Completing the square

A LEVEL LINKS
Scheme of work: 1b. Quadratic functions – factorising, solving, graphs and the discriminants

Key points

- Completing the square for a quadratic rearranges $ax^2 + bx + c$ into the form $p(x + q)^2 + r$
- If $a \neq 1$, then factorise using a as a common factor.

Examples

Example 1 Complete the square for the quadratic expression $x^2 + 6x - 2$

$x^2 + 6x - 2$ $= (x + 3)^2 - 9 - 2$ $= (x + 3)^2 - 11$	**1** Write $x^2 + bx + c$ in the form $\left(x+\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 + c$ **2** Simplify

Example 2 Write $2x^2 - 5x + 1$ in the form $p(x + q)^2 + r$

$2x^2 - 5x + 1$ $= 2\left(x^2 - \frac{5}{2}x\right) + 1$ $= 2\left[\left(x-\frac{5}{4}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^2\right] + 1$ $= 2\left(x-\frac{5}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{25}{8} + 1$ $= 2\left(x-\frac{5}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{17}{8}$	**1** Before completing the square write $ax^2 + bx + c$ in the form $a\left(x^2+\frac{b}{a}x\right)+c$ **2** Now complete the square by writing $x^2 - \frac{5}{2}x$ in the form $\left(x+\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2$ **3** Expand the square brackets – don't forget to multiply $\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^2$ by the factor of 2 **4** Simplify

Practice

1 Write the following quadratic expressions in the form $(x + p)^2 + q$

a $x^2 + 4x + 3$ **b** $x^2 - 10x - 3$

c $x^2 - 8x$ **d** $x^2 + 6x$

e $x^2 - 2x + 7$ **f** $x^2 + 3x - 2$

2 Write the following quadratic expressions in the form $p(x + q)^2 + r$

a $2x^2 - 8x - 16$ **b** $4x^2 - 8x - 16$

c $3x^2 + 12x - 9$ **d** $2x^2 + 6x - 8$

3 Complete the square.

a $2x^2 + 3x + 6$ **b** $3x^2 - 2x$

c $5x^2 + 3x$ **d** $3x^2 + 5x + 3$

Extend

4 Write $(25x^2 + 30x + 12)$ in the form $(ax + b)^2 + c$.

Answers

1 **a** $(x+2)^2-1$

b $(x-5)^2-28$

c $(x-4)^2-16$

d $(x+3)^2-9$

e $(x-1)^2+6$

f $\left(x+\frac{3}{2}\right)^2-\frac{17}{4}$

2 **a** $2(x-2)^2-24$

b $4(x-1)^2-20$

c $3(x+2)^2-21$

d $2\left(x+\frac{3}{2}\right)^2-\frac{25}{2}$

3 **a** $2\left(x+\frac{3}{4}\right)^2+\frac{39}{8}$

b $3\left(x-\frac{1}{3}\right)^2-\frac{1}{3}$

c $5\left(x+\frac{3}{10}\right)^2-\frac{9}{20}$

d $3\left(x+\frac{5}{6}\right)^2+\frac{11}{12}$

4 $(5x+3)^2+3$

Solving quadratic equations by factorisation

A LEVEL LINKS
Scheme of work: 1b. Quadratic functions – factorising, solving, graphs and the discriminants

Key points

- A quadratic equation is an equation in the form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ where $a \neq 0$.
- To factorise a quadratic equation find two numbers whose sum is b and whose products is ac.
- When the product of two numbers is 0, then at least one of the numbers must be 0.
- If a quadratic can be solved it will have two solutions (these may be equal).

Examples

Example 1 Solve $5x^2 = 15x$

$5x^2 = 15x$ $5x^2 - 15x = 0$	**1** Rearrange the equation so that all of the terms are on one side of the equation and it is equal to zero. Do not divide both sides by x as this would lose the solution $x = 0$.
$5x(x - 3) = 0$	**2** Factorise the quadratic equation. $5x$ is a common factor.
So $5x = 0$ or $(x - 3) = 0$	**3** When two values multiply to make zero, at least one of the values must be zero.
Therefore $x = 0$ or $x = 3$	**4** Solve these two equations.

