

Pair of Linear Equations in Two Variables

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Objective Section _____ (1 mark each)

Multiple Choice Questions

Q. 1. The value of k for which the system of linear equations $x + 2y = 3$, $5x + ky + 7 = 0$ is inconsistent is [CBSE OD, Set 1, 2020]

- (a) $-\frac{14}{3}$ (b) $\frac{2}{5}$
(c) 5 (d) 10

Ans. For the system of linear equations to be inconsistent, we have

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} \neq \frac{c_1}{c_2}$$

Here $a_1 = 1$, $b_1 = 2$, $c_1 = -3$ and $a_2 = 5$, $b_2 = k$, $c_2 = 7$

$$\text{So, } \frac{1}{5} = \frac{2}{k} \neq \frac{-3}{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 10$$

$\therefore$ Option (d) is correct.

Ans.

Q. 2. The value of k for which the system of equations $x + y - 4 = 0$ and $2x + ky = 3$, has no solution, is [CBSE Delhi, Set 1, 2020]

- (a) -2 (b) $\neq 2$
(c) 3 (d) 2

Ans. Given,

$$\begin{aligned} x + y - 4 &= 0 \\ 2x + ky - 3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$a_1 = 1, b_1 = 1, c_1 = -4$$

$$a_2 = 2, b_2 = k, c_2 = -3$$

For no solution, the condition is

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} \neq \frac{c_1}{c_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{k} \neq \frac{-4}{-3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{k} \text{ and } \frac{1}{k} \neq \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 2 \text{ and } k \neq \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 2$$

$\therefore$ Option (d) is correct.

Ans.



Short Answer Type Questions-I _____ (2 marks each)

Q. 1. Find the value(s) of k so that the pair of equations $x + 2y = 5$ and $3x + ky + 15 = 0$ has a unique solution.

[CBSE OD, Set 1, 2019]

Ans. Given, $x + 2y = 5$

$$3x + ky + 15 = 0$$

Comparing above equations with

$$a_1x + b_1y + c_1 = 0 \text{ and } a_2x + b_2y + c_2 = 0,$$

We get,

$$a_1 = 1, b_1 = 2, c_1 = -5$$

$$a_2 = 3, b_2 = k, c_2 = 15$$

Condition for the pair of equations to have unique solution is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a_1}{a_2} &\neq \frac{b_1}{b_2} \\ \frac{1}{3} &\neq \frac{2}{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$k \neq 6$$

k can have any value except 6.

Q. 2. The larger of two supplementary angles exceeds the smaller by 18° . Find the angles. [CBSE OD, Set 1, 2019]

Ans. Let two angles A and B are supplementary.

$$\therefore A + B = 180^\circ \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{Given, } A = B + 18^\circ$$

On putting $A = B + 18^\circ$ in equation (i), we get

$$B + 18^\circ + B = 180^\circ$$

$$2B + 18^\circ = 180^\circ$$

$$2B = 162^\circ$$

$$B = 81^\circ$$

$$A = B + 18^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 99^\circ$$

Q. 3. Sumit is 3 times as old as his son. Five years later, he shall be two and a half times as old as his son. How old is Sumit at present? [CBSE OD, Set 1, 2019]

Ans. Let age of Sumit be x years and age of his son be y years. Then, according to question we have,

$$x = 3y \quad \dots(i)$$

Five years later,

$$x + 5 = 2\frac{1}{2}(y + 5) \quad \dots(ii)$$

On putting $x = 3y$ in equation (ii)

$$3y + 5 = \frac{5}{2}(y + 5)$$

$$3y + 5 = \frac{5y}{2} + \frac{25}{2}$$

$$\frac{y}{2} = \frac{15}{2}$$

$$y = 15 \text{ years}$$

Then, present age of sumit is

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \times y &= 3 \times 15 \\ &= 45 \text{ years} \end{aligned}$$

Q. 4. For what value of k , will the following pair of equations have infinitely many solutions:

$$2x + 3y = 7 \text{ and } (k + 2)x - 3(1 - k)y = 5k + 1$$

[CBSE OD, Set 2, 2019]

