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Pre-Assessment Key

For the next system of linear equations:

x + 2y = -32x - 3y = 5

(a). Find the solution using the Substitution Method

Label the equations as (1) and (2):

$$x + 2y = -3$$
 (1)
 $2x - 3y = 5$ (2)

Solve for *x* in equation (1) and label this new equation (3):

$$x = -2y - 3$$
 (3) $x = 22/7 - 3$

Substitute this expression for *x* in equation (2):

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

Solve this equation to find a value for y:

$$-4y - 6 - 3y = 5$$

 $-7y - 6 = 5$
 $-7y = 11$
 $y = -11/7$

(b). Write the system of equations in matrix form:

$$\begin{array}{c} x + 2y = -3 \\ 2x - 3y = 5 \end{array} \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Substitute the found value for *y* in (3) to find the value for *x*:

x = -2(-11/7) - 3

22/7

x = 22/7 - 21/7

Solution of the system:

x = 1/7(x, y) = (-11/7, 1/7)

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