

Example

Solve the following system by any method if possible

$$\begin{aligned}2x + y &= -9 \\3x + 2y &= -13 \\-x + 6y &= 11\end{aligned}$$

The best way is by substitution. In the last equation, we can solve for $x \Rightarrow -x = 11 - 6y$
 $\Rightarrow x = -(11 - 6y)$
 $x = 6y - 11^*$

Take this expression of x and put it in the 1st equation and the second to solve for y .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{In 1}^{\text{st}} \text{ eqn: } 2(6y - 11) + y &= -9 \Rightarrow 12y - 22 + y = -9 \\&\quad 13y = 22 - 9 \\&\quad 13y = 13 \\&\quad y = 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{In 2}^{\text{nd}} \text{ eqn: } 3(6y - 11) + 2y &= -13 \Rightarrow 18y - 33 + 2y = -13 \\&\quad 20y = -13 + 33 \\&\quad 20y = 20 \\&\quad y = 1\end{aligned}$$

We got the same value for y from Eqn 1 and Eqn 2

$$\text{From } * \quad x = 6y - 11 = 6(1) - 11 = -5$$

$x = -5, y = 1$ Or the system is consistent with an intersection point $(-5, 1)$

Example Solve the following system if possible

$$\begin{aligned}3x + 2y &= 5 \\-x + 5y &= 2 \\2x + 7y &= 3\end{aligned}$$