Ans. Given, the system of equations is $2x + 3y = 7$ and $(k + 2)x - 3(1 - k)y = 5k + 1$
Since, the given system of equations have infinitely many solutions.

$$\therefore \frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$$

$$\frac{2}{k+2} = \frac{3}{-3(1-k)} = \frac{-7}{-(5k+1)}$$

$$\frac{2}{k+2} = \frac{3}{-3(1-k)} \text{ and } \frac{3}{-3(1-k)} = \frac{7}{(5k+1)}$$

$$-6(1 - k) = 3k + 6 \text{ and } 3(5k + 1) = -21(1 - k)$$

$$-6 + 6k = 3k + 6 \quad 15k + 3 = -21 + 21k$$

$$3k = 12 \quad 6k = 24$$

$$k = 4 \quad k = 4$$

Hence, the given system of equations has infinitely many solutions when $k = 4$.

Q. 5. Find c if the system of equations $cx + 3y + (3 - c) = 0$, $12x + cy - c = 0$ has infinitely many solutions?

[CBSE Delhi, Set 1, 2019]

Ans. The given equations are

$$cx + 3y + (3 - c) = 0$$

$$\text{and } 12x + cy - c = 0$$

For infinitely many solutions

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{c}{12} = \frac{3}{c} = \frac{3-c}{-c}$$

$$\frac{c}{12} = \frac{3}{c} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{3}{c} = \frac{3-c}{-c}$$

$$\Rightarrow c^2 = 36 \Rightarrow -3c = 3c - c^2$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \pm 6 \Rightarrow -6c = -c^2$$

$$\Rightarrow c^2 - 6c = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c(c - 6) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 0 \text{ or } c = 6$$

So, from both the above cases

$$c = 6$$

Q. 6. Find the value of k for which the following pair of linear equations have infinitely many solutions.

$$2x + 3y = 7, (k + 1)x + (2k - 1)y = 4k + 1$$

[CBSE Delhi, Set 2, 2019]

Ans. Given,

$$2x + 3y = 7 \text{ and } (k + 1)x + (2k - 1)y = 4k + 1$$

For infinitely many solutions

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{2}{k+1} = \frac{3}{2k-1} = \frac{-7}{-(4k+1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(2k - 1) = 3(k + 1)$$

$$4k - 2 = 3k + 3$$

$$k = 5$$

$$\text{or } 3(4k + 1) = 7(2k - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 5$$

$$\text{Hence, } k = 5.$$

Q. 7. In fig. 1, ABCD is a rectangle. Find the values of x and y . [CBSE 2018]

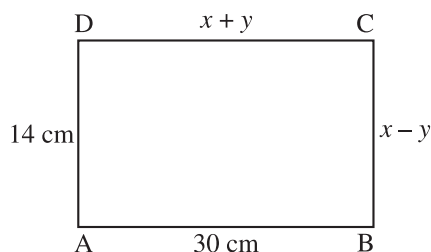


Figure 1

Ans. Given, $ABCD$ is a rectangle.

$$\therefore AB = CD$$

$$\Rightarrow 30 = x + y$$

$$\text{or } x + y = 30 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{Similarly, } AD = BC$$

$$\Rightarrow 14 = x - y$$

$$\text{or } x - y = 14 \quad \dots(ii)$$

On adding eqs. (i) and (ii), we get

$$2x = 44$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 22$$

Putting the value of x in eq. (i), we get

$$22 + y = 30$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 30 - 22$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 8$$

So, $x = 22, y = 8$.

Q. 8. Given the linear equation $x - 2y - 6 = 0$, write another linear equation in these two variables, such that the geometrical representation of the pair so formed is:

(i) coincident lines

(ii) intersection lines

[CBSE Term 1, 2016]

Ans. (i) Given, $x - 2y - 6 = 0$

For line to be coincident

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$$

Thus one possible option will be

$$2x - 4y - 12 = 0$$



Short Answer Type Questions-II

(3 marks each)

Q. 1. If $2x + y = 23$ and $4x - y = 19$, find the value of $(5y - 2x)$ and $\left(\frac{y}{x} - 2\right)$.

[CBSE OD, Set 1, 2020]

Ans. Given : $2x + y = 23 \quad \dots(i)$

and $4x - y = 19 \quad \dots(ii)$

Here, $a_1 = 1, b_1 = -2, c_1 = -6$

$$a_2 = 2, b_2 = -4, c_2 = -12$$

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{1}{2}; \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{-2}{-4} = \frac{1}{2};$$

$$\frac{c_1}{c_2} = \frac{-6}{-12} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$$

So, it is showing coincident lines.

