

— 9.5 Nonlinear systems of Equations —

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A nonlinear system of equations is a system where one or more equations are nonlinear.

Objective:

To learn to solve some type of nonlinear systems of degree 2.

We solve these systems by substitution & elimination or a combination of both.

\* If one equation is linear or of type  $xy = a$  the substitution is used.

\* If all terms contain only  $x^2$  or  $y^2 \Rightarrow$  the elimination is used.

The solution set is the set all intersection points of the graphs of the two equations.

Exp 1. Solve

$$\begin{cases} y = x^2 - x - 1 & (1) \\ 3x - y = 4 & (2) \end{cases}$$

Both methods can be used here.

Let use the substitution method

(1) is solved for  $y$ , substitute  $y$  in (2)

$$3x - (x^2 - x - 1) = 4$$

$$3x - x^2 + x + 1 = 4$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 3 = 0$$

$$(x - 3)(x - 1) = 0$$

$$x = 3, \quad x = 1$$

Hence

$$x = 3 \Rightarrow$$

$$y = 3^2 - (3) - 1 = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow (3, 5)$$

$$x = 1$$

$$y = 1^2 - 1 - 1 = -1$$

$$(1, -1)$$

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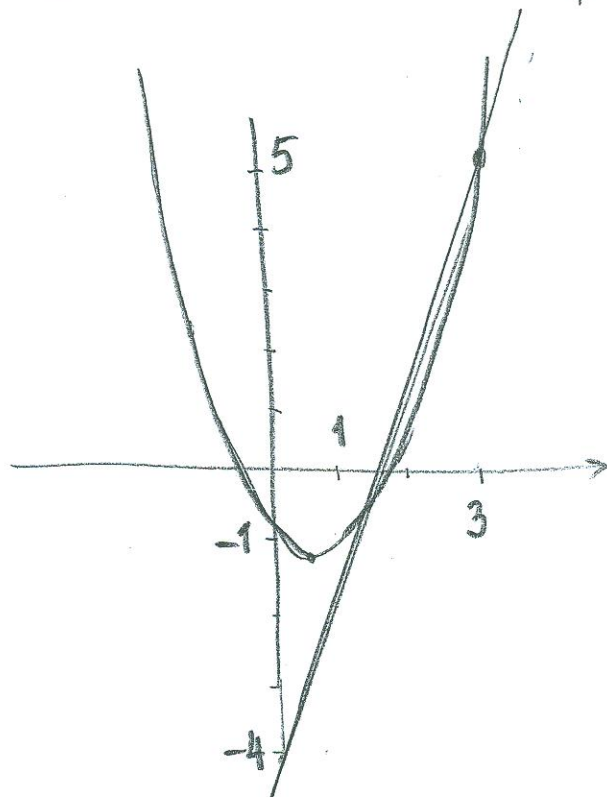
$$SS = \{(3, 5), (1, -1)\}$$

The geometric interpretation is as follows

$$y = x^2 - x - 1 \text{ is a parabola of vertex } (1/2, 5/4)$$
$$= (x - 1/2)^2 - 5/4$$

$3x - y = 4$  is a line whose slope is 3 & y-int -4

$$y = 3x - 4$$



Possible intersection of a parabola & a line



No sol<sup>n</sup>



1 sol<sup>n</sup>



2 sol<sup>n</sup>

Exp 2. Solve

$$\begin{cases} 2x^2 + 3y^2 = 21 & (1) \\ x^2 + 2y^2 = 12 & (2) \end{cases}$$

The elimination method is better suited here

(1)  $2x^2 + 3y^2 = 21$

(2)  $\times -2$   $-2x^2 - 4y^2 = -24$

$$\hline -y^2 = -3$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \pm\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -\sqrt{3}$$
  
$$\Rightarrow y^2 = 3$$

(2)  $\Rightarrow x^2 + 6 = 12$

$$x^2 = 6 \Rightarrow x = \pm\sqrt{6}$$

$$(-\sqrt{3}, -\sqrt{6}), (-\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{6})$$

$$y = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow y^2 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 6 = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = 6 \Rightarrow x = \pm\sqrt{6}$$

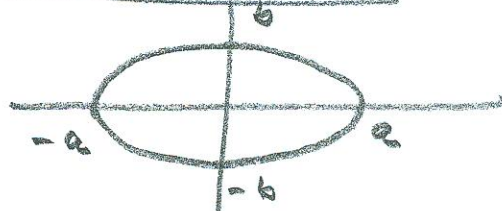
$$(\sqrt{3}, -\sqrt{6}), (\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{6})$$

To visualize the graphs we need to know that

$m x^2 + n y^2 = k$ , where  $m, n, k > 0$ , is an ellipse of center (0,0)

Its standard equation is

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$$

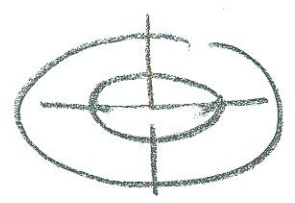


So this system has ellipses that intersect in 4 points.