Example 2 Solve $x^2 + 7x + 12 = 0$

$x^2 + 7x + 12 = 0$ $b = 7$, $ac = 12$	**1** Factorise the quadratic equation. Work out the two factors of $ac = 12$ which add to give you $b = 7$. (4 and 3)
$x^2 + 4x + 3x + 12 = 0$	**2** Rewrite the b term ($7x$) using these two factors.
$x(x + 4) + 3(x + 4) = 0$	**3** Factorise the first two terms and the last two terms.
$(x + 4)(x + 3) = 0$	**4** $(x + 4)$ is a factor of both terms.
So $(x + 4) = 0$ or $(x + 3) = 0$	**5** When two values multiply to make zero, at least one of the values must be zero.
Therefore $x = -4$ or $x = -3$	**6** Solve these two equations.

Example 3 Solve $9x^2 - 16 = 0$

$9x^2 - 16 = 0$ $(3x + 4)(3x - 4) = 0$ So $(3x + 4) = 0$ or $(3x - 4) = 0$ $x = -\frac{4}{3}$ or $x = \frac{4}{3}$	**1** Factorise the quadratic equation. This is the difference of two squares as the two terms are $(3x)^2$ and $(4)^2$. **2** When two values multiply to make zero, at least one of the values must be zero. **3** Solve these two equations.

Example 4 Solve $2x^2 - 5x - 12 = 0$

$b = -5$, $ac = -24$ So $2x^2 - 8x + 3x - 12 = 0$ $2x(x - 4) + 3(x - 4) = 0$ $(x - 4)(2x + 3) = 0$ So $(x - 4) = 0$ or $(2x + 3) = 0$ $x = 4$ or $x = -\frac{3}{2}$	**1** Factorise the quadratic equation. Work out the two factors of $ac = -24$ which add to give you $b = -5$. $(-8$ and $3)$ **2** Rewrite the b term $(-5x)$ using these two factors. **3** Factorise the first two terms and the last two terms. **4** $(x - 4)$ is a factor of both terms. **5** When two values multiply to make zero, at least one of the values must be zero. **6** Solve these two equations.

Practice

1 Solve

a	$6x^2 + 4x = 0$	**b**	$28x^2 - 21x = 0$
c	$x^2 + 7x + 10 = 0$	**d**	$x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$
e	$x^2 - 3x - 4 = 0$	**f**	$x^2 + 3x - 10 = 0$
g	$x^2 - 10x + 24 = 0$	**h**	$x^2 - 36 = 0$
i	$x^2 + 3x - 28 = 0$	**j**	$x^2 - 6x + 9 = 0$
k	$2x^2 - 7x - 4 = 0$	**l**	$3x^2 - 13x - 10 = 0$

2 Solve

a	$x^2 - 3x = 10$	**b**	$x^2 - 3 = 2x$
c	$x^2 + 5x = 24$	**d**	$x^2 - 42 = x$
e	$x(x + 2) = 2x + 25$	**f**	$x^2 - 30 = 3x - 2$
g	$x(3x + 1) = x^2 + 15$	**h**	$3x(x - 1) = 2(x + 1)$

Hint

Get all terms onto one side of the equation.

Solving quadratic equations by completing the square

A LEVEL LINKS
Scheme of work: 1b. Quadratic functions – factorising, solving, graphs and the discriminants

Key points

- Completing the square lets you write a quadratic equation in the form $p(x + q)^2 + r = 0$.

Examples

Example 5 Solve $x^2 + 6x + 4 = 0$. Give your solutions in surd form.

$x^2 + 6x + 4 = 0$	**1** Write $x^2 + bx + c = 0$ in the form $\left(x+\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 + c = 0$
$(x + 3)^2 - 9 + 4 = 0$	
$(x + 3)^2 - 5 = 0$	**2** Simplify.
$(x + 3)^2 = 5$	**3** Rearrange the equation to work out x. First, add 5 to both sides.
$x + 3 = \pm\sqrt{5}$	**4** Square root both sides. Remember that the square root of a value gives two answers.
$x = \pm\sqrt{5} - 3$	**5** Subtract 3 from both sides to solve the equation.
So $x = -\sqrt{5} - 3$ or $x = \sqrt{5} - 3$	**6** Write down both solutions.

Example 6 Solve $2x^2 - 7x + 4 = 0$. Give your solutions in surd form.

