

Worksheet 3

Problem 1

$$a) \quad x + 4y = 7 \implies y = \frac{7-x}{4} = \frac{7}{4} - \frac{x}{4}$$

$$\frac{x}{2} + 2y = 5 \implies y = \frac{5 - \frac{x}{2}}{2} = \frac{5}{2} - \frac{x}{4}$$

both lines have the same slope, but different y intercepts.

This implies that the lines are parallel & distinct, hence there are no solutions

$$b) \quad x + 2y = 7 \implies y = \frac{7-x}{2} = \frac{7}{2} - \frac{x}{2}$$

$$2x - y = 4 \implies y = 2x - 4$$

Set the two equations equal to one another

$$\frac{7}{2} - \frac{x}{2} = 2x - 4$$

$$7 - x = 4x - 8$$

$$15 = 5x$$

$$3 = x$$

Evaluate the function at x to obtain the y -coordinate.

$$y(3) = 2(3) - 4 = 6 - 4 = 2. \text{ So the unique solution is } \boxed{(3, 2)}$$

$$c) \quad 2x - 5y = 10 \implies y = \frac{2x-10}{5} = \frac{2}{5}x - 2$$

$$6x - 15y = 30 \implies y = \frac{6x-30}{15} = \frac{2}{5}x - 2$$

Both lines are parallel and coincident since they have the same slope & y -intercept. The solutions are given by $\boxed{(t, \frac{2}{5}t - 2)}$

$$d) \quad 4x - 5y = 14 \implies y = \frac{4x-14}{5} = \frac{4}{5}x - \frac{14}{5}$$

$$2x + 3y = -4 \implies y = \frac{-(4+2x)}{3} = -\frac{2}{3}x - \frac{4}{3}$$

Set the two equations equal to one another

$$\frac{4}{5}x - \frac{14}{5} = -\frac{2}{3}x - \frac{4}{3}$$

$$4x - 14 = -\frac{10}{3}x - \frac{20}{3}$$

$$12x - 42 = -10x - 20$$

$$22x = 22$$

$$x = 1$$

Evaluate the function at x to obtain the y -coordinate

$$y(1) = -\frac{2}{3}(1) - \frac{4}{3} = -\frac{2}{3} - \frac{4}{3} = -\frac{6}{3} = -2$$

The unique solution is $(1, -2)$

Problem 2

A linear system of two equations has no solutions if the lines are parallel & coincident.

$$2x - y = 3 \Rightarrow y = 2x - 3$$

$$4x + Ky = 4 \Rightarrow y = \frac{4 - 4x}{K} = \frac{4}{K} - \frac{4}{K}x$$

Set the slopes equal to one another to ensure they are parallel.

$$2 = -\frac{4}{K}$$

$$-2K = 4$$

$$K = -2$$

Since the y -intercepts of both lines are different, then system of equations have no solution when $K = -2$

Problem 3

Let X denote the number of children. And let Y denote the number of adult passengers. We're given information about the total number of passengers and the total revenue generated. We need to relate X, Y to these quantities.

$$\text{Total \# of passengers} = 1000 = X + Y$$

$$\text{Total Revenue} = (\text{cost/child})(\text{\# of children}) + (\text{cost/adult})(\text{\# of adults})$$

$$1300 = .5X + 1.5Y$$

So our system of equations are

$$\begin{cases} 1000 = X + Y \\ 1300 = .5X + 1.5Y \end{cases}$$

Problem 4

Let X denote the land allotted to corn & Y denote the land allotted to wheat. We know the total acres of land & amount of cash available to spend. So

$$\text{Total acres of land} = 500 = X + Y$$

$$\text{Total Expenses} = \left(\frac{\text{cost to produce corn}}{\text{acre}} \right) \left(\begin{matrix} \text{\# of acres} \\ \text{of corn} \end{matrix} \right) + \left(\frac{\text{cost to produce wheat}}{\text{acre}} \right) \left(\begin{matrix} \text{\# of acres} \\ \text{of wheat} \end{matrix} \right)$$

$$18,600 = 42X + 30Y$$

So our system of equations are

$$\begin{cases} 500 = X + Y \\ 18,600 = 42X + 30Y \end{cases}$$

Problem 5

Let X denote the number of front orchestra seats, Y denote the number of rear orchestra seats, and Z denote the number of front balcony seats. Following the same procedure as Problem 4 & Problem 5

$$\text{Total \# of seats} = 1000 = X + Y + Z$$

$$\text{Total Receipts} = 62,800 = 80X + 60Y + 50Z$$

The last equation will require more work. The "combined number of tickets sold for the front orchestra & rear orchestra" is equivalent to $X + Z$. "Exceed twice the number of front balcony tickets sold by 400" implies that

$$(X + Z) - Y = 400. \text{ All in all}$$

$$1000 = X + Y + Z$$

$$62,800 = 80X + 60Y + 50Z$$

$$400 = X - Y - Z$$