

6.2 Determining Number of Solutions

Graph each system of equations on the grid provided. State the number of solutions for each system.

$y_1 = x + 5$   
 $y_2 = -x + 1$

1 solution

$y = 2x - 8$   
 $y = 2x + 6$

intersection points

0 solutions

$y = 3x - 2$   
 $6x - 2y - 4 = 0$

$\frac{6x-4}{2} = \frac{2y}{2}$   
 $y = 3x - 2$

$\infty$  sol'n

The number of solutions can be determined from the graph as above or directly from the equations if they are expressed in slope y-intercept form. But how???



Number of Solutions	0	1	$\infty$
Graphical Example			
Slope and Intercepts	m: same b: different	m: different b: doesn't matter	m: same b: same

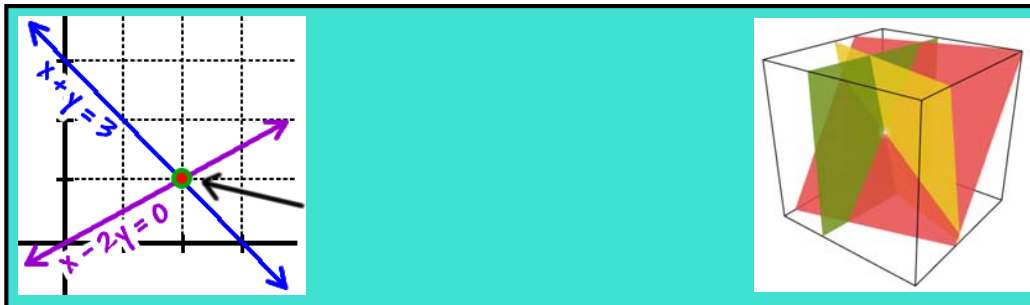
*\*Memorize\**

Example Without graphing, determine the number of solutions to each system.

a)  $3x + 5y = 15$      $y = \frac{3}{5}x + 0$   
 $-3x$      $-3x$   
 $5y = -3x + 15$     m: same  
 $y = -\frac{3}{5}x + 3$     b: diff.  
**0 sol'n**

b)  $x - 4y + 8 = 0$      $y = \frac{1}{4}x + 2$   
 $+4y$      $+4y$   
 $\frac{1x+8}{4} = \frac{4y}{4}$     m: same  
 $\frac{1}{4}x + 2 = y$     b: same  
 **$\infty$  sol'n**

c)  $x - 6y = 5$      $7x + y = 12$   
 $-x$      $-x$      $-7x$   
 $-6y = -x + 5$      $y = -7x + 12$   
 $-6$      $-6$      $-6$   
 $y = \frac{1x-5}{6}$     m: diff  
**1 sol'n**



**Example**

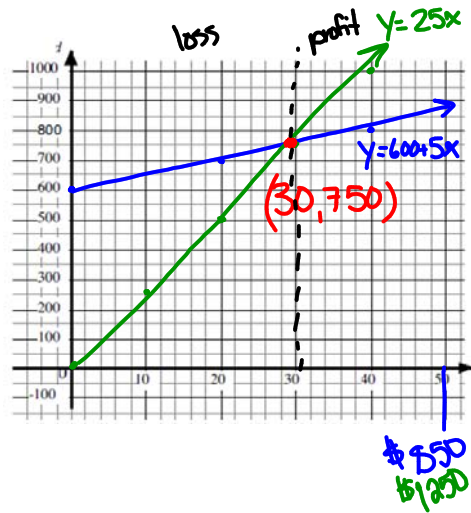
A local High School's Student Council decided to sell hoodies. The cost of designing the hoodies is \$600 plus \$5 each.

The Students' Council planned to sell them for \$25 each. The cost and revenue can be represented by the following system of equations where  $d$  represented the cost, in dollars, and  $n$  represents the number of hoodies sold.

Cost of hoodies in dollars:  $600 + 5x = y_1$

Revenue of sweaters in dollars:  $25x = y_2$

a) Use a graphing calculator to graph the equations.



- b) How much profit or loss is made if..
- i) 20 sweaters are sold      loss of \$200
  - ii) 50 sweaters are sold      profit of \$400
- 2nd Trace  
1: Value  
x=50
- c) The break even point is where no profit or loss is made. Circle that point on the graph.  $(30, 750)$
- d) Determine the number of sweaters sold to break even.  
30 sweaters
- e) If all 650 students in the school purchase a sweater, how much profit would the student council make?
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|--------------------|---------------|
| Cost               | Revenue       |
| $y = 600 + 5x$     | $y = 25x$     |
| $y = 600 + 5(650)$ | $y = 25(650)$ |
| $y = \$3850$       | $y = \$16250$ |
- Profit of \$12400