$2x^2 - 7x + 4 = 0$	**1** Before completing the square write $ax^2 + bx + c$ in the form $a\left(x^2+\frac{b}{a}x\right)+c$
$2\left(x^2 - \frac{7}{2}x\right) + 4 = 0$	
$2\left[\left(x-\frac{7}{4}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{7}{4}\right)^2\right] + 4 = 0$	**2** Now complete the square by writing $x^2 - \frac{7}{2}x$ in the form $\left(x+\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2$
$2\left(x-\frac{7}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{49}{8} + 4 = 0$	**3** Expand the square brackets.
$2\left(x-\frac{7}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{17}{8} = 0$	**4** Simplify.
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$2\left(x-\frac{7}{4}\right)^2=\frac{17}{8}$	**5** Rearrange the equation to work out x. First, add $\frac{17}{8}$ to both sides.
$\left(x-\frac{7}{4}\right)^2=\frac{17}{16}$	**6** Divide both sides by 2.
$x-\frac{7}{4}=\pm\frac{\sqrt{17}}{4}$	**7** Square root both sides. Remember that the square root of a value gives two answers.
$x=\pm\frac{\sqrt{17}}{4}+\frac{7}{4}$	**8** Add $\frac{7}{4}$ to both sides.
So $x=\frac{7}{4}-\frac{\sqrt{17}}{4}$ or $x=\frac{7}{4}+\frac{\sqrt{17}}{4}$	**9** Write down both the solutions.

Practice

3 Solve by completing the square.

a $x^2 - 4x - 3 = 0$

b $x^2 - 10x + 4 = 0$

c $x^2 + 8x - 5 = 0$

d $x^2 - 2x - 6 = 0$

e $2x^2 + 8x - 5 = 0$

f $5x^2 + 3x - 4 = 0$

4 Solve by completing the square.

a $(x - 4)(x + 2) = 5$

b $2x^2 + 6x - 7 = 0$

c $x^2 - 5x + 3 = 0$

Hint

Get all terms onto one side of the equation.

Solving quadratic equations by using the formula

A LEVEL LINKS **Scheme of work:** 1b. Quadratic functions – factorising, solving, graphs and the discriminants

Key points

- Any quadratic equation of the form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ can be solved using the formula $x = \dfrac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$
- If $b^2 - 4ac$ is negative then the quadratic equation does not have any real solutions.
- It is useful to write down the formula before substituting the values for a, b and c.

Examples

Example 7 Solve $x^2 + 6x + 4 = 0$. Give your solutions in surd form.

$a = 1$, $b = 6$, $c = 4$ $x = \dfrac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$	**1** Identify a, b and c and write down the formula. Remember that $-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}$ is all over $2a$, not just part of it.
$x = \dfrac{-6 \pm \sqrt{6^2 - 4(1)(4)}}{2(1)}$	**2** Substitute $a = 1$, $b = 6$, $c = 4$ into the formula.
$x = \dfrac{-6 \pm \sqrt{20}}{2}$	**3** Simplify. The denominator is 2, but this is only because $a = 1$. The denominator will not always be 2.
$x = \dfrac{-6 \pm 2\sqrt{5}}{2}$	**4** Simplify $\sqrt{20}$. $\sqrt{20} = \sqrt{4 \times 5} = \sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{5} = 2\sqrt{5}$
$x = -3 \pm \sqrt{5}$	**5** Simplify by dividing numerator and denominator by 2.
So $x = -3 - \sqrt{5}$ or $x = \sqrt{5} - 3$	**6** Write down both the solutions.

Example 8 Solve $3x^2 - 7x - 2 = 0$. Give your solutions in surd form.

$a = 3$, $b = -7$, $c = -2$ $x = \dfrac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$	**1** Identify a, b and c, making sure you get the signs right and write down the formula. Remember that $-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}$ is all over $2a$, not just part of it.
$x = \dfrac{-(-7) \pm \sqrt{(-7)^2 - 4(3)(-2)}}{2(3)}$	**2** Substitute $a = 3$, $b = -7$, $c = -2$ into the formula.
$x = \dfrac{7 \pm \sqrt{73}}{6}$	**3** Simplify. The denominator is 6 when $a = 3$. A common mistake is to always write a denominator of 2.
So $x = \dfrac{7 - \sqrt{73}}{6}$ or $x = \dfrac{7 + \sqrt{73}}{6}$	**4** Write down both the solutions.

