

Samples                      Simultaneous equations SOLUTIONS

1. First we number the equations for convenience:

$$9x + 10y = -102 \quad (1)$$

$$-2x + 2y = 10 \quad (2)$$

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

$$9x + 10y = -102 \quad (3)$$

$$10x - 10y = -50 \quad (4)$$

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

$$10x + 9x - 10y + 10y = -50 - 102 \quad (5)$$

Simplifying equation (5) gives

$$19x = -152 \quad (6)$$

$$x = -8 \quad (7)$$

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

$$9 \times (-8) + 10y = -102$$

$$10y = -30 \quad \text{so}$$

$$y = -3$$

Hence the simultaneous solution to equations (1) and (2) is  $(-8, -3)$ .

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

$$(1) \quad 9 \times (-8) + 10 \times (-3) = -102$$

$$-72 - 30 = -102$$

$$-102 = -102$$

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

$$16 - 6 = 10$$

$$10 = 10$$

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

2. First we number the equations for convenience:

$$-21x + 49y = 196 \quad (1)$$

$$-3x + 7y = 28 \quad (2)$$

It's probably easier to solve these using elimination. Multiply equation (2) by  $-7$  , giving

$$-21x + 49y = 196 \quad (3)$$

$$21x - 49y = -196 \quad (4)$$

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

$$21x - 21x - 49y + 49y = -196 + 196 \quad (5)$$

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.

3. First we number the equations for convenience:

$$-3x - 10y = 7 \quad (1)$$

$$-9x + 4y = -13 \quad (2)$$

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

$$9x + 30y = -21 \quad (3)$$

$$-9x + 4y = -13 \quad (4)$$

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

$$9x - 9x + 30y + 4y = -21 - 13 \quad (5)$$

Simplifying equation (5) gives

$$34y = -34 \quad (6)$$

$$y = -1 \quad (7)$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} -3x - 10 \times (-1) &= 7 \\ -3x &= -3 && \text{so} \\ x &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

$$\begin{array}{ll} (1) & -3 \times 1 - 10 \times (-1) = 7 \\ & -3 + 10 = 7 \\ & 7 = 7 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ll} (2) & -9 \times 1 + 4 \times (-1) = -13 \\ & -9 - 4 = -13 \\ & -13 = -13 \end{array}$$

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

4. First we number the equations for convenience:

$$-3x + 7y = 43 \quad (1)$$

$$-15x + 35y = 215 \quad (2)$$

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

$$15x - 35y = -215 \quad (3)$$

$$-15x + 35y = 215 \quad (4)$$

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

$$15x - 15x - 35y + 35y = -215 + 215 \quad (5)$$

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.

5. First we number the equations for convenience:

$$\begin{aligned}2x - 3y &= 23 & (1) \\ -9x + 5y &= -95 & (2)\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}10x - 15y &= 115 & (3) \\ -27x + 15y &= -285 & (4)\end{aligned}$$

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

$$10x - 27x - 15y + 15y = 115 - 285 \quad (5)$$

Simplifying equation (5) gives

$$\begin{aligned}-17x &= -170 & (6) \\ x &= 10 & (7)\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}2 \times 10 - 3y &= 23 \\ -3y &= 3 & \text{so} \\ y &= -1\end{aligned}$$

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

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

$$\begin{array}{ll}(1) & 2 \times 10 - 3 \times (-1) = 23 \\ & 20 + 3 = 23 \\ & 23 = 23 \\ (2) & -9 \times 10 + 5 \times (-1) = -95 \\ & -90 - 5 = -95 \\ & -95 = -95\end{array}$$

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