

3.5

Solving Nonlinear Systems

For use with Exploration 3.5

Essential Question How can you solve a nonlinear system of equations?

1 EXPLORATION: Solving Nonlinear Systems of Equations

Work with a partner. Match each system with its graph. Explain your reasoning. Then solve each system using the graph.

a. $y = x^2$
 $y = x + 2$

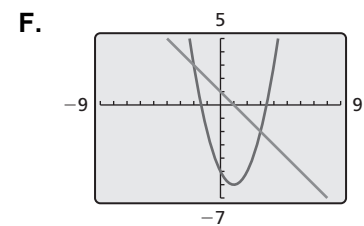
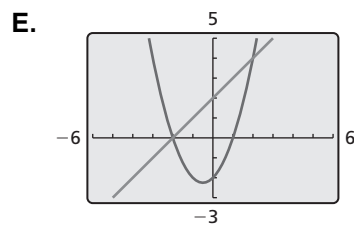
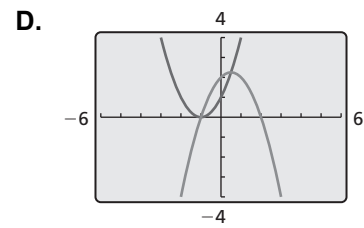
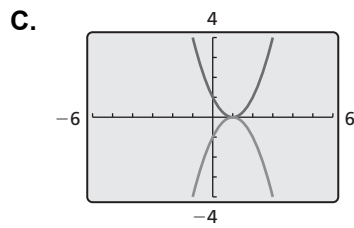
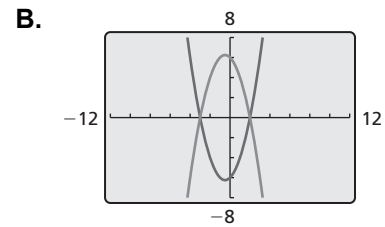
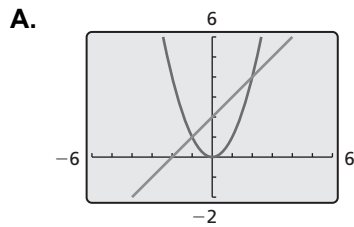
b. $y = x^2 + x - 2$
 $y = x + 2$

c. $y = x^2 - 2x - 5$
 $y = -x + 1$

d. $y = x^2 + x - 6$
 $y = -x^2 - x + 6$

e. $y = x^2 - 2x + 1$
 $y = -x^2 + 2x - 1$

f. $y = x^2 + 2x + 1$
 $y = -x^2 + x + 2$



3.5 Solving Nonlinear Systems (continued)**2 EXPLORATION:** Solving Nonlinear Systems of Equations

Go to *BigIdeasMath.com* for an interactive tool to investigate this exploration.

Work with a partner. Look back at the nonlinear system in Exploration 1(f). Suppose you want a more accurate way to solve the system than using a graphical approach.

- a. Show how you could use a *numerical approach* by creating a table. For instance, you might use a spreadsheet to solve the system.

- b. Show how you could use an *analytical approach*. For instance, you might try solving the system by substitution or elimination.

Communicate Your Answer

3. How can you solve a nonlinear system of equations?

4. Would you prefer to use a graphical, numerical, or analytical approach to solve the given nonlinear system of equations? Explain your reasoning.

$$y = x^2 + 2x - 3$$

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

3.5**Notetaking with Vocabulary**

For use after Lesson 3.5

In your own words, write the meaning of each vocabulary term.

system of nonlinear equations

Core Concepts**Solve Equations by Graphing**

Step 1 To solve the equation $f(x) = g(x)$, write a system of two equations,
 $y = f(x)$ and $y = g(x)$.

Step 2 Graph the system of equations $y = f(x)$ and $y = g(x)$. The x -value of each solution of the system is a solution of the equation $f(x) = g(x)$.

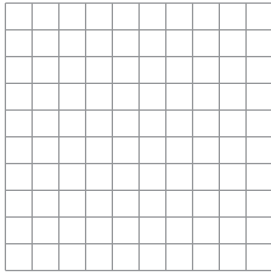
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3.5 Notetaking with Vocabulary (continued)

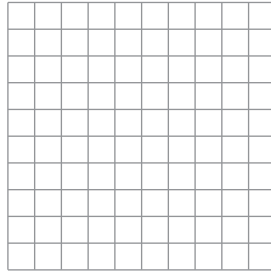
Extra Practice

In Exercises 1–3, solve the system by graphing. Check your solution(s).

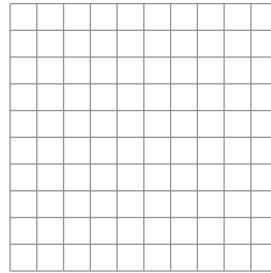
1. $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2 - 3$
 $y = -4 - 2x^2$



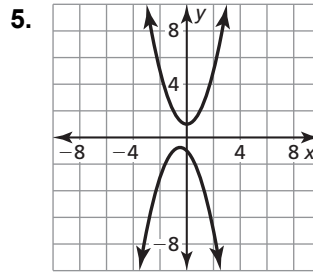
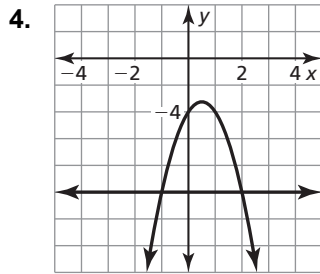
2. $y = (x - 2)^2$
 $y = \frac{1}{4}x - \frac{1}{2}$



3. $y = -x^2 - 2$
 $y = 4(x + 1) - 3$



In Exercises 4 and 5, solve the system of nonlinear equations by using the graph.



In Exercises 6–8, solve the system by substitution.

6. $y = x + 4$
 $y = (x + 2)^2 + 1$

7. $x^2 + y^2 = 16$
 $y = -x + 4$

8. $2x^2 + 10x + 48 = y - 10x$
 $-4x^2 - 16x = y$

3.5 Notetaking with Vocabulary (continued)

In Exercises 9–11, solve the system by elimination.

9. $x^2 - 7x + 11 = y - 1$
 $-x + y = -4$

10. $y = 9x^2 + 6x + 2$
 $y = x^2 - 8x - 19$

11. $-5x + 29 = y - x^2$
 $x^2 + y = 2x^2 - 1$

12. Consider the following system.

$$x^2 = 9 - y^2$$
$$x + 2y = 2x^2 + 7 + x$$

a. Which method would you use to solve the system? Explain your reasoning.

b. Would you have used a different method if the system had been as follows? Explain.

$$x = 9 - y$$
$$x + 2y = 2x^2 + 7 + x$$

13. The sum of two numbers is -5 , and the sum of the squares of the two numbers is 17 . What are the two numbers? Explain your reasoning.