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## EXAMPLE 2

## Solve a linear system

Use an inverse matrix to solve the linear system.

$$3x + 2y = 1$$
 Equation 1  
 $4x + y = -2$  Equation 2

#### Solution

**STEP 1** Write the linear system as a matrix equation AX = B.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**STEP 2** Find the inverse of matrix A.

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{3-8} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.2 & 0.4 \\ 0.8 & -0.6 \end{bmatrix}$$

**STEP 3** Multiply the matrix of constants by  $A^{-1}$  on the left.

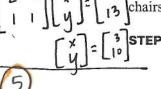
$$X = A^{-1}B = \begin{bmatrix} -0.2 & 0.4 \\ 0.8 & -0.6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

The solution of the system is (-1, 2).

### **EXAMPLE 3**

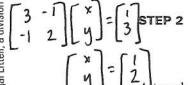
## Solve a multi-step problem

Gift Shop A gift shop sells three beach packages. Package A that includes 2 towels, 1 tube of sunscreen, and 1 beach chair costs \$21. Package B that includes 3 towels and 2 beach chairs costs \$31. Package C that includes 1 tube of sunscreen and 2 beach chairs costs \$19. Find the cost of each package item.



**STEP 1** Write a system of equations. Let t be the cost of a towel, s be the cost of the tube of sunscreen, and c be the cost of a beach chair.

$$2t + s + c = 21$$
 Package A  
 $3t + 2c = 31$  Package B  
 $s + 2c = 19$  Package C

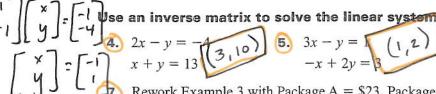


Rewrite the system as a matrix equation and solve  $X = A^{-1}B$  with a graphing calculator.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} t \\ s \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 21 \\ 31 \\ 19 \end{bmatrix}$$

Itowel costs \$5, sunscreen costs \$3, and a chair costs \$8.

# Exercises for Examples 2 and 3



$$2x - y = -4$$

$$x + y = 13$$

$$3 \downarrow 10$$

5. 
$$3x - y = (1, 2)$$
 $-x + 2y = 3$ 
 $3x - y = 3$ 
 $3x - y = 3$ 

6. 
$$2x + y = 3x - y = -$$

Rework Example 3 with Package A = \$23, Package B = \$36, and

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \\ \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t \\ s \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 23 \\ 36 \\ 20 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} t \\ s \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

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#### **EXAMPLE 2** Use matrix operations

 $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ 

Using the given matrices, evaluate the expression B(A + C).

AB
$$0 + 24 - 4 + -30$$

$$0 + 12 \quad 2 + -19$$

$$B(A + C) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -2 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 12 & -49 \end{bmatrix}$$

# **Exercises for Example 2**

Using the given matrices, evaluate the expression.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 4 & -5 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. 
$$AB + C$$
29 -35
10 -13
Use matrices to calculate total

6. 
$$A(B+C)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -32 \\ 11 & -14 \end{bmatrix}$$

**EXAMPLE 3** 

School Supplies You and a friend are purchasing school supplies. You buy 4 binders, and 1 notepad. Your friend buys 2 binders and 3 notepads. Each binder costs \$3.50 and each notepad costs \$2. Write a supplies matrix and a cost per item matrix. Then use matrix multiplication to write a total cost matrix.

#### Solution

Supplies			Cost		
20	Binders	Notepads	Dollars		
You	<b>\Gamma</b> 4	1 ]	Binders	$\lceil 3.5 \rceil$	
Friend	1	3 ]	Notepads	_ 2 _	

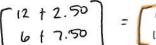
The total cost can be found by multiplying the  $2 \times 2$  supplies matrix by the  $2 \times 1$  cost per item matrix. The product is a  $2 \times 1$  total cost matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 3.5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 16 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

The total cost of the school supplies is the sum of the rows of the total cost matrix, or \$29.

Exercise for Example 3

7. Rework Example 3 if a binder costs \$3 and a notepad costs \$2.50.  $\begin{array}{c|c}
1 & 3 \\
3 & 2.50
\end{array} = \begin{bmatrix}
12 + 2.50 \\
6 + 7.50
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
14.50 \\
13.50
\end{bmatrix}$ 





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# **Exercises for Example 2**

Perform the indicated operation.

6. 
$$4\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -7 \\ -3 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

**EXAMPLE 3** 

Solve a multi-step problem

Gardening Last year you planted 12 geraniums, 36 begonias, and 20 petunias. This year you planted 10 geraniums, 40 begonias, and 32 petunias. Organize the data using matrices. Write and interpret a matrix that gives the change in the number of flowers for the two year period.

Solution

Last year This year Change

Geraniums Begonias Petunias 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 12\\36\\20 \end{bmatrix}$$
 -  $\begin{bmatrix} 10\\40\\32 \end{bmatrix}$  =  $\begin{bmatrix} 2\\-4\\-12 \end{bmatrix}$ 

The difference of the two matrices represents the change in the number of flowers.

