

**Samples                      Simultaneous equations SOLUTIONS**

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1. We need to find a solution for two simultaneous linear equations.

First we number the equations for convenience:

$$5y - 8x = -94 \quad (1)$$

$$3y + 10x = 62 \quad (2)$$

It's probably easier to solve these using elimination. Multiply equation (1) by 5 and equation (2) by 4 , giving

$$25y - 40x = -470 \quad (3)$$

$$12y + 40x = 248 \quad (4)$$

We add both sides of equations (3) and (4) , giving

$$12y + 25y + 40x - 40x = 248 - 470 \quad (5)$$

Simplifying equation (5) gives

$$37y = -222 \quad (6)$$

$$y = -6 \quad (7)$$

Next we substitute the value for  $y$  into equation (1) to obtain the value for  $x$ , giving

$$5 \times (-6) - 8x = -94$$

$$-8x = -64 \quad \text{so}$$

$$x = 8$$

Hence the simultaneous solution to equations (1) and (2) is  $(8, -6)$ .

(As good boys and girls always do, check your answers by substituting into equations (1) and (2):

$$(1) \quad 5 \times (-6) - 8 \times 8 = -94$$

$$-30 - 64 = -94$$

$$-94 = -94$$

$$(2) \quad 3 \times (-6) + 10 \times 8 = 62$$

$$-18 + 80 = 62$$

$$62 = 62$$

Both equations turned into true statements, as required. Hence the answer is correct.)

2. We need to find a solution for two simultaneous linear equations.

First we number the equations for convenience:

$$-2x + 8y = 76 \quad (1)$$

$$9x + 4y = -62 \quad (2)$$

It's probably easier to solve these using elimination. Multiply equation (2) by  $-2$  , giving

$$-2x + 8y = 76 \quad (3)$$

$$-18x - 8y = 124 \quad (4)$$

We add both sides of equations (3) and (4) , giving

$$-2x - 18x + 8y - 8y = 76 + 124 \quad (5)$$

Simplifying equation (5) gives

$$-20x = 200 \quad (6)$$

$$x = -10 \quad (7)$$

Next we substitute the value for  $x$  into equation (1) to obtain the value for  $y$ , giving

$$\begin{aligned} -2 \times (-10) + 8y &= 76 \\ 8y &= 56 && \text{so} \\ y &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the simultaneous solution to equations (1) and (2) is  $(-10, 7)$ .

(As good boys and girls always do, check your answers by substituting into equations (1) and (2):

$$\begin{array}{ll} (1) & -2 \times (-10) + 8 \times 7 = 76 & (2) & 9 \times (-10) + 4 \times 7 = -62 \\ & 20 + 56 = 76 & & -90 + 28 = -62 \\ & 76 = 76 & & -62 = -62 \end{array}$$

Both equations turned into true statements, as required. Hence the answer is correct.)

**3.** We need to find a solution for two simultaneous linear equations.

First we number the equations for convenience:

$$\begin{aligned} -3y - 4x &= 35 & (1) \\ -12y - 16x &= 140 & (2) \end{aligned}$$

It's probably easier to solve these using elimination. Multiply equation (1) by  $-4$ , giving

$$\begin{aligned} 12y + 16x &= -140 & (3) \\ -12y - 16x &= 140 & (4) \end{aligned}$$

We add both sides of equations (3) and (4), giving

$$12y - 12y + 16x - 16x = -140 + 140 \quad (5)$$

Simplifying equation (5) gives

$$0 = 0 \quad (6)$$

Statement (6) is **always true**, so there is an infinite number of solutions to our simultaneous equations. The lines are superimposed.

**4.** We need to find a solution for two simultaneous linear equations.

First we number the equations for convenience:

$$\begin{aligned} 5y - 10x &= 25 & (1) \\ 2y + 6x &= 30 & (2) \end{aligned}$$

It's probably easier to solve these using elimination. Multiply equation (1) by 3 and equation (2) by 5, giving

$$\begin{aligned} 15y - 30x &= 75 & (3) \\ 10y + 30x &= 150 & (4) \end{aligned}$$

We add both sides of equations (3) and (4), giving

$$15y + 10y - 30x + 30x = 75 + 150 \quad (5)$$

Simplifying equation (5) gives

$$\begin{aligned} 25y &= 225 & (6) \\ y &= 9 & (7) \end{aligned}$$

Next we substitute the value for  $y$  into equation (1) to obtain the value for  $x$ , giving

$$\begin{aligned}5 \times 9 - 10x &= 25 \\ -10x &= -20 && \text{so} \\ x &= 2\end{aligned}$$

Hence the simultaneous solution to equations (1) and (2) is  $(2, 9)$ .

(As good boys and girls always do, check your answers by substituting into equations (1) and (2):

$$\begin{array}{ll}(1) & 5 \times 9 - 10 \times 2 = 25 \\ & 45 - 20 = 25 \\ & 25 = 25 \\ (2) & 2 \times 9 + 6 \times 2 = 30 \\ & 18 + 12 = 30 \\ & 30 = 30\end{array}$$

Both equations turned into true statements, as required. Hence the answer is correct.)

**5.** We need to find a solution for two simultaneous linear equations.

First we number the equations for convenience:

$$\begin{aligned}10x - 6y &= 12 && (1) \\ -4x - 5y &= -27 && (2)\end{aligned}$$

It's probably easier to solve these using elimination. Multiply equation (1) by 2 and equation (2) by 5 , giving

$$\begin{aligned}20x - 12y &= 24 && (3) \\ -20x - 25y &= -135 && (4)\end{aligned}$$

We add both sides of equations (3) and (4) , giving

$$-20x + 20x - 25y - 12y = -135 + 24 \quad (5)$$

Simplifying equation (5) gives

$$\begin{aligned}-37y &= -111 && (6) \\ y &= 3 && (7)\end{aligned}$$

Next we substitute the value for  $y$  into equation (1) to obtain the value for  $x$ , giving

$$\begin{aligned}10x - 6 \times 3 &= 12 \\ 10x &= 30 && \text{so} \\ x &= 3\end{aligned}$$

Hence the simultaneous solution to equations (1) and (2) is  $(3, 3)$ .

(As good boys and girls always do, check your answers by substituting into equations (1) and (2):

$$\begin{array}{ll}(1) & 10 \times 3 - 6 \times 3 = 12 \\ & 30 - 18 = 12 \\ & 12 = 12 \\ (2) & -4 \times 3 - 5 \times 3 = -27 \\ & -12 - 15 = -27 \\ & -27 = -27\end{array}$$

Both equations turned into true statements, as required. Hence the answer is correct.)