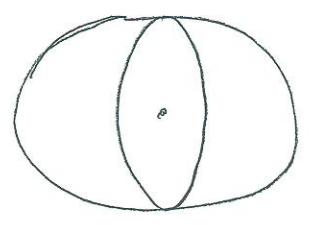


Possible intersections of 2 ellipses with center  $(0,0)$

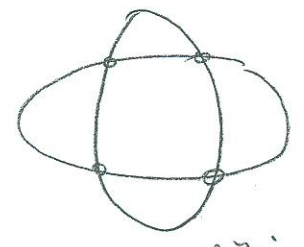
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No sol



2 sol.



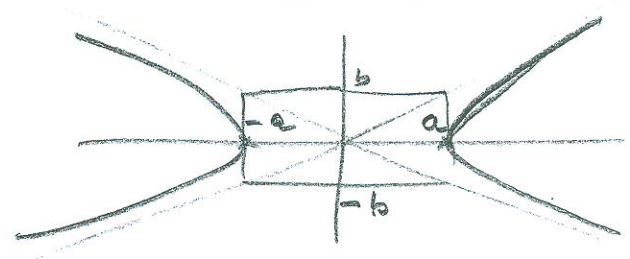
4 sol<sup>n</sup>.

Exp 3  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$   
 $2x^2 - y^2 = 8$

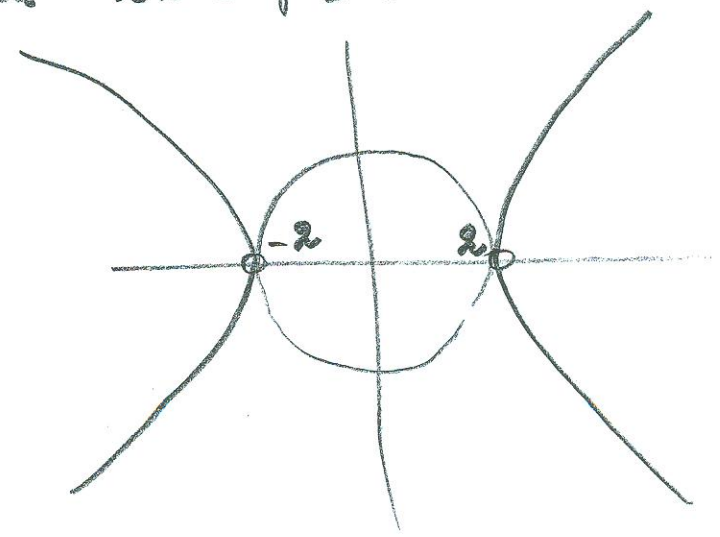
Two solutions  $(x,y) = (-2,0), (2,0)$

To visualize, we need to remember that  $mx^2 - ny^2 = k$ ,  $m, n, k > 0$  is a hyperbola

Its standard eq<sup>n</sup> is  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$



The system consists a circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$   
 & a hyperbola  $2x^2 - y^2 = 8$



Exp 4 Solve

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$$\begin{cases} 4x^2 + 9y^2 = 36 \\ x^2 - y^2 = 25 \end{cases}$$

Ans. No sol<sup>ns</sup>

Exp 4 Equation with  $xy$ .

$$\begin{cases} x^2 + xy + y^2 = 21 & (1) \\ x^2 - xy + y^2 = 9 & (2) \end{cases}$$

Notice that we can eliminate  $x^2$  &  $y^2$  at once.

$$(1) \quad x^2 + xy + y^2 = 21$$

$$(2) \times - \quad -x^2 + xy - y^2 = -9$$

$$\frac{2xy = 12}{2xy = 12} \Rightarrow xy = 6 \Rightarrow y = \frac{6}{x} \quad (3)$$

