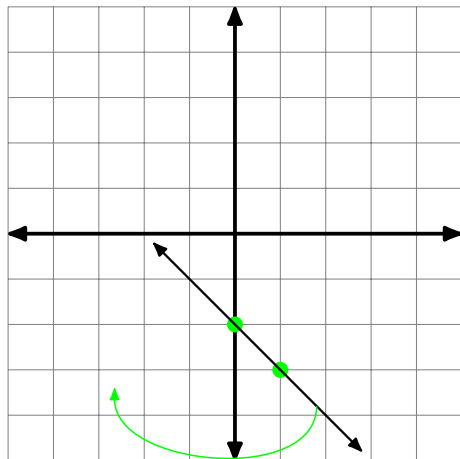


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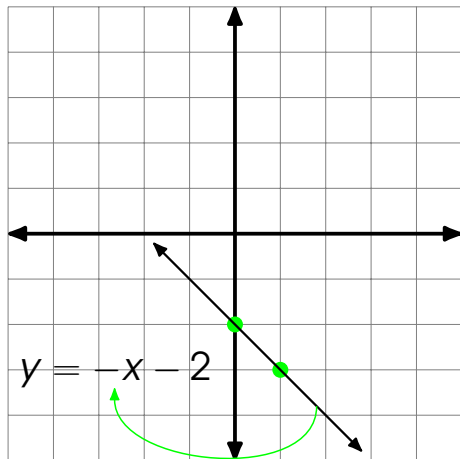


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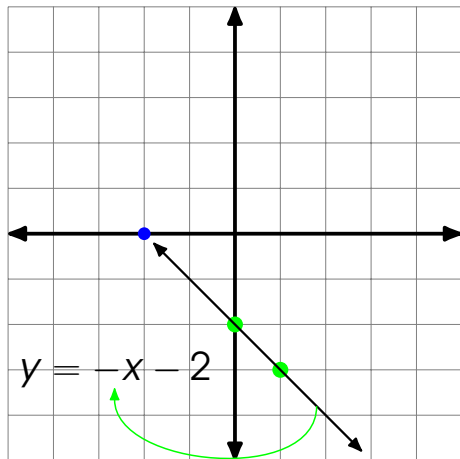


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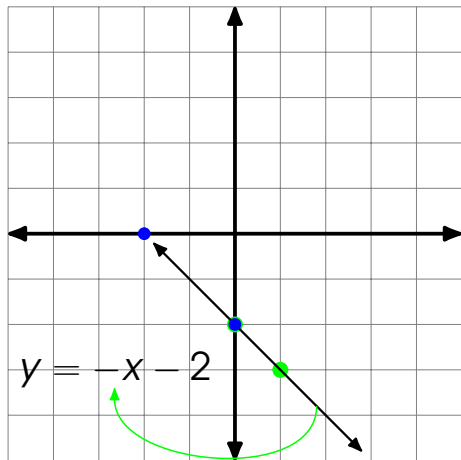


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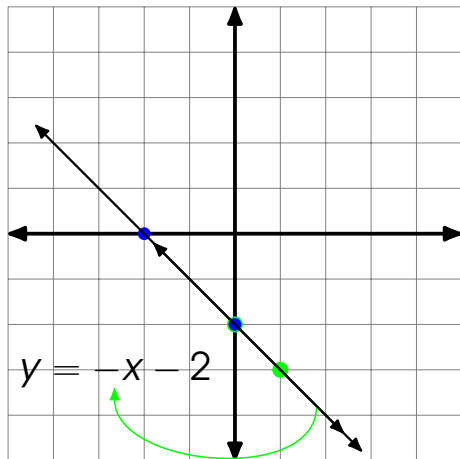


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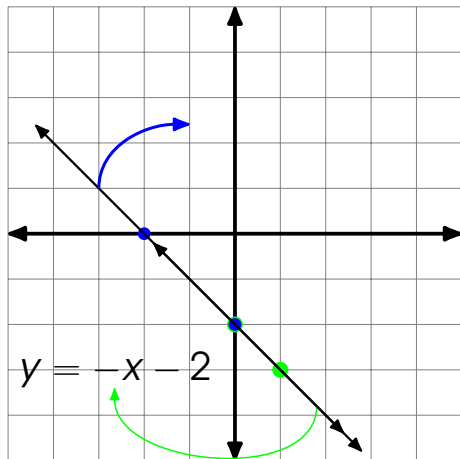


