
P1 Chapter 3: Inequalities

Quadratic Simultaneous Equations

Simultaneous Equations

Solve the simultaneous equations:

$$x + 2y = 3$$

$$x^2 + 3xy = 10$$

We can't use elimination this time as nothing would cancel.

We instead:

- (1) Rearrange linear equation to make x or y the subject.
- (2) Substitute into quadratic equation and solve.

$$x = 3 - 2y$$

Substitute into other equation:

$$(3 - 2y)^2 + 3y(3 - 2y) = 10$$

$$\dots 2y^2 + 3y + 1 = 0$$

$$(2y + 1)(y + 1) = 0$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow x = 4$$

$$y = -1 \rightarrow x = 5$$

Test Your Understanding

Solve the simultaneous equations:

$$3x^2 + y^2 = 21$$

$$y = x + 1$$



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$$3x^2 + (x + 1)^2 = 21$$

$$3x^2 + x^2 + 2x + 1 = 21$$

$$4x^2 + 2x - 20 = 0$$

$$2x^2 + x - 10 = 0$$

$$(2x + 5)(x - 2) = 0$$

$$x = -\frac{5}{2} \text{ or } x = 2$$

$$y = -\frac{3}{2} \text{ or } y = 3$$

Exercise 3.2

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Homework Exercise

1 Solve the simultaneous equations:

a $x + y = 11$

$$xy = 30$$

b $2x + y = 1$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

c $y = 3x$

$$2y^2 - xy = 15$$

d $3a + b = 8$

$$3a^2 + b^2 = 28$$

e $2u + v = 7$

$$uv = 6$$

f $3x + 2y = 7$

$$x^2 + y = 8$$

2 Solve the simultaneous equations:

a $2x + 2y = 7$

$$x^2 - 4y^2 = 8$$

b $x + y = 9$

$$x^2 - 3xy + 2y^2 = 0$$

c $5y - 4x = 1$

$$x^2 - y^2 + 5x = 41$$

3 Solve the simultaneous equations, giving your answers in their simplest surd form:

a $x - y = 6$

$$xy = 4$$

b $2x + 3y = 13$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 78$$

Watch out

Use brackets when you are substituting an expression into an equation.

4 Solve the simultaneous equations:

$$x + y = 3$$

$$x^2 - 3y = 1$$

(6 marks)

Homework Exercise

5 a By eliminating y from the equations

$$y = 2 - 4x$$

$$3x^2 + xy + 11 = 0$$

show that $x^2 - 2x - 11 = 0$.

(2 marks)

b Hence, or otherwise, solve the simultaneous equations

$$y = 2 - 4x$$

$$3x^2 + xy + 11 = 0$$

giving your answers in the form $a \pm b\sqrt{3}$, where a and b are integers.

(5 marks)

6 One pair of solutions for the simultaneous equations

$$y = kx - 5$$

$$4x^2 - xy = 6$$

is $(1, p)$ where k and p are constants.

a Find the values of k and p .

b Find the second pair of solutions for the simultaneous equations.

Problem-solving

If $(1, p)$ is a solution, then $x = 1$, $y = p$ satisfies both equations.

Challenge

$$y - x = k$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 4$$

Given that the simultaneous equations have exactly one pair of solutions, show that

$$k = \pm 2\sqrt{2}$$

Homework Answers

- 1 **a** $x = 5, y = 6$ or $x = 6, y = 5$
 b $x = 0, y = 1$ or $x = \frac{4}{5}, y = -\frac{3}{5}$
 c $x = -1, y = -3$ or $x = 1, y = 3$
 d $a = 1, b = 5$ or $a = 3, b = -1$
 e $u = 1\frac{1}{2}, v = 4$ or $u = 2, v = 3$
 f $x = -1\frac{1}{2}, y = 5\frac{3}{4}$ or $x = 3, y = -1$
- 2 **a** $x = 3, y = \frac{1}{2}$ or $x = 6\frac{1}{3}, y = -2\frac{5}{6}$
 b $x = 4\frac{1}{2}, y = 4\frac{1}{2}$ or $x = 6, y = 3$
 c $x = -19, y = -15$ or $x = 6, y = 5$
- 3 **a** $x = 3 + \sqrt{13}, y = -3 + \sqrt{13}$ or $x = 3 - \sqrt{13}, y = -3 - \sqrt{13}$
 b $x = 2 - 3\sqrt{5}, y = 3 + 2\sqrt{5}$ or $x = 2 + 3\sqrt{5}, y = 3 - 2\sqrt{5}$
- 4 $x = -5, y = 8$ or $x = 2, y = 1$

- 5 **a** $3x^2 + x(2 - 4x) + 11 = 0$
 $3x^2 + 2x - 4x^2 + 11 = 0$
 $x^2 - 2x - 11 = 0$
 b $x = 1 + 2\sqrt{3}, y = -2 - 8\sqrt{3}$
 $x = 1 - 2\sqrt{3}, y = -2 + 8\sqrt{3}$
- 6 **a** $k = 3, p = -2$
 b $x = -6, y = -23$ or $x = 1, y = -2$

Challenge

$$y = x + k$$

$$x^2 + (x + k)^2 = 4$$

$$x^2 + x^2 + 2kx + k^2 - 4 = 0$$

$$2x^2 + 2kx + k^2 - 4 = 0 \quad \text{for one solution } b^2 - 4ac = 0$$

$$4k^2 - 4 \times 2(k^2 - 4) = 0$$

$$4k^2 - 8k^2 + 32 = 0 \quad 4k^2 = 32 \quad k^2 = 8 \quad k = \pm 2\sqrt{2}$$