

# 11.3 Solving Linear Systems by Adding or Subtracting



Resource Locker

**Essential Question:** How can you solve a system of linear equations by adding and subtracting?

## Explore Exploring the Effects of Adding Equations

Systems of equations can be solved by graphing, substitution, or by a third method, called **elimination**.

- (A) Look at the system of linear equations.

$$\begin{cases} 2x - 4y = -10 \\ 3x + 4y = 5 \end{cases}$$

*Standard Form*

What do you notice about the coefficients of the  $y$ -terms?

*Opposites*

- (B) What is the sum of  $-4y$  and  $4y$ ? How do you know?

$$-4y + 4y = 0$$

- (C) Find the sum of the two equations by combining like terms.

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x - 4y = -10 \\ + 3x + 4y = +5 \\ \hline 5x + 0 = -5 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{5x}{5} = \frac{-5}{5}$$

- (D) Use the equation from Step C to find the value of  $x$ .

$$x = -1$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2(-1) - 4y = -10 \\ -2 - 4y = -10 \\ +2 \quad \quad +2 \\ \hline -4y = -8 \end{array}$$

- (E) Use the value of  $x$  to find the value of  $y$ . What is the solution of the system?

$$y = 2$$

Solution:  *$(-1, 2)$*

### Reflect

1. **Discussion** How do you know that when both sides of the two equations were added, the resulting sums were equal?

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2. **Discussion** How could you check your solution?

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# Evaluate: Homework and Practice



- Online Homework
- Hints and Help
- Extra Practice

1. Which method of elimination would be best to solve the system of linear equations? Explain.

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{4}y = -10 \\ -x - \frac{3}{4}y = 1 \end{cases}$$

Solve each system of linear equations by adding or subtracting.

2.  $\begin{cases} 3x + 2y = 10 \\ 3x - y = 22 \end{cases}$

3.  $\begin{cases} -2x + y = 3 \\ 3x - y = -2 \end{cases}$  *(1, 5)*

4.  $\begin{cases} x + y = 5 \\ x - 3y = 3 \end{cases}$

*$1x = 1$*

*$x = 1$*

*$-2(1) + y = 3$*

*$-2 + y = 3$*

*$+2 \quad +2$*

*$y = 5$*

5.  $\begin{cases} 7x + y = -4 \\ 2x - y = 1 \end{cases}$

6.  $\begin{cases} -5x + y = -3 \\ 5x - 3y = -1 \end{cases}$  *(1, 2)*

7.  $\begin{cases} 2x + y = -6 \\ -5x + y = 8 \end{cases}$

*$-2y = -4$*

*$-2 \quad -2$*

*$y = 2$*

*$-5x + 2 = -3$*

*$-2 \quad -2$*

*$-5x = -5$*

*$x = 1$*

8.  $\begin{cases} 6x - 3y = 15 \\ 4x - 3y = -5 \end{cases}$

9.  $\begin{cases} 8x - 6y = 36 \\ -2x + 6y = 0 \end{cases}$