

Choose the best method and solve

1)  $4x - 4y = 8$  and  $-8x + y = 19$

2)  $5x + 7y = 2$  and  $-2x + 7y = 9$

3)  $3x - 4y = -10$  and  $5x + 8y = -2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 4x - 4y &= 8 \\
 -8x + y &= 19 \Rightarrow y = 19 + 8x
 \end{aligned}$$

solve:

$$4x - 4(19 + 8x) = 8$$

$$4x - 76 - 32x = 8$$

$$-28x - 76 = 8$$

$$-28x = 84$$

$$x = -3$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= 19 + 8(-3) \\
 y &= 19 - 24 \\
 y &= -5
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -3 & -5 \\ 1 & \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 5x + 7y & = & 2 \\ -2x + 7y & = & 9 \\ 2x - 7y & = & -9 \end{array}$$

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$$7x = -7$$

$$x = -1$$

$$(-1, 1)$$

$$5(-1) + 7y = 2$$

$$-5 + 7y = 2$$

$$7y = 7$$

$$y = 1$$

$$\begin{cases} 3x - 4y = -10 \\ 6x - 8y = -20 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} 5x + 8y = -2 \\ 6x - 8y = -20 \end{cases}$$


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$$11x = -22$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3(-2) - 4y &= -10 \\ -6 - 4y &= -10 \\ -4y &= -4 \\ y &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = -2$$

$$(-2, 1)$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \textcircled{11} \quad a + 4b = -4 \\
 - \quad a + 10b = +16 \\
 \hline
 -6b = 12 \\
 b = -2
 \end{array}$$

$$(4, -2)$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 a + 4(-2) = -4 \\
 a + -8 = -4 \\
 a = 4
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \cancel{3x} - 8y = -24 \\
 \cancel{3x} - 5y = 4.5 \\
 \hline
 -13y = -19.5 \\
 \frac{-13y}{-13} = \frac{-19.5}{-13} \\
 y = 1.5
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 3x - 5(1.5) = 4.5 \\
 3x - 7.5 = 4.5 \\
 3x = 12 \\
 x = 4
 \end{array}$$

$(4, 1.5)$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x+y & = & 22 \\ x-y & = & 12 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$2x = 34$$

$$x = 17$$

$$x - y = 12$$

$$17 - y = 12$$

$$y = 5$$

5, 17

a      c

$$\begin{array}{r} \cancel{2a} + 5c = 31.65 \\ + \cancel{2a} + \cancel{-3c} = \cancel{-23.75} \\ \hline 2c = 7.9 \\ \underline{2} \quad \underline{2} \\ c = 3.95 \end{array}$$



$$\textcircled{11} \begin{cases} 2x + 5y = 11 \\ 4x + 3y = 1 \end{cases} \quad -2$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 5(3) &= 11 \\ 2x + 15 &= 11 \\ -15 &-15 \\ 2x &= -4 \\ x &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -4x - 10y = -22 \\ 4x + 3y = 1 \\ \hline -7y = -21 \\ y = +3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{cases} 8x + 3y = -7 \\ 7x + 2y = -3 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -16x + 6y = 14 \\ 21x + 6y = -9 \\ \hline 5x = 5 \\ x = 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 8(1) + 3y = -7 \\ 8 + 3y = -7 \\ 3y = -15 \\ y = -5 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [-4x + 2y = 0] & \cdot 3 \\ [10x + 3y = 8] & \cdot 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$12x + \cancel{-6y} = 0$$

$$20x + \cancel{6y} = 16$$

$$\hline 32x = 16$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$10\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 3y = 8$$

$$5 + 3y = 8$$

$$3y = 3$$

$$y = 1$$

# Real-World

- Highlight the important information in the problem that will help write two equations.
- Define your variables
- Write two equations
- Use one of the methods for solving systems of equations to solve.
- Check your answers by substituting your ordered pair into the original equations.
- Answer the questions in the real world problems. Always write your answer in complete sentences!

## ample 1: Systems Word Problems

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are running a concession stand at a basketball game. You are selling hot dogs and sodas. Each hot dog costs \$1.50 and each soda costs \$0.50. At the end of the game you made a total of \$78.50. You sold a total of 87 hot dogs and sodas combined. You must report the number of hot dogs sold and the number of sodas sold. How many hot dogs were sold and how many sodas were sold?