Practice

5 Solve, giving your solutions in surd form.

a $3x^2 + 6x + 2 = 0$ **b** $2x^2 - 4x - 7 = 0$

6 Solve the equation $x^2 - 7x + 2 = 0$

Give your solutions in the form $\dfrac{a \pm \sqrt{b}}{c}$, where a, b and c are integers.

7 Solve $10x^2 + 3x + 3 = 5$

Give your solution in surd form.

Hint

Get all terms onto one side of the equation.

Extend

8 Choose an appropriate method to solve each quadratic equation, giving your answer in surd form when necessary.

a $4x(x - 1) = 3x - 2$

b $10 = (x + 1)^2$

c $x(3x - 1) = 10$

Answers

1 **a** $x = 0$ or $x = -\frac{2}{3}$ **b** $x = 0$ or $x = \frac{3}{4}$

c $x = -5$ or $x = -2$ **d** $x = 2$ or $x = 3$

e $x = -1$ or $x = 4$ **f** $x = -5$ or $x = 2$

g $x = 4$ or $x = 6$ **h** $x = -6$ or $x = 6$

i $x = -7$ or $x = 4$ **j** $x = 3$

k $x = -\frac{1}{2}$ or $x = 4$ **l** $x = -\frac{2}{3}$ or $x = 5$

2 **a** $x = -2$ or $x = 5$ **b** $x = -1$ or $x = 3$

c $x = -8$ or $x = 3$ **d** $x = -6$ or $x = 7$

e $x = -5$ or $x = 5$ **f** $x = -4$ or $x = 7$

g $x = -3$ or $x = 2\frac{1}{2}$ **h** $x = -\frac{1}{3}$ or $x = 2$

3 **a** $x = 2 + \sqrt{7}$ or $x = 2 - \sqrt{7}$ **b** $x = 5 + \sqrt{21}$ or $x = 5 - \sqrt{21}$

c $x = -4 + \sqrt{21}$ or $x = -4 - \sqrt{21}$ **d** $x = 1 + \sqrt{7}$ or $x = 1 - \sqrt{7}$

e $x = -2 + \sqrt{6.5}$ or $x = -2 - \sqrt{6.5}$ **f** $x = \frac{-3+\sqrt{89}}{10}$ or $x = \frac{-3-\sqrt{89}}{10}$

4 **a** $x = 1 + \sqrt{14}$ or $x = 1 - \sqrt{14}$ **b** $x = \frac{-3+\sqrt{23}}{2}$ or $x = \frac{-3-\sqrt{23}}{2}$

c $x = \frac{5+\sqrt{13}}{2}$ or $x = \frac{5-\sqrt{13}}{2}$

5 **a** $x = -1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$ or $x = -1 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$ **b** $x = 1 + \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$ or $x = 1 - \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$

6 $x = \frac{7+\sqrt{41}}{2}$ or $x = \frac{7-\sqrt{41}}{2}$

7 $x = \frac{-3+\sqrt{89}}{20}$ or $x = \frac{-3-\sqrt{89}}{20}$

8 **a** $x = \frac{7+\sqrt{17}}{8}$ or $x = \frac{7-\sqrt{17}}{8}$

b $x = -1 + \sqrt{10}$ or $x = -1 - \sqrt{10}$

c $x = -1\frac{2}{3}$ or $x = 2$

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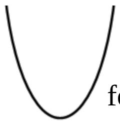
Sketching quadratic graphs

A LEVEL LINKS
Scheme of work: 1b. Quadratic functions – factorising, solving, graphs and the discriminants

Key points

- The graph of the quadratic function $y = ax^2 + bx + c$, where $a \neq 0$, is a curve called a parabola.
- Parabolas have a line of symmetry and a shape as shown.

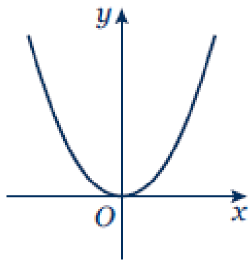

for $a > 0$


for $a < 0$

- To sketch the graph of a function, find the points where the graph intersects the axes.
- To find where the curve intersects the y-axis substitute $x = 0$ into the function.
- To find where the curve intersects the x-axis substitute $y = 0$ into the function.
- At the turning points of a graph the gradient of the curve is 0 and any tangents to the curve at these points are horizontal.
- To find the coordinates of the maximum or minimum point (turning points) of a quadratic curve (parabola) you can use the completed square form of the function.