(ii) Given, $x - 2y - 6 = 0$

For intersecting lines

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} \neq \frac{b_1}{b_2}$$

Thus, one possible option will be,

$$2x - 7y - 13 = 0$$

Here, $a_1 = 1, b_1 = -2, c_1 = -6$

$$a_2 = 2, b_2 = -7, c_2 = -13$$

$$\text{Here, } \frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{1}{2}; \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{-2}{-7} = \frac{2}{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a_1}{a_2} \neq \frac{b_1}{b_2}$$

So, it is representing intersecting lines.

Q. 9. Find whether the following pair of linear equations is consistent or inconsistent:

$$3x + 2y = 8$$

$$6x - 4y = 9$$

[CBSE Term 1, Set 1, 2015]

Ans. Here, $\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{2}{-4} = \frac{-1}{2}$

$$\frac{1}{2} \neq \frac{-1}{2}$$

Since $\frac{a_1}{a_2} \neq \frac{b_1}{b_2}$, which will give a unique solution.

Hence, given pair of linear equations is consistent.

From equation (i), we have

$$y = 23 - 2x$$

Putting this value in equation (ii), we get

$$4x - (23 - 2x) = 19$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x - 23 + 2x = 19$$

$$\Rightarrow 6x = 19 + 23$$

$$\Rightarrow 6x = 42$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & x = 7 \\
 \text{So, } & y = 23 - 2 \times 7 = 23 - 14 = 9 \\
 \text{So, } & 5y - 2x = 5 \times 9 - 2 \times 7 = 45 - 14 = 31 \\
 \text{And } & \frac{y}{x} - 2 = \frac{9}{7} - 2 = \frac{9-14}{7} = -\frac{5}{7} \text{ Ans.}
 \end{aligned}$$

Q. 2. Determine graphically the coordinates of the vertices of a triangle, the equations of whose sides are given by $2y - x = 8$, $5y - x = 14$ and $y - 2x = 1$. [CBSE Delhi, Set 1, 2020]

Ans. Given the equations,

$$2y - x = 8$$

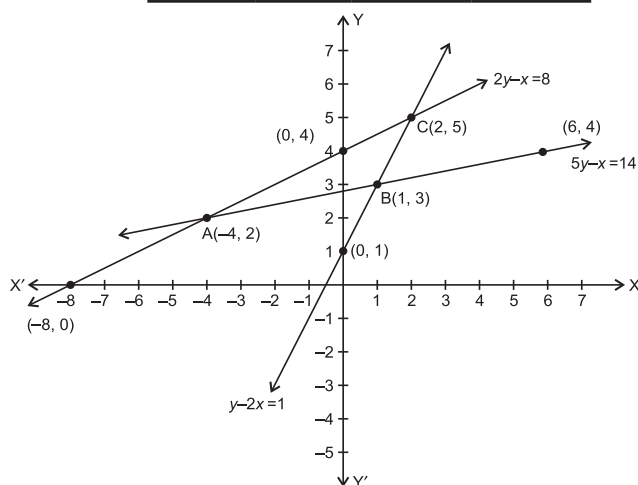
x	0	-8	2
y	4	0	5

$$5y - x = 14$$

x	1	6	-4
y	3	4	2

$$y - 2x = 1$$

x	1	0	2
y	3	1	5



Therefore, the coordinates of the vertices of the triangle are A(-4, 2), B(1, 3) and C(2, 5).

Ans.