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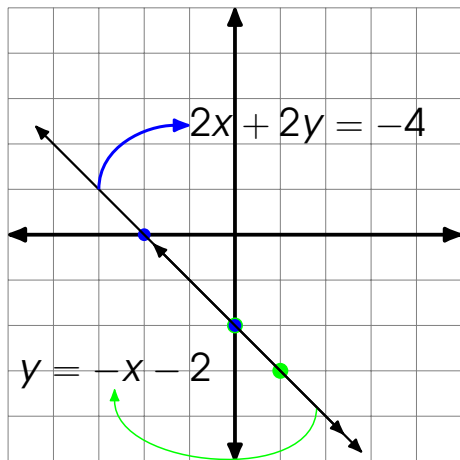


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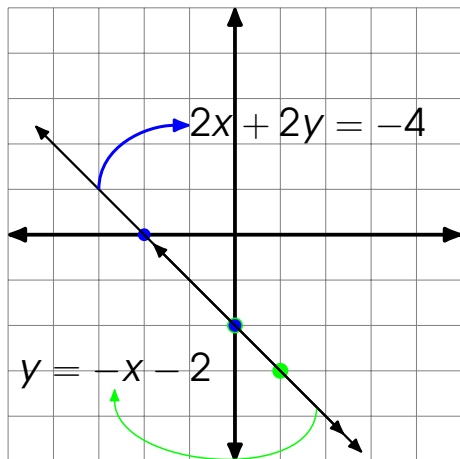


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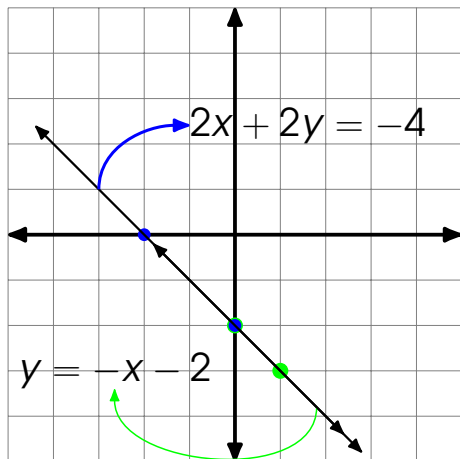
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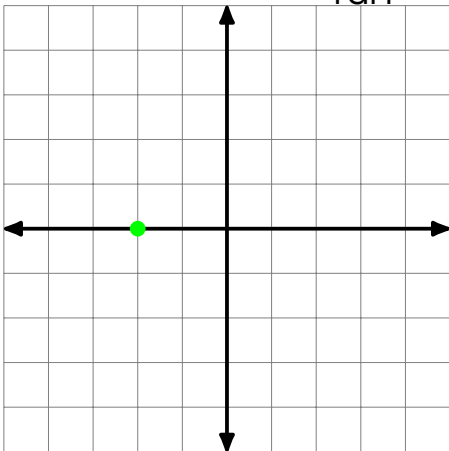
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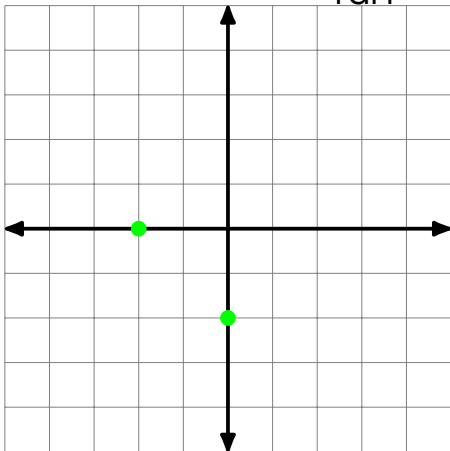


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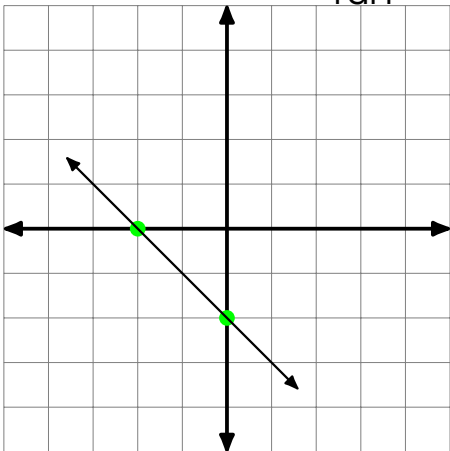
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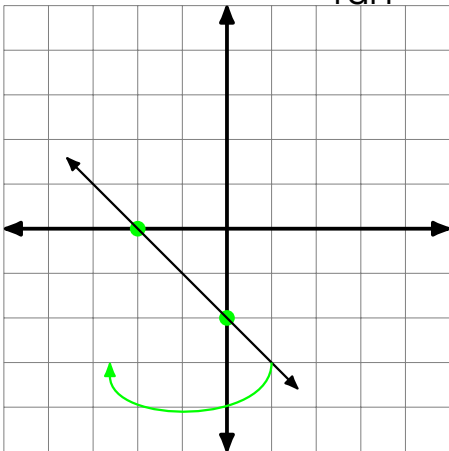


