

Sec 7-3: Solving systems of equations using ELIMINATION

Solving by elimination may involve:

- Just adding or subtracting the two equations
- Multiplying one of the equations by a constant then adding or subtracting.
- Multiplying both equations by a constant then adding or subtracting.

Solve this system of equations using Elimination.

$$4j + 9k = -15$$

$$+ \quad 7j - 9k = 48$$

$$(3, -3)$$

$$\frac{16j}{16} = \frac{33}{16}$$

$$j = 3$$

$$4(3) + 9k = -15$$

$$12 + 9k = -15$$

$$-12 \quad -12$$

$$\frac{9k}{9} = \frac{-27}{9} \quad k = -3$$

Solve this system of equations using Elimination.

Subtract the equations and you will eliminate the P's.

$$6P - 5Q = 14$$

$$- \quad 6P + 2Q = -14$$

$$\frac{-7Q}{-7} = \frac{28}{-7}$$

$$Q = -4$$

$$6P + 2(-4) = -14$$

$$6P - 8 = -14$$

$$+8 \quad +8$$

$$\frac{6P}{6} = \frac{-6}{6} \quad P = -1$$

$$(-1, -4)$$

Solve this system of equations using Elimination.

Subtract the equations and eliminate the B's

$$8A - 3B = 50$$

$$- \quad 5A - 3B = 29$$

$$(7, 2)$$

$$\frac{3A}{3} = \frac{21}{3}$$

$$A = 7$$

$$5(7) - 3B = 29$$

$$35 - 3B = 29$$

$$-35 \quad -35$$

$$\frac{-3B}{-3} = \frac{-6}{-3} \quad B = 2$$

Solve this system of equations using Elimination.

Multiply the second equation by 5 then add the equations together to eliminate the d's.

$$\begin{array}{r} 6c + 5d = 9 \\ 5(4c - d = -7) + 20c - 5d = -35 \\ \hline 26c = -26 \\ \hline c = -1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6(-1) + 5d = 9 \\ -6 + 5d = 9 \\ +6 \quad +6 \\ \hline 5d = 15 \quad d = 3 \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{(-1, 3)}$$

Solve this system of equations using Elimination.

$$\begin{array}{r} 9a + 8b = 4 \\ -3(3a + 5b = -8) - 9a + 15b = -24 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -7b = 28 \\ \hline -7 \quad -7 \\ \hline b = -4 \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{(4, -4)}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 9a + 8(-4) = 4 \\ 9a - 32 = 4 \\ +32 \quad +32 \\ \hline 9a = 36 \quad a = 4 \end{array}$$

Solve this system of equations using Elimination.

You could eliminate the m's by doing this:

$$\begin{array}{r} 7(2m - 3n = -8) \\ 2(7m + 2n = 47) \\ \hline 14m - 21n = -56 \\ -14m + 4n = 94 \\ \hline -25n = -150 \end{array}$$

$$n = 6 \quad \boxed{(5, 6)} \quad m = 5$$

You could eliminate the n's by doing this:

$$\begin{array}{r} 2(2m - 3n = -8) \\ 3(7m + 2n = 47) \\ \hline 4m - 6n = -16 \\ + 21m + 6n = 141 \\ \hline 25m = 125 \end{array}$$