## Exercise for Example 3

8. Rework Example 3 to write and interpret a matrix giving the average number of flowers for the two year period.

#### **EXAMPLE 4** Solve a matrix equation

Solve the matrix equation for x and y.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2x & 4 \\ -9 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 4 \\ 3y & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Equate** corresponding elements and solve the two resulting equations.

$$2x = 8$$

$$-9 = 3y$$

$$x = 4$$

$$-3 = y$$

Exercises for Example 4

Solve the matrix equation for x and y.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 12 & 3 \\ 6y & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4x & 3 \\ 24 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-3y = -19$$

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# **EXAMPLE 2**

Solve a three-variable system with no solution

$$2x - 2y + 2z = 9$$

$$x-y+z=5$$

$$3x + y + 2z = 4$$

When you multiply the second equation by -2 and add the result to the first equation, you obtain a false equation.

$$2x - 2y + 2z = 9$$

$$-2x + 2y - 2z = -10$$

$$0 = -1$$

New Equation 1

Because you obtain a false equation, the original system has no solution.

#### **EXAMPLE 3**

# Solve a three-variable system with many solutions

Solve the system.

$$x + y + z = 3$$

Equation 1

$$x + y - z = 3$$

Equation 2

$$3x + 3y + z = 9$$

Equation 3

STEP 1 Rewrite the system as a linear system in two variables.

$$x + y + z = 3$$
$$x + y - z = 3$$

Add the first equation

$$\frac{x+y-z-5}{2x+2y-6}$$

to the second.

$$2x + 2y = 6$$

New Equation 1

$$x + y - z = 3$$

Add the second equation

$$3x + 3y + z = 9$$

to the third.

$$\frac{1}{4x + 4y} = 12$$

New Equation 2

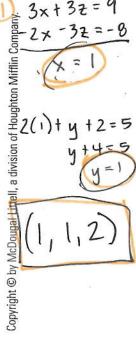
STEP 2 Solve the new linear system for both of its variables.

$$-4x - 4y = -12$$

Add -2 times new Equation 1

$$4x + 4y = 12$$

and new Equation 2.



3x+3=9

Because you obtain the identity 0 = 0, the system has infinitely many solutions.

**STEP 3** Describe the solution. Divide new Equation 1 by 2 to get x + y = 3, or y = -x + 3. Substituting this into the original equation produces z = 0. Any ordered triple of the form (x, -x + 3, 0) is a solution of the system.

## Exercises for Examples 1, 2, and 3

Solve the system.

