
1. (1 point) Solve the following system:

$$\begin{aligned}-4x + 8y &= 0 \\ 12x + 3y &= -54\end{aligned}$$

The solution is:

$x =$ _____
 $y =$ _____

Solution: Our first step is to multiply the first equation by +3. This yields the system

$$\begin{aligned}-12x + 24y &= 0 \\ 12x + 3y &= -54\end{aligned}$$

Adding these two equations, we reduce the problem to solving the linear equation

$$27y = -54$$

which yields the solution $y = -2$. Plugging this back into either of the original equations yields $x = -4$. Thus, the solution is $(x, y) = (-4, -2)$.

2. (1 point) Solve the following system:

$$\begin{aligned}5x - 8y &= -23 \\ -4x - 6y &= 6\end{aligned}$$

The solution is:

$x =$ _____
 $y =$ _____

Solution: Our first step is to solve the first equation for one of the variables (let's say we solve for x). We see that

$$x = \frac{-23 + 8y}{5}.$$

Plugging this into the second equation yields

$$-4 \cdot \frac{-23 + 8y}{5} - 6y = 6.$$

Finally, simplifying and solving for y , we see that $y = 1$. Plugging this value back into either one of the original equations yields $x = -3$. Thus, the solution is $(x, y) = (-3, 1)$.

3. (1 point) Solve the following system:

$$\begin{aligned}x - 2y - z &= -4 \\ y - 3x + z &= 3 \\ -2y - z &= 2\end{aligned}$$

Note: your answers must be fractions (decimals are not allowed).

$x =$ _____
 $y =$ _____
 $z =$ _____

4. (1 point) For what value(s) of h is the linear system consistent?

$$\begin{aligned}-6x_1 - 8x_2 &= h \\ 9x_1 + 12x_2 &= -1\end{aligned}$$

h [select/=not equal to] _____

Solution: From the second equation, $9x_1 + 12x_2 = -1$, we obtain $x_1 = -\frac{4}{3}x_2 - \frac{1}{9}$. Substitute into equation 1, $-6\left(-\frac{4}{3}x_2 - \frac{1}{9}\right) - 8x_2 = h \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3} = h$. The system is consistent provided $h = \frac{2}{3}$.