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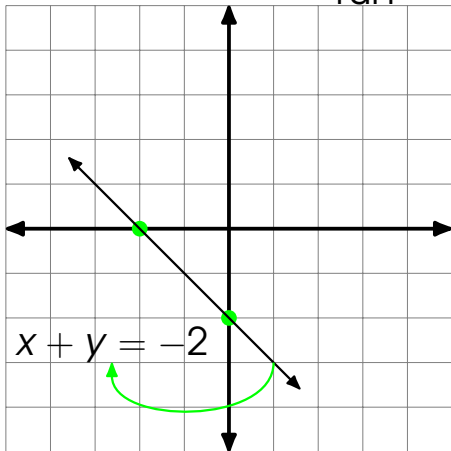
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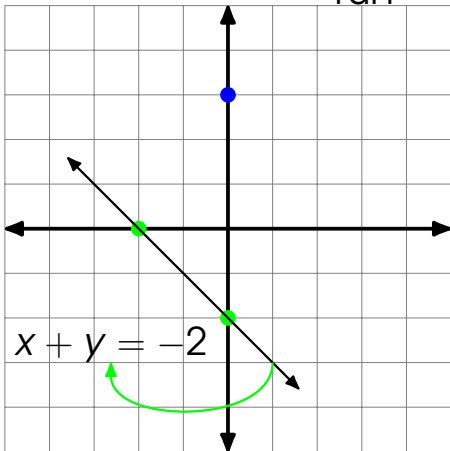
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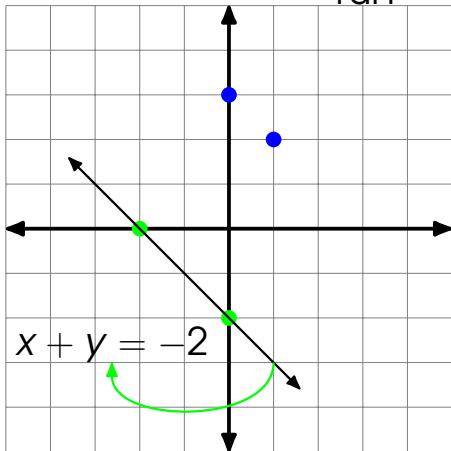
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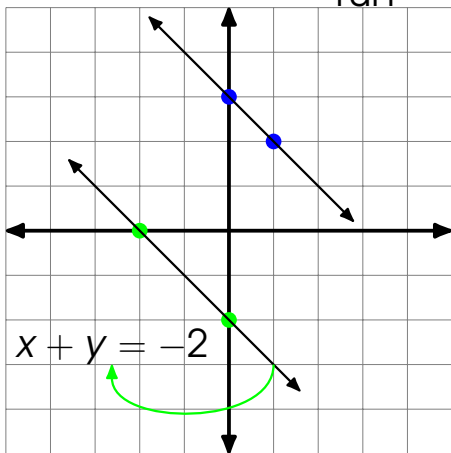


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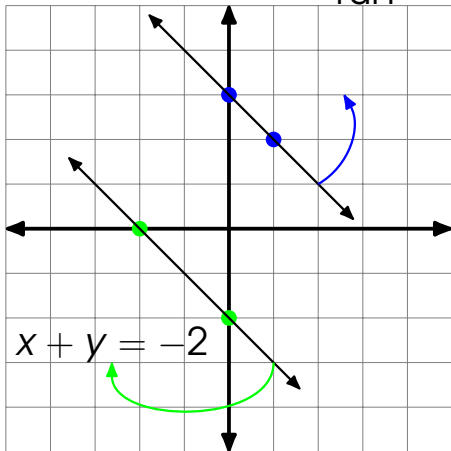
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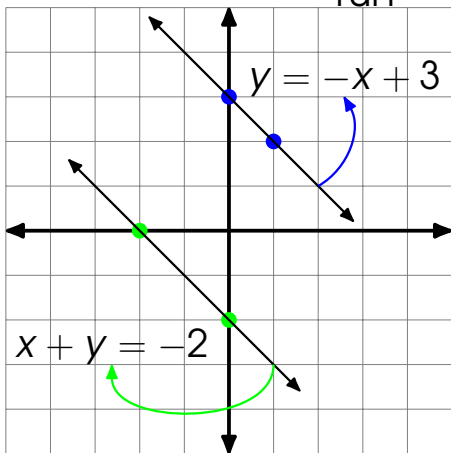


