Maths and Further Maths – Y11 to Y12 Transition Work

Welcome to A-level Maths!

This booklet contains everything you need to hit the ground running when the course starts.

The beginning of A-level heavily relies on GSCE algebra skills. The hardest algebra topics at GCSE, often only understood by a handful of grade 9 students, will very quickly become the easiest parts of the A-level. We will look at these topics very briefly at the start of the course, but on the assumption that you just need a quick recap.

Of course, our entry requirements don't require you to have achieved that level of success at GCSE. We ask for a minimum of a grade 6 for Maths (recommended 7), and a minimum of a grade 7 for Further Maths (recommended 8).

As such, most students will finish the GCSE with gaps in key areas, and the booklet is designed to allow you to fill these gaps before the course starts. The topics chosen are those which form the foundations of the entire Pure part of the A-level. The A-level course is fast-paced, and you can get left behind very quickly if these key skills aren't in place.

We realise the booklet is huge. **We don't expect you to do every single question!**

Have a look through each topic – there are examples, basic practice questions and extensions in each – and make sure you are fluent in each of these key areas. In particular, if there are topics you know you struggled with at GCSE, study them over the summer!

- Surds and rationalising the denominator
- Rules of indices
- Factorising expressions
- Completing the square
- Solving quadratics by factorisation
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Surds and rationalising the denominator

Key points

- A surd is the square root of a number that is not a square number, for example $\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5}$,
- Surds can be used to give the exact value for an answer.
- $\sqrt{ab} = \sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{b}$ and $\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}}$
- To rationalise the denominator means to remove the surd from the denominator of a fraction.
- To rationalise $\frac{a}{\sqrt{b}}$ you multiply the numerator and denominator by the surd $\sqrt{b}$
- To rationalise $\frac{a}{b+\sqrt{c}}$ you multiply the numerator and denominator by $b-\sqrt{c}$

Examples

Example 1 Simplify $\sqrt{50}$

$\sqrt{50} = \sqrt{25\times 2}$ $= \sqrt{25}\times\sqrt{2}$ $= 5\times\sqrt{2}$ $= 5\sqrt{2}$	**1** Choose two factors of 50. One must be a square number **2** Use the rule $\sqrt{ab} = \sqrt{a}\times\sqrt{b}$ **3** Use $\sqrt{25} = 5$

Example 2 Simplify $\sqrt{147} - 2\sqrt{12}$

$\sqrt{147} - 2\sqrt{12}$ $= \sqrt{49\times 3} - 2\sqrt{4\times 3}$ $= \sqrt{49}\times\sqrt{3} - 2\sqrt{4}\times\sqrt{3}$ $= 7\times\sqrt{3} - 2\times 2\times\sqrt{3}$ $= 7\sqrt{3} - 4\sqrt{3}$ $= 3\sqrt{3}$	**1** Simplify $\sqrt{147}$ and $2\sqrt{12}$. Choose two numbers that are factors of 147 and two numbers that are factors of 12. One of each pair of factors must be a square number **2** Use the rule $\sqrt{ab} = \sqrt{a}\times\sqrt{b}$ **3** Use $\sqrt{49} = 7$ and $\sqrt{4} = 2$ **4** Collect like terms

Example 3 Simplify $\left(\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{2}\right)\left(\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{2}\right)$

$\left(\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{2}\right)\left(\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{2}\right)$ $= \sqrt{49} - \sqrt{7}\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{4}$ $= 7 - 2$ $= 5$	**1** Expand the brackets. A common mistake here is to write $\left(\sqrt{7}\right)^2 = 49$ **2** Collect like terms: $-\sqrt{7}\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}\sqrt{7}$ $= -\sqrt{7}\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{7}\sqrt{2} = 0$

Example 4 Rationalise $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}}$	**1** Multiply the numerator and denominator by $\sqrt{3}$
$= \frac{1 \times \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{9}} \quad = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$	**2** Use $\sqrt{9} = 3$

Example 5 Rationalise and simplify $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{12}}$

$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{12}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{12}} \times \frac{\sqrt{12}}{\sqrt{12}}$	**1** Multiply the numerator and denominator by $\sqrt{12}$
$= \frac{\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{4 \times 3}}{12}$	**2** Simplify $\sqrt{12}$ in the numerator. Choose two numbers that are factors of 12. One of the factors must be a square number
$= \frac{2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{3}}{12}$	**3** Use the rule $\sqrt{ab} = \sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{b}$ **4** Use $\sqrt{4} = 2$
$= \frac{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{3}}{6}$	**5** Simplify the fraction: $\frac{2}{12}$ simplifies to $\frac{1}{6}$

Example 6 Rationalise and simplify $\frac{3}{2+\sqrt{5}}$

$\frac{3}{2+\sqrt{5}} = \frac{3}{2+\sqrt{5}} \times \frac{2-\sqrt{5}}{2-\sqrt{5}}$	**1** Multiply the numerator and denominator by $2-\sqrt{5}$
$= \frac{3(2-\sqrt{5})}{(2+\sqrt{5})(2-\sqrt{5})}$	**2** Expand the brackets
$= \frac{6-3\sqrt{5}}{4+2\sqrt{5}-2\sqrt{5}-5}$	**3** Simplify the fraction
$= \frac{6-3\sqrt{5}}{-1}$ $= 3\sqrt{5}-6$	**4** Divide the numerator by -1 Remember to change the sign of all terms when dividing by -1

Practice

1 Simplify.

a $\sqrt{45}$ **b** $\sqrt{125}$

c $\sqrt{48}$ **d** $\sqrt{175}$

e $\sqrt{300}$ **f** $\sqrt{28}$

g $\sqrt{72}$ **h** $\sqrt{162}$

Hint

One of the two numbers you choose at the start must be a square number.

