

Algebra RH

Essential Question:: How do we solve Systems of Linear Equations using matrices?

Do Now: Solve the following system of linear equations algebraically :

$$x - y = -1$$

$$x + 2y = 5$$

We can solve the system in #2 above using matrices on the graphing calculator.

Generally, a matrix (m by n) is an arrangement of terms consisting of m lines and n columns. The equations **MUST BE** in STANDARD FORM!!!

A diagram showing a 3x4 matrix with elements a_{11} through a_{34} . A red arrow points down from the top-left element to the bottom-left element, labeled with the number 3. A blue arrow points right from the top-left element to the top-right element, labeled with the number 4. To the right of the matrix, the text "3 x 4 matrix" is written in red and blue.

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1. Set up matrix A, containing the *coefficients* and the *constants*:

$$A: \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Enter the information for matrix A into the calculator.

- $\boxed{2^{\text{ND}}}$ $\boxed{x^{-1}}$ \rightarrow EDIT \rightarrow 1
- 2 \rightarrow enter
- 3 \rightarrow enter
- 1 \rightarrow enter
- -1 \rightarrow enter
- -1 \rightarrow enter
- 1 \rightarrow enter
- 2 \rightarrow enter
- 5 \rightarrow enter

- $\boxed{2^{\text{ND}}}$ $\boxed{\text{MODE}}$

3. Calculate.

- $\boxed{2^{\text{ND}}}$ $\boxed{x^{-1}}$ \rightarrow MATH \rightarrow B: rref \rightarrow enter
- $\boxed{2^{\text{ND}}}$ $\boxed{x^{-1}}$ \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow enter

4. The solution should appear as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

This means that $1x + 0 = 1$, or $x = 1$

and

$0 + 1y = 2$, or $y = 2$. Therefore, the solution is **(1, 2)**.

Practice

Solve each system of linear equations both algebraically using either substitution or elimination, and using matrices on the graphing calculator. Show the matrices entered into the calculator.

System	Algebraic Solution	Matrix Solution
1. $x + y = 4$ $x - y = 6$		
2. $2x - y - 5 = 0$ $x = 6 + y$		
3. $2y + 4x = 8$ $x + y = 4$		
4. $5x + 4y = -10$ $3x + 6y = -6$		