Exercise 16

For the following exercises, find the x- and y-intercepts of each equation

$$-2x + 5y = 20$$

Solution

To find the *y*-intercept, set x = 0.

$$-2(0) + 5y = 20 \quad \rightarrow \quad 5y = 20 \quad \rightarrow \quad y = 4$$

Therefore, the *y*-intercept is (0, 4). To find the *x*-intercept(s), set y = 0.

$$-2x + 5(0) = 20 \quad \rightarrow \quad -2x = 20 \quad \rightarrow \quad x = -10$$

Therefore, the x-intercept is (-10, 0).