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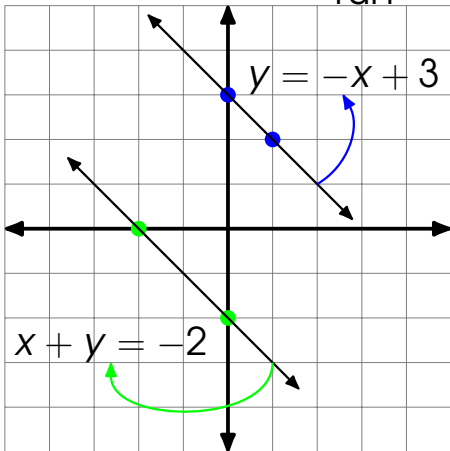


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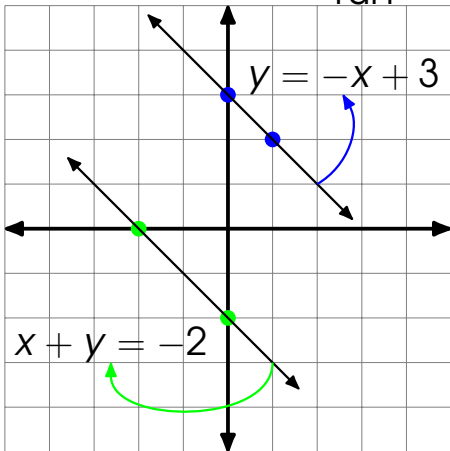
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- ▶ Graph: parallel
- ▶ Solutions: none

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Draw the graph of the following system of linear equations and tell whether it has one solution, no solution, or infinitely many solutions. If it has one solution, name its ordered pair.

$$\begin{cases} y = -x + 4 \\ x - y = 2 \end{cases}$$

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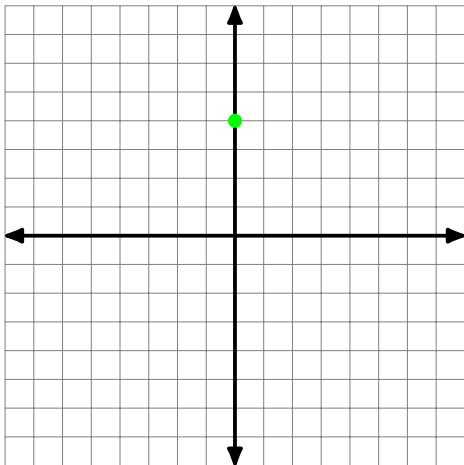
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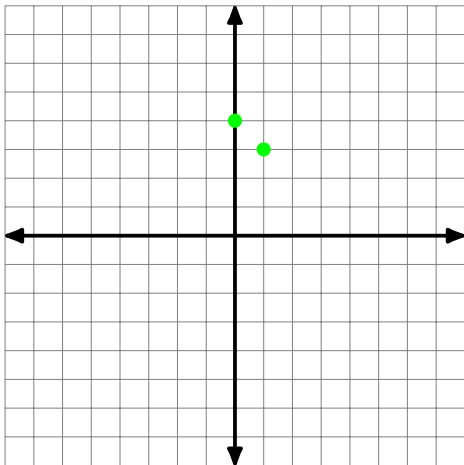


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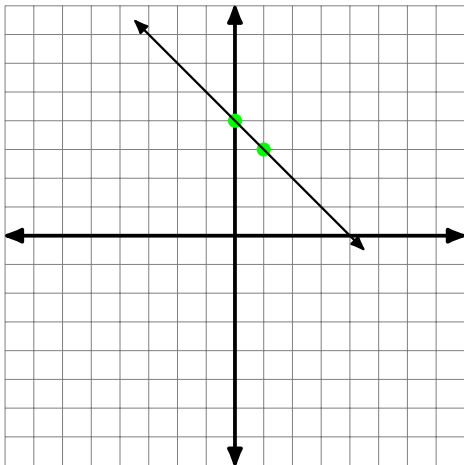