3x + 3z = 9  
2x + y + z = 5  

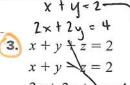
$$x - \sqrt{y} + 2z = 4$$

$$z + y + z = 4$$

$$2.3x + 6y + 3 = 72$$

$$(x - y + z = 4)$$

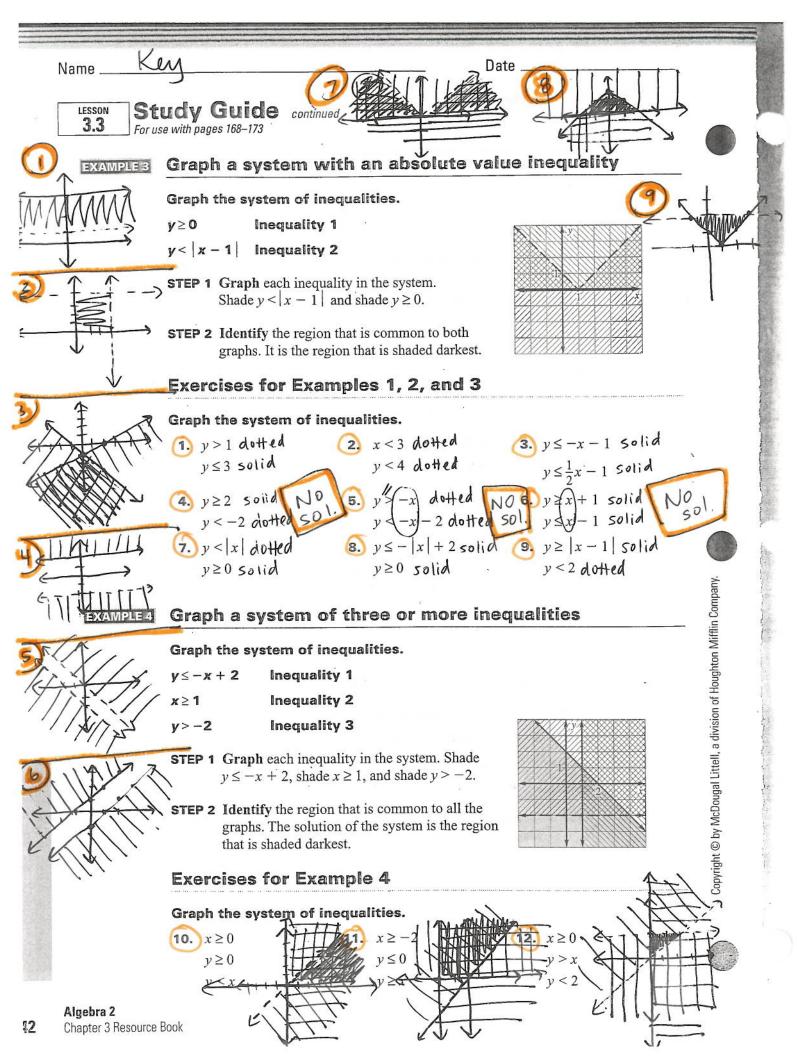
$$3x + 6y + 3z = 0$$



 $2x + 2y + \lambda = 4$ 3×+34=6 x + y = 27Algebra 2

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#### EXAMPLE 2

## Use the elimination method

Solve the system using the elimination method.

$$x + 5y = 13$$

$$-4x - 7y = -13$$

**STEP 1** Multiply Equation 1 by 4 so that the coefficients of x differ only in sign.

$$x + 5y = 13$$

$$4x + 20y = 52$$

$$-4x - 7y = -13$$

$$-4x - 7y = -13$$

**STEP 2** Add the revised equations and solve for y.

$$13y = 39$$

$$y = 3$$

**STEP 3** Substitute the value of y into Equation 1 and solve for x.

$$x + 5(3) = 13$$

Substitute 3 for y in Equation 1.

$$x = -2$$

Solve for x.

The solution is (-2, 3).

#### **EXAMPLE 3**

## Solve linear systems with many or no solutions

a. Solve: 
$$9x - 3y = 6$$

b. Solve: 
$$x - 2y = 5$$

$$3x - y = 2$$

$$4x - 8y = 3$$

**a.** 
$$y = 3x - 2$$

Solve Equation 2 for y.

$$9x - 3(3x - 2) = 6$$

Substitute 3x - 2 for y.

$$6 = 6$$

Simplify.

Because the equation 6 = 6 is always true, there are infinitely many solutions.

**b.** 
$$-4x + 8y = -20$$

Multiply Equation 1 by -4.

$$4x - 8y = 3$$

Add Equation 2.

Because the equation 
$$0 = -17$$
 is never true, there is no solution.



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## Exercises for Examples 2 and 3

Solve the system using the elimination method.

$$-3 - 4y = -7$$
  $3x - 3x - 3$ 

$$14x + 4y = -50$$

$$4x - 5y = 9$$

$$5x - 6y = 4$$
  
 $4x + 3y = 17$ 

$$\frac{4x + By = 17}{9x = 19}$$

ERROR

$$x - y - 3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 6 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

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8: 
$$4x + 2y = 5 - 20$$
  
 $4x - 8y = -3$   
 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 4 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} : \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$ 

9. 
$$3x + by = 7$$
  
 $-3x - 6y = -7$   
 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -3 & -b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ -7 \end{bmatrix}$ 

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#### Classify a system of two linear equations EXAMPLE 2

Solve each system. Then classify each system as consistent and independent, consistent and dependent, or inconsistent.

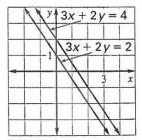
**a.** 
$$10x - 2y = 14$$

$$5x - y = 7$$

b.	3x	+	2 <i>y</i> =	= 2	E
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$$3x + 2y = 4$$

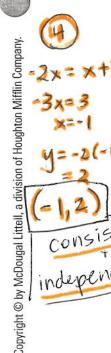




The graphs of the equations are parallel lines. The system is inconsistent.

#### **EXAMPLE 3** Writing and using a linear system

10x - 2y = 14



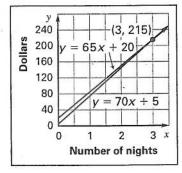
Resort A charges \$70 per night, plus a one-time surcharge of \$5. Resort B charges \$65 per night, plus a one-time surcharge of \$20. After how many nights will the total cost of the two options be the same?

$$y = 70 \cdot x + 5$$
 Equation 1 (Resort A)

$$y = 65 \cdot x + 20$$
 Equation 2 (Resort B)

$$y = -2(-1)$$

To solve the system, graph the equations. The lines appear to intersect at (3, 215). So, after 3 nights the total cost of the two options is the same.



consistent Exercises for Examples 2 and 3

Solve the system. Then classify the system as consistent and independent, consistent and dependent, or inconsistent.

$$y = -2x$$

$$y = x + 3$$

5. 
$$y - 3x = 2$$
  
 $y - 3x = 3$ 

onsistent and insistent.

6. 
$$x + y = 6$$
 Consistent  $-2x - 2y = -12$  dependent, plus a one time

7. In Example 3, suppose Resort A charges \$70 per night, plus a one-time surcharge of \$10 and Resort B charges \$60 per night, plus a one-time surcharge of \$30. After how many nights will the total cost of the two options be the same? 70x +10

