

Solving Systems by Elimination

Example 1: Solving Systems of Linear Equations

Solve the system of linear equations by elimination.

I Do	
$\begin{array}{r} 2x + 3y = 11 \\ + \quad -2x + 9y = 1 \\ \hline 12y = 12 \\ \underline{12} \\ y = 1 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 2x + 3(1) = 11 \\ 2x + 3 = 11 \\ -3 \quad -3 \\ \hline 2x = 8 \\ \underline{2} \\ x = 4 \end{array}$

$(4, 1)$

We Do	You Do
$\begin{array}{r} 6x - 3y = 3 \\ + \quad -6x + 5y = 3 \\ \hline 2y = 6 \\ \underline{2} \\ y = 3 \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r} -6x + 5(3) = 3 \\ -6x + 15 = 3 \\ -15 \quad -15 \\ \hline -6x = -12 \\ \underline{-6} \\ x = 2 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 4x - 7y = 12 \\ + \quad 2x + 7y = 6 \\ \hline 6x = 18 \\ \underline{6} \\ x = 3 \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r} 2(3) + 7y = 6 \\ 6 + 7y = 6 \\ -6 \quad -6 \\ \hline 7y = 0 \\ \underline{7} \\ y = 0 \end{array}$

$(2, 3)$

$(3, 0)$

We Do	You Do
$\begin{array}{r} -5(3x + 5y = 10) \\ 3(5x + 7y = 10) \\ \hline -15x - 25y = -50 \\ 15x + 21y = 30 \\ \hline -4y = -20 \\ \frac{-4y}{-4} = \frac{-20}{-4} \\ y = 5 \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r} 3x + 5(5) = 10 \\ 3x + 25 = 10 \\ -25 \\ \hline 3x = -15 \\ x = -5 \end{array}$ <p>$(-5, 5)$</p>	$\begin{array}{r} -1(15x + 3y = 9) \\ 3(10x + 7y = -4) \\ \hline -15x - 3y = -9 \\ 30x + 21y = -12 \\ \hline -75x = -75 \\ \frac{-75x}{-75} = \frac{-75}{-75} \\ x = 1 \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r} 10(1) + 7y = -4 \\ 10 + 7y = -4 \\ -10 \\ \hline 7y = -14 \\ y = -2 \end{array}$ <p>$(1, -2)$</p>

You Do	You Do
$\begin{array}{r} 3x + 6y = 6 \\ 2x - 3y = 4 \\ \hline 3x + 6y = 6 \\ 4x - 6y = 8 \\ \hline 7x = 14 \\ x = 2 \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r} 3(2) + 6y = 6 \\ 6 + 6y = 6 \\ -6 \\ \hline 6y = 0 \\ y = 0 \end{array}$ <p>$(2, 0)$</p>	$\begin{array}{r} 9x - 3y = 24 \\ 7x - 3y = 20 \\ \hline 9x - 3y = 24 \\ -7x + 3y = -20 \\ \hline 2x = 4 \\ x = 2 \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{r} 9(2) - 3y = 24 \\ 18 - 3y = 24 \\ -18 \\ \hline -3y = 6 \\ \frac{-3y}{-3} = \frac{6}{-3} \\ y = -2 \end{array}$ <p>$(2, -2)$</p>

You Do	You Do
$x + 2y = 9$ $3x + 2y = 7$ $-x + 2y = -9$ $3x + 2y = 7$ $2x = -2$ $x = -1$ $-1 + 2y = 9$ $+1 \quad +1$ $2y = 10$ $y = 5$ $(-1, 5)$	$2x - 3y = -11$ $3x + 2y = 29$ $4x - 9y = -33$ $-1x - 4y = -58$ $-13y = -91$ -13 $y = 7$ $2x - 3(7) = -11$ $2x - 21 = -11$ $+21$ $2x = 10$ $x = 5$ $(5, 7)$

You Do	You Do
$-2x + 3y = 25$ $-2x + 6y = 58$	$-x + 8y = -32$ $3x - y = 27$

Example 2: Application

Misti is selling candy for \$5 per can and chips for \$8 per can. If she sells a total of 240 cans and receives a total of \$1,614, how many of each did she sell?

I Do

Kailee is selling candy for \$2 per can and chips for \$5 per can. If she sells a total of 220 cans and receives a total of \$695, how many of each did she sell?

We Do