Q. 3. A father's age is three times the sum of the ages of his two children. After 5 years his age will be two times the sum of their ages. Find the present age of the father. [CBSE Delhi, Set 1, 2019]

Ans. Let the present age of father be x years and sum of ages of his two children be y years

According to question,

$$x = 3y \quad \dots(i)$$

After 5 years,

$$\text{Father's age} = (x + 5) \text{ years}$$

$$\text{Sum of ages of two children} = (y + 5 + 5) \text{ years}$$

$$= (y + 10) \text{ years}$$

In 2nd case

According to question,

$$x + 5 = 2(y + 10)$$

$$\text{or } x + 5 = 2y + 20$$

$$\text{or } x - 2y = 15$$

$$\text{or } 3y - 2y = 15 \text{ [Using equation (i)]}$$

$$y = 15$$

Now from equation (i),

$$x = 3y \quad (\text{Put } y = 15)$$

$$\text{or } x = 3 \times 15$$

$$x = 45$$

So, Present age of father = 45 years.

Q. 4. A fraction becomes $\frac{1}{3}$ when 2 is subtracted from the numerator and it becomes $\frac{1}{2}$ when 1 is subtracted from the denominator. Find the fraction.

[CBSE Delhi, Set 1, 2019]

Ans. Let the fraction be $\frac{x}{y}$

According to question,

$$\frac{x-2}{y} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{or } 3(x-2) = y$$

$$\text{or } 3x - y = 6 \quad \dots(i)$$

again, According to question,

$$\frac{x}{y-1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{or } 2x = y - 1$$

$$\text{or } 2x - y = -1 \quad \dots(ii)$$

On solving equations (i) and (ii), we get

$$x = 7, y = 15$$

$\therefore$ The required fraction is $\frac{7}{15}$.

Q. 5. Solve the following pair of equations by reducing them to a pair of linear equations:

$$\frac{1}{x} - \frac{4}{y} = 2$$

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{y} = 9$$

[CBSE Term 1, 2016]

Ans. Given, $\frac{1}{x} - \frac{4}{y} = 2$

and $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{y} = 9$

Let $\frac{1}{x} = u, \frac{1}{y} = v$

So, $u - 4v = 2$... (i)

$u + 3v = 9$... (ii)

On solving eqs. (i) and eq. (ii),

$$\begin{array}{r} u - 4v = 2 \\ u + 3v = 9 \\ - \quad - \quad - \\ -7v = -7 \\ \Rightarrow v = 1 \end{array}$$

Putting the value of v in eq. (i),

$$\begin{array}{r} \Rightarrow u - 4 \times 1 = 2 \\ \Rightarrow u = 6 \end{array}$$

So, $v = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} = 1, y = 1$

and $u = 6 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} = 6, x = \frac{1}{6}$

Hence, $x = \frac{1}{6}$ and $y = 1$

Q. 6. Solve by elimination:

$$3x - y = 7$$

$$2x + 5y + 1 = 0$$

[CBSE Term 1, 2015]

Ans. $3x - y = 7$... (i)

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

Multiplying equation (i) by 5 and solving it with equation (ii), we get

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x + 5y = -1 \\ 15x - 5y = 35 \\ \hline 17x = 34 \quad \text{[On adding]} \\ \Rightarrow x = \frac{34}{17} = 2 \end{array}$$



Long Answer Type Questions

(4 marks each)

Q. 1. Draw graph of following pair of linear equations:

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

$$4x + y = 4$$

Also write the coordinate of the points where these lines meet x -axis and y -axis.

[CBSE Term 1, 2016]

Putting the value of x in (i), we have

$$3(2) - y = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow 6 - y = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -1$$

$$\therefore x = 2, y = -1$$

Q. 7. The sum of the digits of a two digit number is 8 and the difference between the number and that formed by reversing the digits is 18. Find the number.

