

# Are You The Solution?

## 7.3 Solving Linear Systems by Linear Combinations

**Goals:** • Use linear combinations to solve a system of linear equations.

**EQ:** What are the steps to solve by elimination?

(Linear Combinations)

## Vocabulary

**Linear combinations:** (Elimination)

*Book Defn: an equation is obtained by adding 1 equation to another*

used to solve a system by combining the equations using addition

Opposite Term:  $3x, -3x$   
 $-\frac{1}{3}x, \frac{1}{3}x$      $-5y, 5y$

### **Example 1: Using Addition**

Solve the linear system.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 7x + 2y = -6 \\
 + 5x - 2y = 6 \\
 \hline
 12x = 0 \\
 \frac{12x}{12} = \frac{0}{12} \\
 \textcircled{x=0}
 \end{array}
 \quad \rightarrow \quad
 \begin{array}{r}
 7(0) + 2y = -6 \\
 2y = -6 \\
 \frac{2y}{2} = \frac{-6}{2} \\
 \textcircled{y=-3}
 \end{array}$$

$$(0, -3)$$

$$5(0) - 2(-3) = 6$$

$$6 = 6 \checkmark$$

$\therefore$  yes,  $(0, -3)$  is soln

**Use linear combinations to solve the system of linear equations. Then check your solution.**

a)  $4x + y = -4$

$+ -4x + 2y = 16 \rightarrow -4x + 2(4) = 16$

$$\frac{3y}{3} = \frac{12}{3}$$

$$y = 4$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -4x + 8 = 16 \\ -8 \quad -8 \\ \hline -4x = 8 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{-4x}{-4} = \frac{8}{-4}$$

$$x = -2$$

$(-2, 4)$

$$4(-2) + 4 = -4$$

$$-4 = -4 \checkmark$$

$\therefore$  yes  
 $(-2, 4)$   
is soln

b)  $4x + 3y = 10$

$+ 12x - 3y = 6$

$$\frac{16x}{16} = \frac{16}{16}$$

$$x = 1$$

$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$   
x  
y

$$12(1) - 3(2) = 6$$

$$6 = 6 \checkmark$$

$\therefore$  yes,  $(1, 2)$  is soln

## 7.3 Day 1 Homework

7.3 wkst (p.82) #1-14

(Show work on seperate sheet &  
only have final answers on wkst)

7.3 p.414 #8-15, 67-72

*elimination*      *substitution*