Exercise 29

Find the point at which the line f(x) = 2x + 5 intersects the line g(x) = -3x - 5.

Solution

At the point of intersection, the two functions are equal.

$$f(x) = g(x)$$
$$2x + 5 = -3x - 5$$

Solve for x.

$$2x + 3x = -5 - 5$$
$$5x = -10$$
$$x = -2$$

Now plug this value of x into either of the functions to get the corresponding y-value.

$$f(-2) = 2(-2) + 5 = 1$$

Therefore, the point of intersection is (-2, 1).

