

# Solving simultaneous equations

You can solve using substitution or elimination.

## Substitution

$$x + y = 10 \rightarrow \text{Eq 1}$$

$$2x + 3y = 20 \rightarrow \text{Eq 2}$$

$$x = 10 - y \rightarrow \text{Eq 3}$$

Sub this x value into Eq 2

$$2(10 - y) + 3y = 20$$

$$20 - 2y + 3y = 20$$

$$y = 0$$

Sub this y value back into Eq 3

$$x = 10 - 0 = 10$$

$$\therefore x = 10, y = 0$$

## Elimination

$$x + y = 10 \rightarrow \text{Eq 1}$$

$$2x + 3y = 20 \rightarrow \text{Eq 2}$$

Eliminate x

$$\text{Eq 1} \times 2 \rightarrow 2x + 2y = 20$$

$$\text{Eq 2} \rightarrow 2x + 3y = 20$$

Subtracting, we get

$$y = 10$$

Sub this into Eq 1

$$x + y = 10$$

$$x = 10 - 10 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 0, y = 10$$

For linear and quadratic equations or 2 quadratic equations, you will have to substitute. If you using a graph, it is the 2 points of intersection.