

Pairs of Linear Equations in Two Variables

Syllabus

- pair of linear equations in two variables.
- Graphical method of their solution
- Consistency / Inconsistency
- Algebraic Conditions for number of solutions.
- Solving methods — (a) By substitution
(b) By elimination
- Simple situational problems.

Pairs of Linear Equations in Two Variables.

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The General form of pair of linear equations in two variables x and y is —

$$a_1x + b_1y + c_1 = 0$$

$$a_2x + b_2y + c_2 = 0$$

where $a_1, b_1, c_1, a_2, b_2, c_2$ are all real numbers and $a_1^2 + b_1^2 \neq 0, a_2^2 + b_2^2 \neq 0$.

Graphical method of their solution

of two equations given, ~~$a_1x + b_1y + c_1 = 0$~~
 ~~$a_2x + b_2y + c_2 = 0$~~

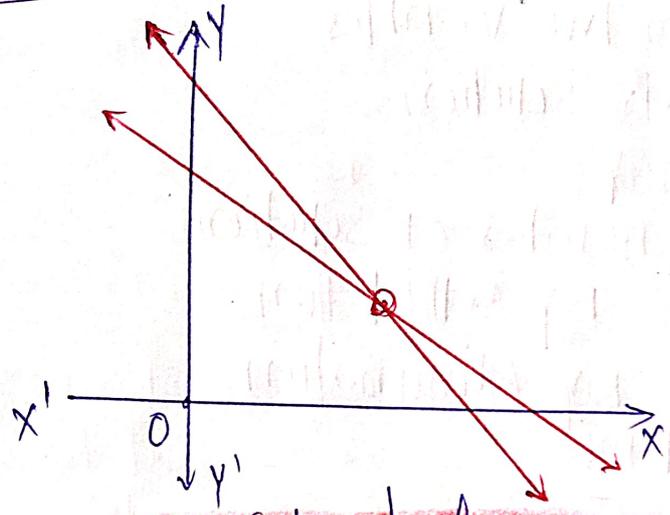
Step 1 → put in both the equations $x=0$, find y co-ordinate and $y=0$, find x -co-ordinate.

Step 2 → find the intersection point of these equation and draw the graph.

Step 3 → The common point will be the final solution.

Consistency and Inconsistent

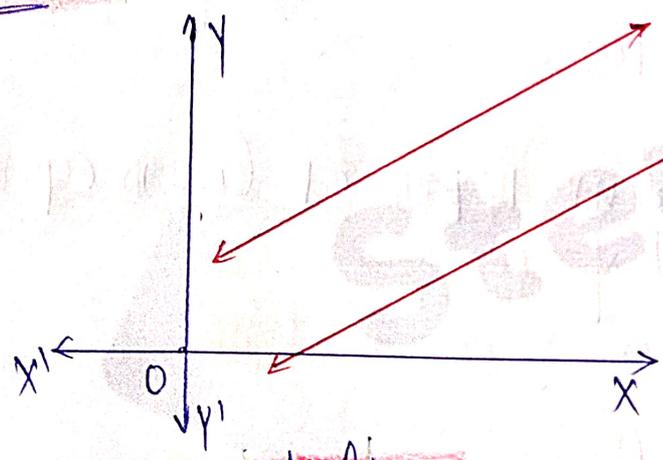
#1. Intersect at a point.



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

Unique solution or exactly one solution - consistent solution.

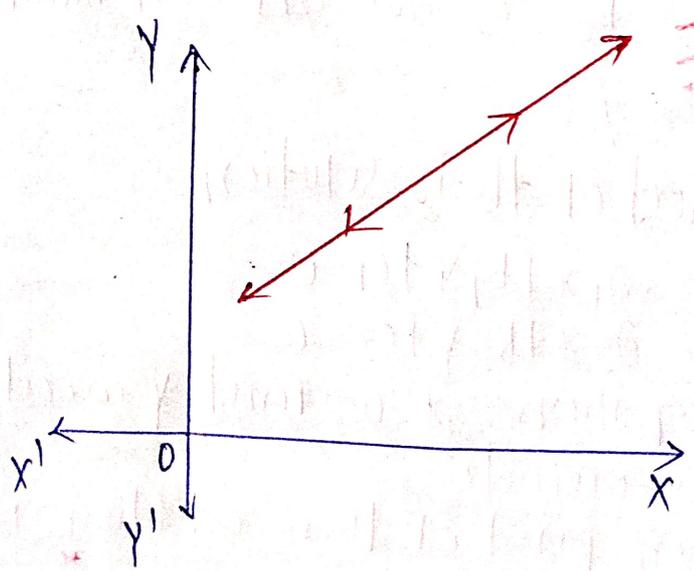
#2. Coincident lines.



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

Infinitely many solution, condition for consistency.

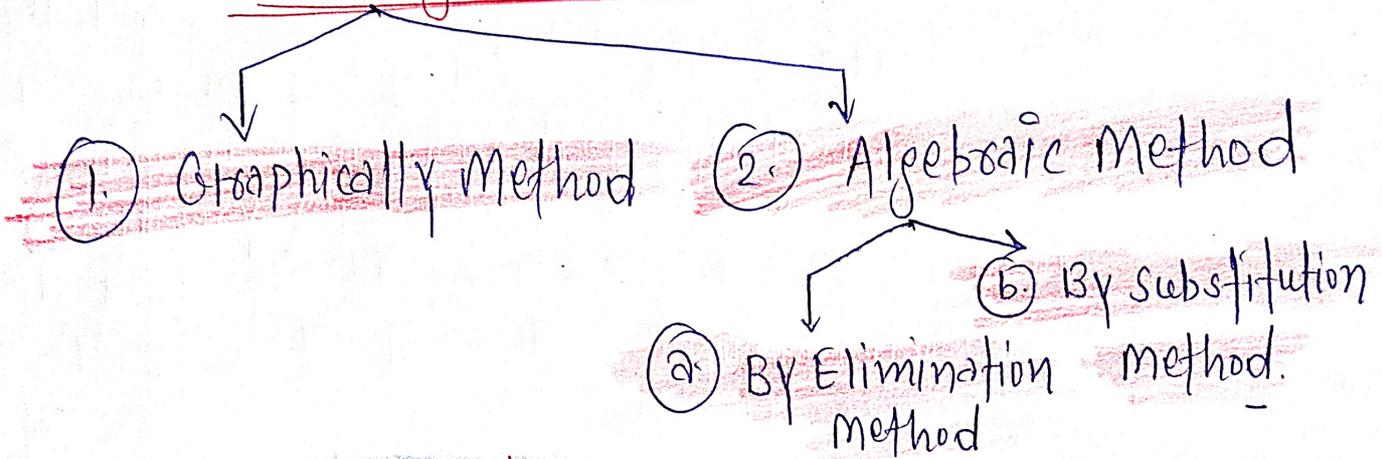
#3. Parallel lines



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

No solution / Inconsistent solution.

Solving Methods



Algebraic Method

$$a_1x + b_1y + c_1 = 0 \text{ (Given)} \times a_2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$a_2x + b_2y + c_2 = 0 \text{ (Given)} \times a_1 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Subtract equation (1) - equation (2) and find the value of y . Now, put the value of ' y ' in any of the given equation and find the value of x .

Substitution method

$$a_1x + b_1y + c_1 = 0 \text{ (Given)} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$a_2x + b_2y + c_2 = 0 \text{ (Given)} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Write any one of the equation in term of y and put the value of x in another equation and find the value of y .

Again, put the value of y in any equation and find x .

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