

Lesson 1.9.2: Solving Systems of Linear Equations by Elimination Method

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3. Add the resulting equations.
4. Solve the equation obtained in step 3.
5. Substitute the value of the variable obtained in step 4 into one of the original equations and solve for the other variable.
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Practice Exercises 1.9.2

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