[CBSE Term 1, Set 1, 2015]

Ans. Let unit digit = x
Tens digit = y
So, original number = unit digit + $10 \times$ tens digit

$$= x + 10y$$

According to question,

$$\text{Sum of digits} = 8$$

$$\text{So, } x + y = 8$$

On reversing the digits, unit digit = y

Tens digit = x

$$\text{so, New number} = 10x + y$$

According to question,

$$\text{Difference} = 18$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 10y - (10x + y) = 18$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 10y - 10x - y = 18$$

$$\Rightarrow 9y - 9x = 18$$

$$\Rightarrow y - x = 2 \quad \dots (ii)$$

By adding eq. (i) and (ii),

$$2y = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{10}{2} \Rightarrow y = 5$$

Put the value of y in eq. (i),

$$\Rightarrow x + 5 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Original number} &= 10y + x \\ &= 10 \times 5 + 3 \\ &= 50 + 3 \\ &= 53 \end{aligned}$$

Ans. $y = 2(x - 1)$

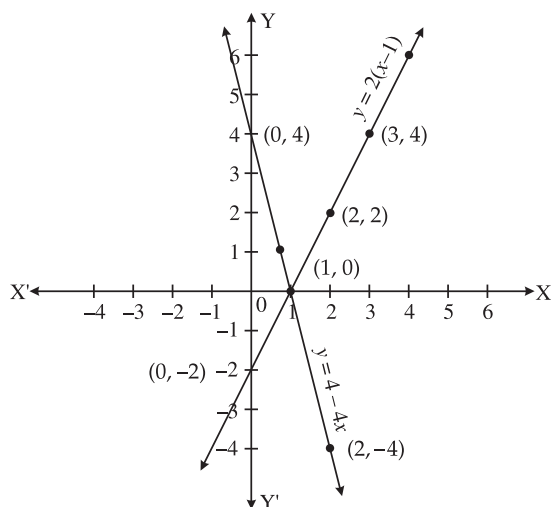
So,

x	1	2	3	4
y	0	2	4	6

And for, $4x + y = 4$

$$\Rightarrow y = 4 - 4x$$

x	1	2	$1/2$
y	0	-4	2



Co-ordinate of point where lines meet
coordinates axes:

Line $y = 2(x - 1)$: x -axis = $(1, 0)$

and y -axis = $(0, -2)$

Line $4x + y = 4$: x -axis = $(1, 0)$

y -axis = $(0, 4)$

Q. 2. Draw the graph of the following pair of linear equations:

$$x + 3y = 6 \text{ and } 2x - 3y = 2$$

Find the ratio of the areas of the two triangles formed by first line, $x = 0$, $y = 0$ and second line, $x = 0$, $y = 0$.

[CBSE Term 1, Set 1, 2015]

Ans.	First Line	Second Line
	$x + 3y = 6$	$2x - 3y = 12$

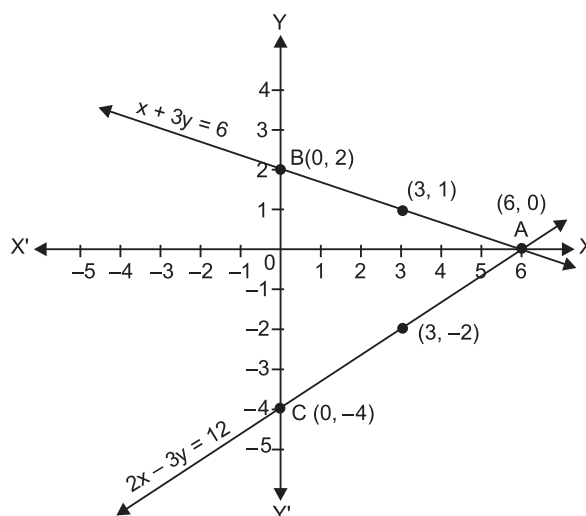
$$\Rightarrow x = 6 - 3y \quad 2x = 12 + 3y$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{12 + 3y}{2}$$

x	6	3	0
y	0	1	2

x	6	3	0
y	0	-2	-4

$(6, 0), (3, 1), (0, 2)$ $(6, 0), (3, -2), (0, -4)$



Area of triangle

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{corresponding altitude}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\text{Area of } \triangle AOB}{\text{Area of } \triangle AOC} = \frac{1/2 \times OA \times OB}{1/2 \times OA \times OC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{OB}{OC} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$\therefore$ Required ratio = $1 : 2$