Total invested: x + y = 20,000  $\times -5$  -5x - 5y = -100,000

46. Let x be the length of time John drives and y be the length of time Mary drives. Then y = x + 0.25, so -x + y = 0.25, and multiplying by 40, we get -40x + 40y = 10. Comparing the distances, we get 60x = 40y + 35, or 60x - 40y = 35. This gives the system  $\begin{cases} -40x + 40y = 10 \\ 60x - 40y = 35 \end{cases}$ . Subtracting,

$$\frac{60x - 40y = 35}{20x = 45} \Leftrightarrow x = 2.25.$$

we get -40x + 40y = 10

So y = 2.25 + 0.25 = 2.5. Thus, John travels for  $2\frac{1}{4}$  hours and Mary travels for  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours.

48. First, let us find the intersection point of the two lines. The y-coordinate of the intersection point is the height of the triangle. We have

$$y=2x-4$$
  $y=-4x+20$  Adding 2 times the first equation to the second equation gives 
$$\frac{2y=4x-8}{3y=-4x+20}$$

So the triangle has height 4. Furthermore, y=2x-4 intersects the x-axis at x=2, and y=-4x+20 intersects the x-axis at x=5. Thus the base has length 5-2=3. Therefore, the area of the triangle is  $A=\frac{1}{2} \cdot base \cdot height=\frac{1}{2} \cdot 3 \cdot 4=6$  square units.