Examples

Example 1 Sketch the graph of $y = x^2$.

	The graph of $y = x^2$ is a parabola. When $x = 0$, $y = 0$. $a = 1$ which is greater than zero, so the graph has the shape: 

Example 2 Sketch the graph of $y = x^2 - x - 6$.

When $x = 0$, $y = 0^2 - 0 - 6 = -6$ So the graph intersects the y-axis at $(0, -6)$ When $y = 0$, $x^2 - x - 6 = 0$ $(x + 2)(x - 3) = 0$ $x = -2$ or $x = 3$ So, the graph intersects the x-axis at $(-2, 0)$ and $(3, 0)$	**1** Find where the graph intersects the y-axis by substituting $x = 0$. **2** Find where the graph intersects the x-axis by substituting $y = 0$. **3** Solve the equation by factorising. **4** Solve $(x + 2) = 0$ and $(x - 3) = 0$. **5** $a = 1$ which is greater than zero, so the graph has the shape:  *(continued on next page)*

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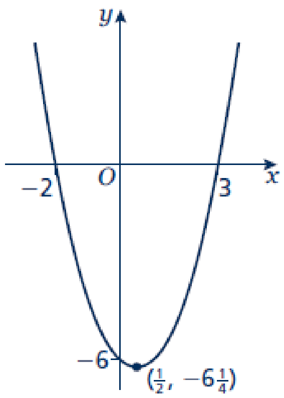
$x^2 - x - 6 = \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{4} - 6$ $= \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{25}{4}$ When $\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = 0$, $x = \frac{1}{2}$ and $y = -\frac{25}{4}$, so the turning point is at the point $\left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{25}{4}\right)$ 	**6** To find the turning point, complete the square. **7** The turning point is the minimum value for this expression and occurs when the term in the bracket is equal to zero.

Practice

1 Sketch the graph of $y = -x^2$.

2 Sketch each graph, labelling where the curve crosses the axes.

a $y = (x + 2)(x - 1)$ **b** $y = x(x - 3)$ **c** $y = (x + 1)(x + 5)$

3 Sketch each graph, labelling where the curve crosses the axes.

a $y = x^2 - x - 6$ **b** $y = x^2 - 5x + 4$ **c** $y = x^2 - 4$

d $y = x^2 + 4x$ **e** $y = 9 - x^2$ **f** $y = x^2 + 2x - 3$

4 Sketch the graph of $y = 2x^2 + 5x - 3$, labelling where the curve crosses the axes.

Extend

5 Sketch each graph. Label where the curve crosses the axes and write down the coordinates of the turning point.

a $y = x^2 - 5x + 6$ **b** $y = -x^2 + 7x - 12$ **c** $y = -x^2 + 4x$

6 Sketch the graph of $y = x^2 + 2x + 1$. Label where the curve crosses the axes and write down the equation of the line of symmetry.

Answers

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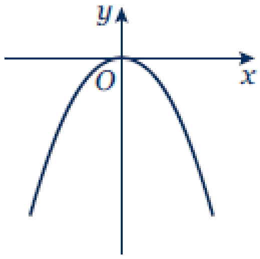

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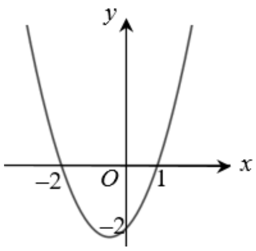

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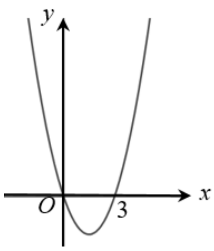

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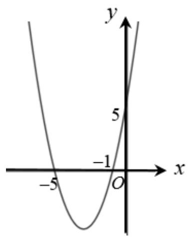

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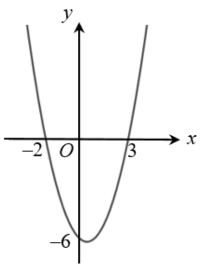

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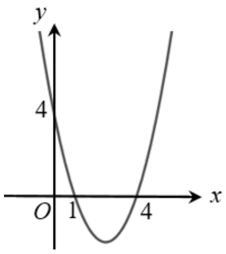

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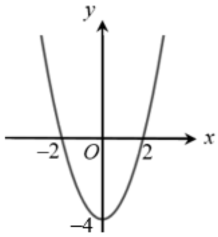

