

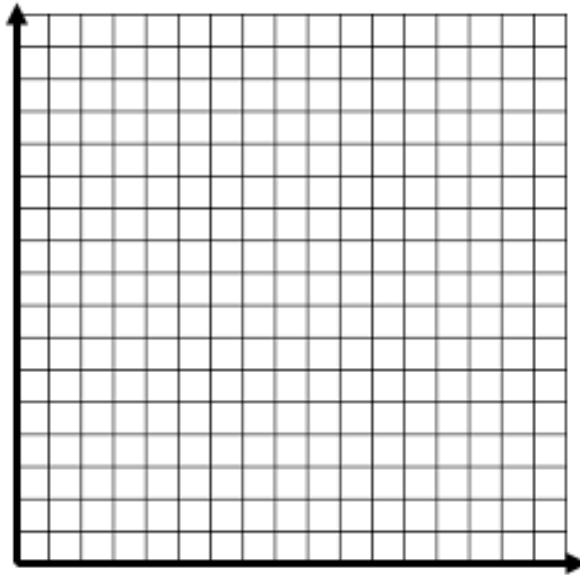
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6.7 Linear Systems of Equations

Let's look at our last handout.

Tools R Us rents snow blowers for a base fee of \$20, plus \$8/h. XYZ Rentals rents them for a base fee of \$12, plus \$10/h.

- Write an equation that represents the cost of renting a snow blower from Tools R Us.
- Write an equation that represents the cost of renting a snow blower from XYZ Rentals.
- Graph both lines on the same set of axes. (Make sure that your y -axis counts to at least 60 – use increments of \$5).



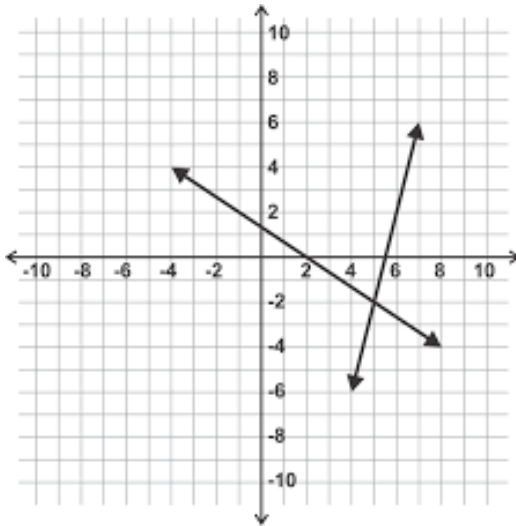
- What do you think that the point of intersection of the lines means in this situation?
- If you needed to rent a snow blower for 36 hours, which company would you choose and why?

This is an example of a linear system of equations. The point of intersection of the lines in the system of equation is called the solution for the linear system.

When you are asked to "solve a linear system by graphing" you are being asked to:

- graph both lines accurately,
- find the point of intersection, and
- state the coordinates of the POI as your solution.

Example: What is the solution to the linear system of equations shown below? What are the equations of the lines?



Example: Solve the linear system of equations given by graphing.

$$y = -2x + 7$$

$$y = x + 1$$

