Algebra 2 Section 3.1 Solving Linear Systems by Graphing

system of equations: A set of two or more equations.

Example: -3x + 2y = 8 x + 2y = -8

**linear system:** consists of linear equations {form a straight line, when graphed}

**solution of a system:** A set of values for the variables that makes all equations, in the system, true. **The point at which the lines intersect.** 

What is the solution of the system? -3x + 2y = 8x + 2y = -8

Graph each equation by getting into slope-intercept form, y = mx + b m is the slope b is the y-intercept

 $-3x + 2y = 8 \quad \{\text{first equation}\} \\ +3x & +3x \\ 2y = 3x + 8 \quad \{\text{added } 3x \text{ to each side}\} \\ y = \frac{3}{2}x + 4 \quad \{\text{divided each side by 2}\} \\ \text{slope} = \frac{3}{2}$ 

y-intercept = 4

## check in each equation

$$-3x + 2y = 8$$
 $x + 2y = -8$  $-3(-4) + 2(-2) = 8$  $-4 + 2(-2) = -4$  $12 - 4 = 8$  $-4 - 4 = -8$  $8 = 8$  $\checkmark$  $-8 = -8$  $\checkmark$ 

x + 2y = -8 {second equation} -x -x 2y = -x - 8 {subtracted x from each side} y =  $-\frac{1}{2}x - 4$  {divided each side by 2} slope =  $-\frac{1}{2}$ y-intercept = -4



(-4,-2) is the solution of the system

Find the point of intersection of the two lines:

2x + 4y = 12x + y = 2

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slope = -1 y-intercept = 2



2x + 4y = 12	x + y = 2
2(-2) + 4(4) = 12	-2 + 4 = 2
-4 + 16 = 12	2 = 2 🗹
12 = 12 🗹	

## (-2 , 4) is the point of intersection {solution} of the two lines {equations}



Which of the following graphs shows the solution of the system?



You and your friend are both knitting scarves for charity. You knit 8 rows each minute and already have knitted 10 rows. Your friend knits 5 rows each minute and has already knitted 19 rows. When will you both have knitted the same number of rows?



Your friend knits 5 rows per minute and already knitted 19 rows

y = 5x + 19 {5 times the number of minutes (x), plus the number of rows already (y)}

A graphing calculator could be used to find the point of intersection.





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