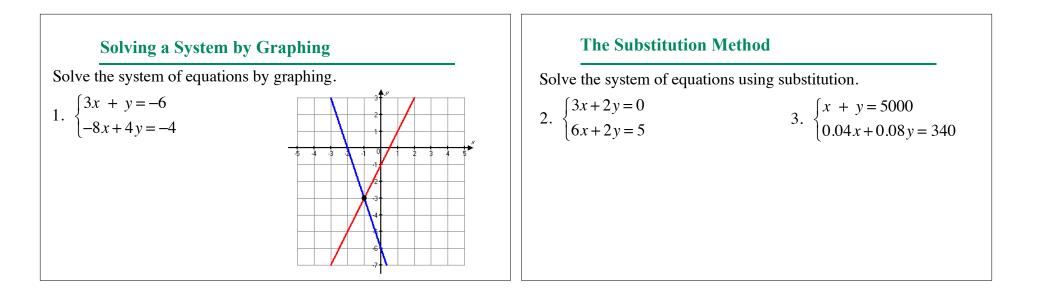


Classifying Systems Graphically

Graph	Number of Solutions	Type of System
(3, 5) lines intersect at one point.	If the lines intersect, the system of equations has one solution given by the point of intersection.	Consistent The equations are independent.
Parallel lines	If the lines are parallel, then the system of equations has no solution because the lines never intersect.	Inconsistent
Lines coincide	If the lines lie on top of each other, then the system has infinitely many solutions. The solution set is the set of all points on the line.	Consistent The equations are dependent.



The Elimination Method

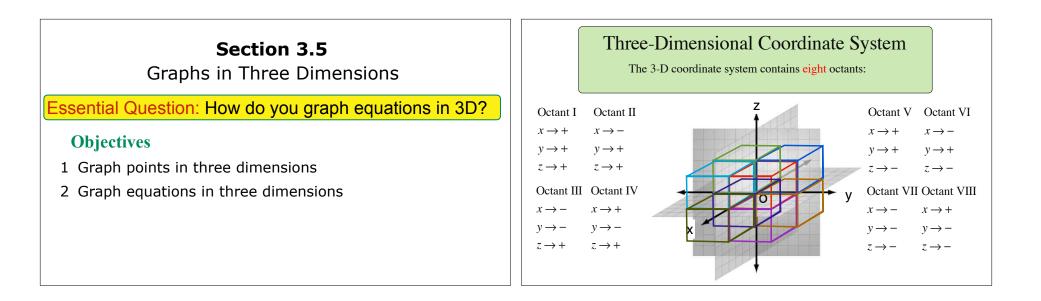
Solve the system of equations using elimination.

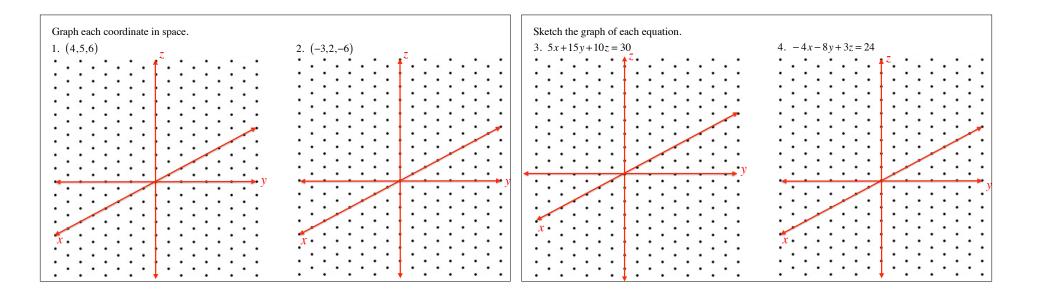
4.
$$\begin{cases} x + 2y = -\frac{8}{3} \\ 3x - 3y = 5 \end{cases}$$
 5.
$$\begin{cases} \frac{3}{2}x - \frac{y}{8} = -1 \\ 16x + 3y = -28 \end{cases}$$

Inconsistent & Dependent Systems

Solve the system.

6.
$$\begin{cases} 5x - y = 3\\ -10x + 2y = 2 \end{cases}$$
7.
$$\begin{cases} 6x - 4y = 8\\ -9x + 6y = -12 \end{cases}$$





Section 3.6

Systems of Linear Equations in Three Variables

Objectives

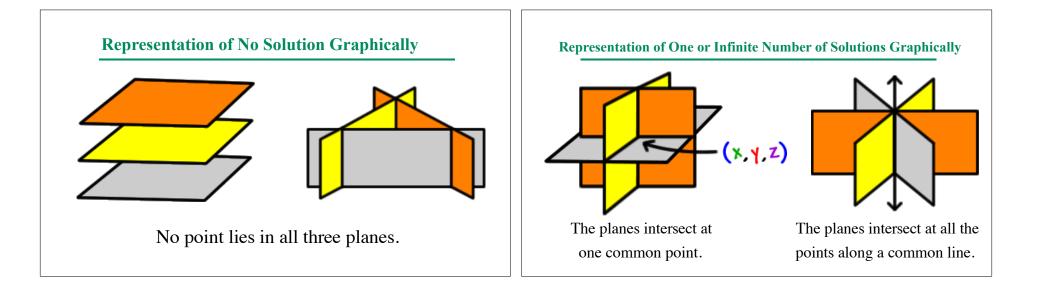
1 Solve Systems of Three Linear Equations Containing Three Variables

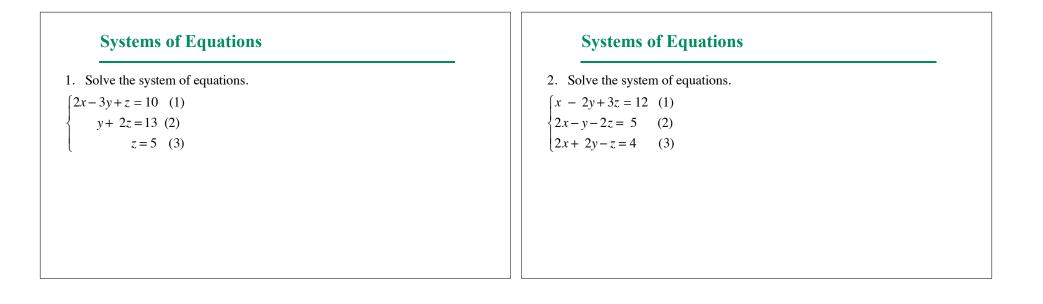
Possible Solutions

Systems of linear equations containing three variables have the same possible solutions as a system of two linear equations containing two variables:

- 1. Exactly one solution A consistent system with independent equations
- 2. No solution An inconsistent system
- 3. Infinitely many solutions A consistent system with dependent equations

Recall that a solution to a system of equations consists of values for the variables that are solutions of each equation of the system.





Systems of Equations

3. Solve the system of equations.

 $\begin{cases} 2x - 4y - z = -18 \quad (1) \\ -6x - 3y + 2z = 2 \quad (2) \\ 4x + y - 6z = -37 \quad (3) \end{cases}$

Systems of Equations

- 4. Solve the system of equations.
- $\begin{cases} 5r 4s 3t = 3 & (1) \\ t = s + r & (2) \\ r = 3s + 1 & (3) \end{cases}$