

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 .

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

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

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

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