Substitute in (2)

$$x^2 - 6 + \frac{36}{x^2} = 9 \quad (\Rightarrow) \quad x^4 - 6x^2 + 36 = 9x^2$$

$$x^4 - 15x^2 + 36 = 0 \quad (\Rightarrow) \quad (x^2 - 12)(x^2 - 3) = 0$$

$$x^2 = 12$$

$$x = \pm 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$x = -2\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{6}{-2\sqrt{3}} = -\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{3} = -\sqrt{3}$$

$$\boxed{(-2\sqrt{3}, -\sqrt{3})}$$

$$x^2 = 3$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{3}$$

$$x = -\sqrt{3}$$

$$y = \frac{6}{\sqrt{3}} = 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$\boxed{(-\sqrt{3}, 2\sqrt{3})}$$

$$x = \sqrt{3}$$

$$y = 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$\boxed{(\sqrt{3}, 2\sqrt{3})}$$

All the previous systems were solved in the set of real numbers, we solve the following system in the set of complex numbers  $\mathbb{C}$ .

$$\text{Exp 7} \quad \begin{cases} x^2 + y^2 = 6 \\ 3x^2 + 2y^2 = 8 \end{cases}$$

$$(1) \quad x = -2 \quad -2x^2 - 2y^2 = -12$$

$$(2) \quad 3x^2 - 2y^2 = 8$$

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$$x^2 = -4 \quad \Rightarrow x = \pm 2i$$

$$x = -2i$$

$$x = 2i$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow (-2i)^2 + y^2 = 6$$

$$-4 + y^2 = 6$$

$$y^2 = 10$$

$$y = \pm\sqrt{10}$$

$$(-2i, -\sqrt{10}), (-2i, \sqrt{10})$$

$$x^2 = -4$$

⋮

$$y = \pm\sqrt{10}$$

$$(2i, -\sqrt{10}), (2i, \sqrt{10})$$

### Applications

Exp Find 2 nbrs whose sum is 10, whose square differ by 28.

Ans

$$\begin{cases} x + y = 10 \\ x^2 - y^2 = 28 \end{cases} \quad \text{solve ...}$$

Exp 6. Abs. Val.

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$$\begin{cases} x^2 + y^2 = 16 & (1) \\ |x| + y = 4 & (2) \end{cases}$$

Solve (2) for  $|x|$ .

$$|x| = 4 - y$$

$$x^2 = (|x|)^2 = (4 - y)^2 = 16 - 8y + y^2, \text{ Subst in (1)}$$

$$16 - 8y + y^2 + y^2 = 16$$

$$y^2 - 4y = 0$$

$$y(y - 4) = 0$$

$$y = 0$$

$$|x| = 4 - 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm 4$$

$$(-4, 0), (4, 0)$$

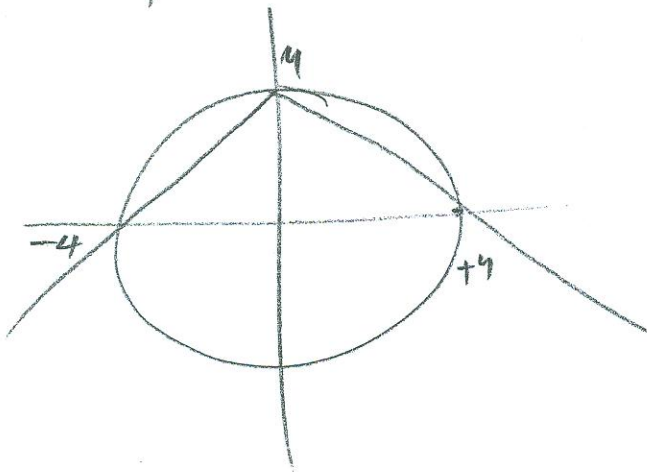
$$y = 4$$

$$|x| = 4 - 4$$

$$|x| = 0$$

$$x = 0$$

$$(0, 4)$$



Exp For what value of  $b$ , the line  $x + 2y = b$   
touch the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 9$  in only one pt.  
in 2pts, at no point

Exp Solve 
$$\begin{cases} (x+3)^2 + (y-4)^2 = 20 \\ (x+4)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 2b \end{cases}$$

Ans  $(-5, 8), (1, 2)$

Exp 
$$\begin{cases} x^2 - 3xy + y^2 = 5 \\ x^2 - xy - 2y^2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Ans  $(-1, 1), (1, -1)$   
(Factor)

Exp 
$$\begin{cases} 3x^2 + 2xy - 5y^2 = 11 \\ x^2 + 3xy + y^2 = 11 \end{cases}$$

Ans  
 $(2, 1), (-2, 1)$   
(Subtract the eqns)