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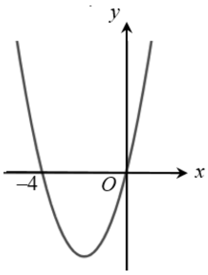

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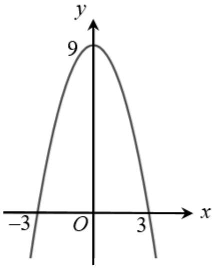

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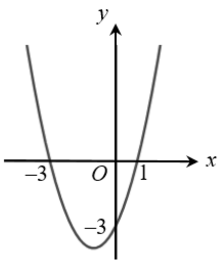

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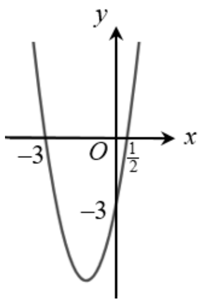

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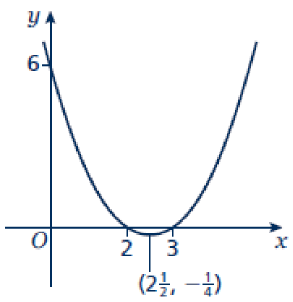

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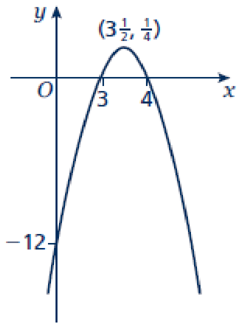

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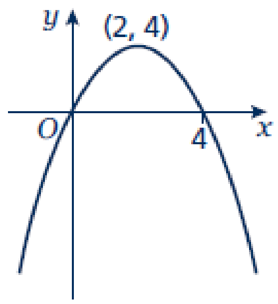

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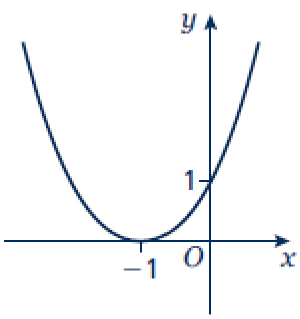

Line of symmetry at $x = -1$.

Solving linear simultaneous equations using the elimination method

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Scheme of work: 1c. Equations – quadratic/linear simultaneous

Key points

- Two equations are simultaneous when they are both true at the same time.
- Solving simultaneous linear equations in two unknowns involves finding the value of each unknown which works for both equations.
- Make sure that the coefficient of one of the unknowns is the same in both equations.
- Eliminate this equal unknown by either subtracting or adding the two equations.

Examples

Example 1 Solve the simultaneous equations $3x + y = 5$ and $x + y = 1$

$\begin{array}{rl} & 3x + y = 5 \\ - & \underline{x + y = 1} \\ & 2x = 4 \end{array}$ So $x = 2$	**1** Subtract the second equation from the first equation to eliminate the y term.
Using $x + y = 1$ $2 + y = 1$ So $y = -1$	**2** To find the value of y, substitute $x = 2$ into one of the original equations.
Check: equation 1: $3 \times 2 + (-1) = 5$ YES equation 2: $2 + (-1) = 1$ YES	**3** Substitute the values of x and y into both equations to check your answers.

Example 2 Solve $x + 2y = 13$ and $5x - 2y = 5$ simultaneously.

$\begin{array}{rl} & x + 2y = 13 \\ + & \underline{5x - 2y = 5} \\ & 6x = 18 \end{array}$ So $x = 3$	**1** Add the two equations together to eliminate the y term.
Using $x + 2y = 13$ $3 + 2y = 13$ So $y = 5$	**2** To find the value of y, substitute $x = 3$ into one of the original equations.
Check: equation 1: $3 + 2 \times 5 = 13$ YES equation 2: $5 \times 3 - 2 \times 5 = 5$ YES	**3** Substitute the values of x and y into both equations to check your answers.

Example 3 Solve $2x + 3y = 2$ and $5x + 4y = 12$ simultaneously.

