

SUBSTITUTION EXPLORE & ELABORATE & EXPLAIN

Explain the "process" of substitution.

Janet solved this problem using substitution.

$$y = 2x + 1$$

$$2x + y = 9$$

WHY?

One equation is solved for y already.

$$2x + (2x + 1) = 9$$

$$4x + 1 = 9$$

$$4x = 8$$

$$x = 2$$

$$y = 2(2) + 1$$

$$y = 5$$

$$(2, 5)$$

1. Solve 1 equation for a single variable.
2. Substitute in the 2<sup>nd</sup> equation.
3. Solve for variable
4. Plug Back in to solve for second variable.

Example:

$$x = 8 - 3y$$

$$4x - 3y = 2$$

$$4(8 - 3y) - 3y = 2$$

$$x = 8 - 3(2)$$

$$32 - 12y - 3y = 2$$

$$x = 2$$

$$32 - 15y = 2$$

$$(2, 2)$$

$$-15y = -30$$

$$y = 2$$

## ELIMINATION EXPLORE & ELABORATE & EXPLAIN

Explain the "process" of elimination.

Lily worked this problem using elimination.

$$6x - 4y = 14$$

$$3x - 4y = -1$$

WHY?

Lined up x's w/ x's, y's  
w/ y's

$$6x - 4y = 14$$

$$-1(3x - 4y = -1)$$

$$6x - 4y = 14$$

$$\underline{-3x + 4y = -1}$$

$$3x = 15$$

$$x = 5$$

$$6(5) - 4y = 14$$

$$30 - 4y = 14$$

$$-4y = -16$$

$$y = 4$$

$$(5, 4)$$

① multiply one equation  
so that one variable  
will cancel when you

② solve for single variable  
Combine equations

③ then plug back in  
one equation to solve  
for second variable

Example:

$$\begin{cases} 6x + 5y = 19 \\ 3(2x + 3y = 5) \\ -6x - 9y = -15 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -4y = 4 \\ \underline{-4} \quad \underline{-4} \\ y = -1 \end{array}$$

$$2x + 3(-1) = 5$$
$$+ 3 \quad + 3$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{8}{2}$$

$$\boxed{x = 4}$$

$$(4, -1)$$