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- hot dogs cost \$1.50
- Sodas cost \$0.50
- Made a total of \$78.50
- Sold 87 hot dogs and sodas combined

## 2. Define your variables.

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Let  $y$  = the number of sodas sold

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$$1.50x + 0.50y = 78.50 \quad (\text{Equation related to cost})$$

$$x + y = 87 \quad (\text{Equation related to the number sold})$$

#### 4. Solve!

We can choose any method that we like to solve the system of equations. I am going to choose the substitution method since I can easily solve the 2nd equation for  $y$ .

Step 1: Rewrite  $x + y = 87$

$$x - x + y = 87 - x$$

$$y = 87 - x$$

$$y = -x + 87$$

Step 2: Substitute this equation into the 1<sup>st</sup> equation and solve for x.

$$1.50x + .50(-x + 87) = 78.50$$

$$1.50x + (-.50x) + 43.50 = 78.50$$

$$x + 43.50 = 78.50$$

$$x + 43.50 - 43.50 = 78.50 - 43.50$$

$$x = 35$$

Distribute!

Combine like terms.

Solve for x.

Step 3: Now substitute your value for x (35) and solve for y.

$$y = -x + 87$$

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$$y = 52$$

(35, 52) is the solution to this system.

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$x$  is the number of hot dogs and  $x = 35$ . That means that 35 hot dogs were sold.

$y$  is the number of sodas and  $y = 52$ . That means that 52 sodas were sold.

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35 hot dogs were sold and 52 sodas were sold.

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$$1.50x + 0.50y = 78.50$$

$$1.50(35) + 0.50(52) = 78.50$$

$$52.50 + 26 = 78.50$$

AND

$$x + y = 87$$

$$35 + 52 = 87$$

Since both equations check properly, we know that our answers are correct!



YOUR TURN...  $s = \text{soft}$   $b = \text{burritos}$

and a friend go to Tacos Galore for lunch. You order three soft tacos and three burritos and your bill totals \$11.25. Your friend's bill is \$10.00 for four soft tacos and two burritos. How much do soft tacos cost? How much do burritos cost?

$$3s + 3b = 11.25 \quad 4s + 2b = 10$$

$$\text{new } 6s + 6b = 22.5 \quad -12s + -6b = -30$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Solve } 6s + 6b = 22.5 \\ -12s + -6b = -30 \\ \hline -6s = -7.5 \\ s = 1.25 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3(1.25) + 3b = 11.25 \\ 3.75 + 3b = 11.25 \\ 3b = 7.5 \\ b = 2.5 \end{array}$$

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- 3 soft tacos + 3 burritos cost \$11.25
- 4 soft tacos + 2 burritos cost \$10.00

2. Define your variables.

- Ask yourself, "What am I trying to solve for? What don't I know?"

In this problem, I don't know the price of the soft tacos or the price of the burritos.

Let  $x$  = the price of 1 soft taco

Let  $y$  = the price of 1 soda

3. Write two equations.

One equation will be related your lunch and one equation will be related to your friend's lunch.

$3x + 3y = 11.25$  (Equation representing your lunch)

$4x + 2y = 10$  (Equation representing your friend's lunch)



4. Solve!

We can choose any method that we like to solve the system of equations. I am going to choose the combinations method.

Step 1: Rewrite each equation in order to have opposite terms!

$$\begin{array}{lcl} 2 [3x + 3y = 11.25] & = & 6x + 6y = 22.50 \\ -3 [4x + 2y = 10] & = & -12x - 6y = -30 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6x + 6y = 22.50 \\ -12x - 6y = -30 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\frac{-6x}{-6} = \frac{-7.50}{-6}$$

$$x = 1.25$$

Step 2: Now substitute the value for x (1.25) back into one of the equations and solve for y.

$$4x + 2y = 10$$

$$4(1.25) + 2y = 10$$

$$5 + 2y = 10$$

$$5 - 5 + 2y = 10 - 5$$

$$\frac{2y}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$$

Substitute.

Simplify.

Subtract 5 from both sides.

Divide by 2.

$$y = 2.5$$

(1.25, 2.5) is the solution to this system of equations.

Step 3: Check:

$$3x + 3y = 11.25$$

$$3(1.25) + 3(2.5) = 11.25$$

$$3.75 + 7.5 = 11.25 \quad \text{😊}$$

$$4x + 2y = 10$$

$$4(1.25) + 2(2.5) = 10$$

$$5 + 5 = 10 \quad \text{😊}$$

5. Think about what the solution means in context of the problem.

$x$  = the price of 1 soft taco and  $x = 1.25$ .

That means that 1 soft tacos costs \$1.25.

$y$  = the price of 1 burrito and  $y = 2.5$ .

That means that 1 burrito costs \$2.50.