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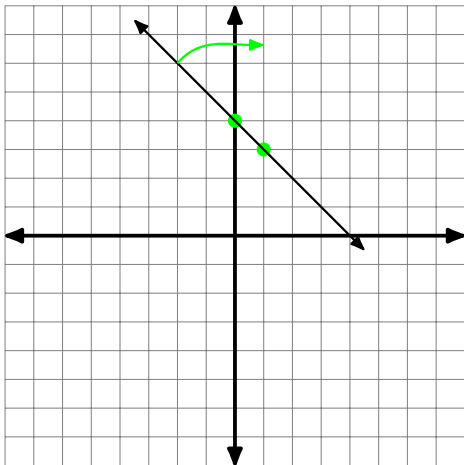


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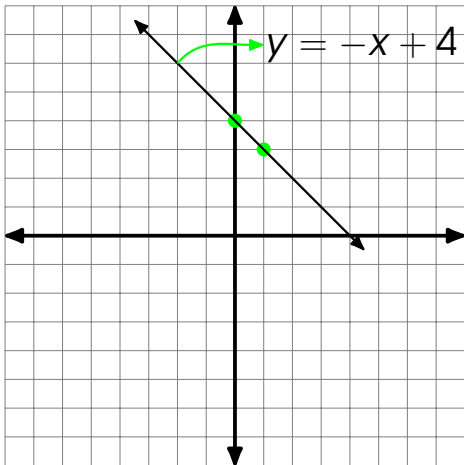


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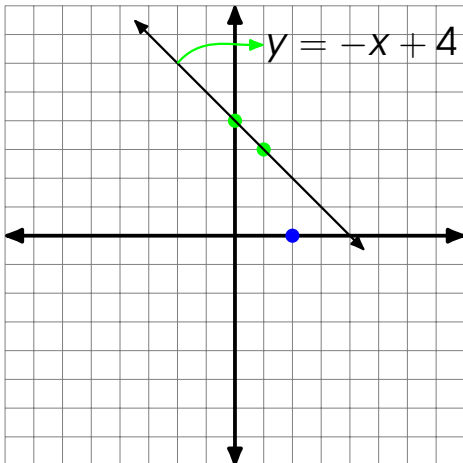


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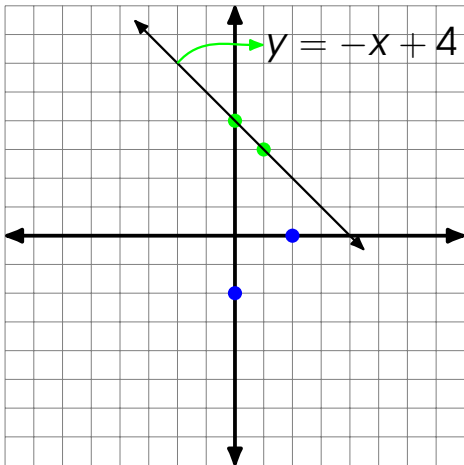


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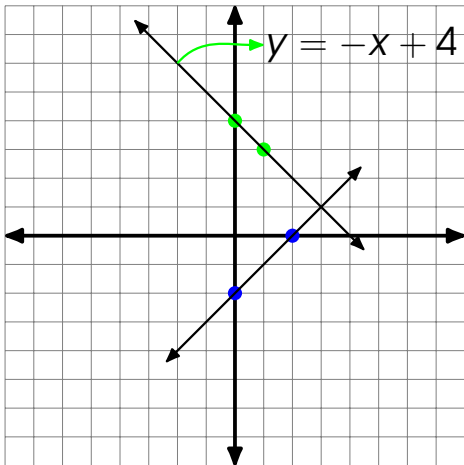


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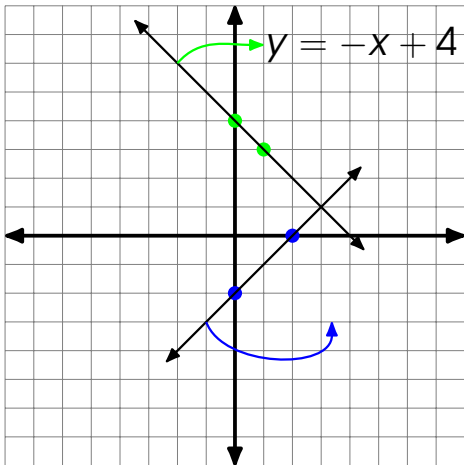


