

Solving systems by the method of substitution.

Solve the system Eq1.:  $x+4y=-11$

Eq2.:  $3x-2y=-5$

1) Solve Eq1. for  $x$ . This means  $x$  will be on the left by itself.

1a) Subtract  $4y$  from both sides in Eq1.:  $x+4y-4y=-11-4y$   
 $x=-11-4y$

2) At this stage, in Eq2. , replace the letter  $x$  with  $-11-4y$

2a)  $3(-11-4y)-2y=-5$  This is the step of substitution

2b)  $-33-12y-2y=-5$  Distribute the 3 into the parenthesis

2c)  $-33-14y=-5$  Simplify on the left by combining like terms

2d)  $-14y=-5+33$  Add 33 to both sides  
 $-14y=28$  -5 plus 33 is 28

2e)  $y=\frac{28}{-14}=-2$  Divide both sides by -14  $y=-2$

3) Now we find  $x$  using the equation from step 1a) that says that  $x=-11-4y$

3a)  $x=-11-4(-2)$  Replace  $y$  with  $-2$

3b)  $x=-11+8$   $-4(-2)$  is 8

3c)  $x=-3$   $-11+8$  is  $-3$   $x=-3$

4) Now we can conclude that the point that solves the system is  $(-3,-2)$