$(2x + 3y = 2) \times 4 \rightarrow \quad 8x + 12y = 8$ $(5x + 4y = 12) \times 3 \rightarrow \quad \underline{15x + 12y = 36}$ $7x = 28$ So $x = 4$	**1** Multiply the first equation by 4 and the second equation by 3 to make the coefficient of y the same for both equations. Then subtract the first equation from the second equation to eliminate the y term.
Using $2x + 3y = 2$ $2 \times 4 + 3y = 2$ So $y = -2$	**2** To find the value of y, substitute $x = 4$ into one of the original equations.
Check: equation 1: $2 \times 4 + 3 \times (-2) = 2$ YES equation 2: $5 \times 4 + 4 \times (-2) = 12$ YES	**3** Substitute the values of x and y into both equations to check your answers.

Practice

Solve these simultaneous equations.

1 $4x + y = 8$
$x + y = 5$

2 $3x + y = 7$
$3x + 2y = 5$

3 $4x + y = 3$
$3x - y = 11$

4 $3x + 4y = 7$
$x - 4y = 5$

5 $2x + y = 11$
$x - 3y = 9$

6 $2x + 3y = 11$
$3x + 2y = 4$

Solving linear simultaneous equations using the substitution method

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Scheme of work: 1c. Equations – quadratic/linear simultaneous
Textbook: Pure Year 1, 3.1 Linear simultaneous equations

Key points

- The subsitution method is the method most commonly used for A level. This is because it is the method used to solve linear and quadratic simultaneous equations.

Examples

Example 4 Solve the simultaneous equations $y = 2x + 1$ and $5x + 3y = 14$

$5x + 3(2x + 1) = 14$	**1** Substitute $2x + 1$ for y into the second equation.
$5x + 6x + 3 = 14$ $11x + 3 = 14$	**2** Expand the brackets and simplify.
$11x = 11$ So $x = 1$	**3** Work out the value of x.
Using $y = 2x + 1$ $y = 2 \times 1 + 1$ So $y = 3$	**4** To find the value of y, substitute $x = 1$ into one of the original equations.
Check: equation 1: $3 = 2 \times 1 + 1$ YES equation 2: $5 \times 1 + 3 \times 3 = 14$ YES	**5** Substitute the values of x and y into both equations to check your answers.

Example 5 Solve $2x - y = 16$ and $4x + 3y = -3$ simultaneously.

$y = 2x - 16$	**1** Rearrange the first equation.
$4x + 3(2x - 16) = -3$	**2** Substitute $2x - 16$ for y into the second equation.
$4x + 6x - 48 = -3$ $10x - 48 = -3$	**3** Expand the brackets and simplify.
$10x = 45$ So $x = 4\frac{1}{2}$	**4** Work out the value of x.
Using $y = 2x - 16$ $y = 2 \times 4\frac{1}{2} - 16$ So $y = -7$	**5** To find the value of y, substitute $x = 4\frac{1}{2}$ into one of the original equations.
Check: equation 1: $2 \times 4\frac{1}{2} - (-7) = 16$ YES equation 2: $4 \times 4\frac{1}{2} + 3 \times (-7) = -3$ YES	**6** Substitute the values of x and y into both equations to check your answers.

Practice

Solve these simultaneous equations.

7 $y = x - 4$
$2x + 5y = 43$

8 $y = 2x - 3$
$5x - 3y = 11$

9 $2y = 4x + 5$
$9x + 5y = 22$

10 $2x = y - 2$
$8x - 5y = -11$

11 $3x + 4y = 8$
$2x - y = -13$

12 $3y = 4x - 7$
$2y = 3x - 4$

13 $3x = y - 1$
$2y - 2x = 3$

14 $3x + 2y + 1 = 0$
$4y = 8 - x$

Extend

15 Solve the simultaneous equations $3x + 5y - 20 = 0$ and $2(x + y) = \dfrac{3(y - x)}{4}$.

Answers

1 $x = 1, y = 4$

2 $x = 3, y = -2$

3 $x = 2, y = -5$

4 $x = 3, y = -\frac{1}{2}$

5 $x = 6, y = -1$

6 $x = -2, y = 5$

7 $x = 9, y = 5$

8 $x = -2, y = -7$

9 $x = \frac{1}{2}, y = 3\frac{1}{2}$

10 $x = \frac{1}{2}, y = 3$

11 $x = -4, y = 5$

12 $x = -2, y = -5$

13 $x = \frac{1}{4}, y = 1\frac{3}{4}$

14 $x = -2, y = 2\frac{1}{2}$

15 $x = -2\frac{1}{2}, y = 5\frac{1}{2}$