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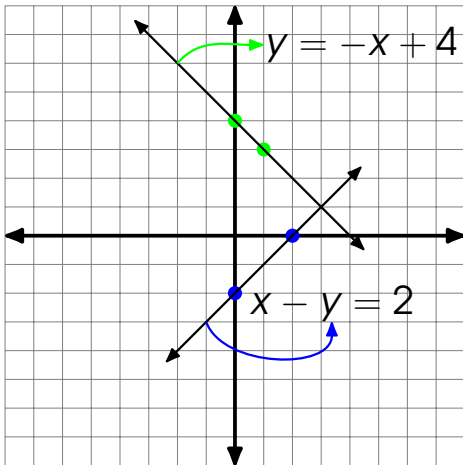


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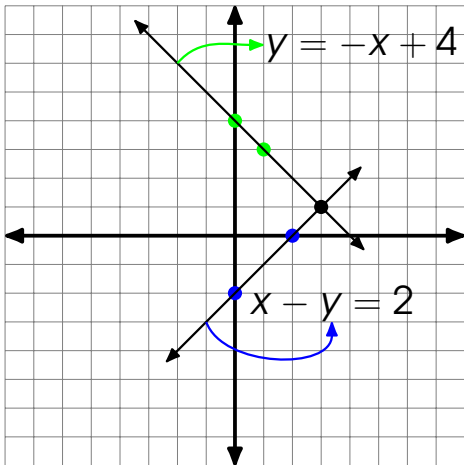


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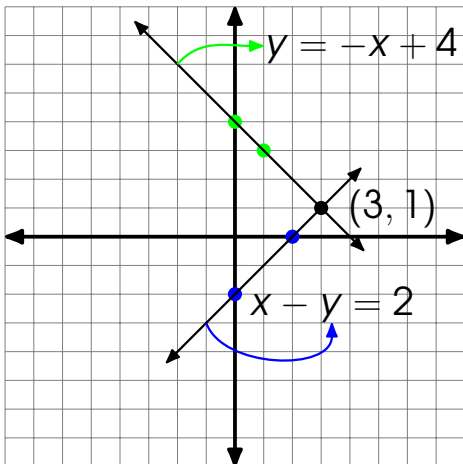


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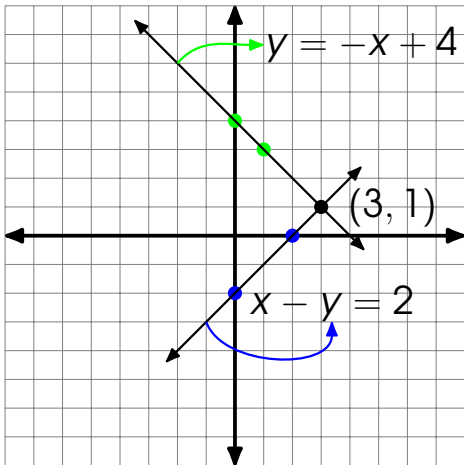


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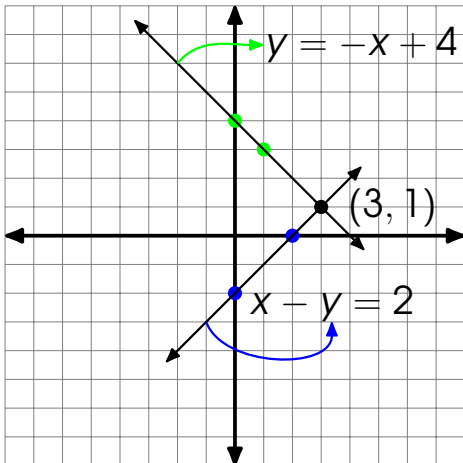
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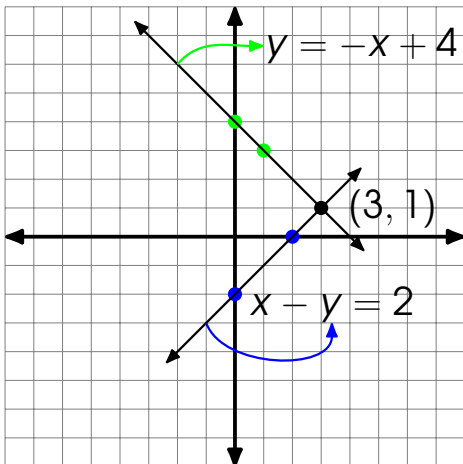
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Thank you for watching.