2 Simplify.

a $\sqrt{72}+\sqrt{162}$ **b** $\sqrt{45}-2\sqrt{5}$

c $\sqrt{50}-\sqrt{8}$ **d** $\sqrt{75}-\sqrt{48}$

e $2\sqrt{28}+\sqrt{28}$ **f** $2\sqrt{12}-\sqrt{12}+\sqrt{27}$

Watch out!

Check you have chosen the highest square number at the start.

3 Expand and simplify.

a $(\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{3})$ **b** $(3+\sqrt{3})(5-\sqrt{12})$

c $(4-\sqrt{5})(\sqrt{45}+2)$ **d** $(5+\sqrt{2})(6-\sqrt{8})$

4 Rationalise and simplify, if possible.

a $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$ **b** $\frac{1}{\sqrt{11}}$

c $\frac{2}{\sqrt{7}}$ **d** $\frac{2}{\sqrt{8}}$

e $\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}$ **f** $\frac{5}{\sqrt{5}}$

g $\frac{\sqrt{8}}{\sqrt{24}}$ **h** $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{45}}$

5 Rationalise and simplify.

a $\frac{1}{3-\sqrt{5}}$ **b** $\frac{2}{4+\sqrt{3}}$ **c** $\frac{6}{5-\sqrt{2}}$

Extend

6 Expand and simplify $\left(\sqrt{x}+\sqrt{y}\right)\left(\sqrt{x}-\sqrt{y}\right)$

7 Rationalise and simplify, if possible.

a $\dfrac{1}{\sqrt{9}-\sqrt{8}}$ **b** $\dfrac{1}{\sqrt{x}-\sqrt{y}}$

Answers

1 **a** $3\sqrt{5}$ **b** $5\sqrt{5}$
c $4\sqrt{3}$ **d** $5\sqrt{7}$
e $10\sqrt{3}$ **f** $2\sqrt{7}$
g $6\sqrt{2}$ **h** $9\sqrt{2}$

2 **a** $15\sqrt{2}$ **b** $\sqrt{5}$
c $3\sqrt{2}$ **d** $\sqrt{3}$
e $6\sqrt{7}$ **f** $5\sqrt{3}$

3 **a** -1 **b** $9-\sqrt{3}$
c $10\sqrt{5}-7$ **d** $26-4\sqrt{2}$

4 **a** $\dfrac{\sqrt{5}}{5}$ **b** $\dfrac{\sqrt{11}}{11}$
c $\dfrac{2\sqrt{7}}{7}$ **d** $\dfrac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$
e $\sqrt{2}$ **f** $\sqrt{5}$
g $\dfrac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$ **h** $\dfrac{1}{3}$

5 **a** $\dfrac{3+\sqrt{5}}{4}$ **b** $\dfrac{2(4-\sqrt{3})}{13}$ **c** $\dfrac{6(5+\sqrt{2})}{23}$

6 $x-y$

7 **a** $3+2\sqrt{2}$ **b** $\dfrac{\sqrt{x}+\sqrt{y}}{x-y}$

Rules of indices

Key points

- $a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$
- $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$
- $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$
- $a^0 = 1$
- $a^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a}$ i.e. the *n*th root of *a*
- $a^{\frac{m}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a^m} = \left(\sqrt[n]{a}\right)^m$
- $a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$
- The square root of a number produces two solutions, e.g. $\sqrt{16} = \pm 4$.

Examples

Example 1 Evaluate 10^0

$10^0 = 1$	Any value raised to the power of zero is equal to 1

Example 2 Evaluate $9^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$9^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{9}$ $= 3$	Use the rule $a^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a}$

Example 3 Evaluate $27^{\frac{2}{3}}$

$27^{\frac{2}{3}} = \left(\sqrt[3]{27}\right)^2$ $= 3^2$ $= 9$	**1** Use the rule $a^{\frac{m}{n}} = \left(\sqrt[n]{a}\right)^m$ **2** Use $\sqrt[3]{27} = 3$

Example 4 Evaluate 4^{-2}

$4^{-2} = \frac{1}{4^2}$ $= \frac{1}{16}$	**1** Use the rule $a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$ **2** Use $4^2 = 16$

Example 5 Simplify $\dfrac{6x^5}{2x^2}$

$\dfrac{6x^5}{2x^2} = 3x^3$	$6 \div 2 = 3$ and use the rule $\dfrac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$ to give $\dfrac{x^5}{x^2} = x^{5-2} = x^3$

Example 6 Simplify $\dfrac{x^3 \times x^5}{x^4}$

$\dfrac{x^3 \times x^5}{x^4} = \dfrac{x^{3+5}}{x^4} = \dfrac{x^8}{x^4}$ $= x^{8-4} = x^4$	**1** Use the rule $a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$ **2** Use the rule $\dfrac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$

Example 7 Write $\dfrac{1}{3x}$ as a single power of x

$\dfrac{1}{3x} = \dfrac{1}{3}x^{-1}$	Use the rule $\dfrac{1}{a^m} = a^{-m}$, note that the fraction $\dfrac{1}{3}$ remains unchanged

Example 8 Write $\dfrac{4}{\sqrt{x}}$ as a single power of x

$\dfrac{4}{\sqrt{x}} = \dfrac{4}{x^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ $= 4x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$	**1** Use the rule $a^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a}$ **2** Use the rule $\dfrac{1}{a^m} = a^{-m}$

Practice

1 Evaluate.

a 14^0 **b** 3^0 **c** 5^0 **d** x^0

2 Evaluate.

a $49^{\frac{1}{2}}$ **b** $64^{\frac{1}{3}}$ **c** $125^{\frac{1}{3}}$ **d** $16^{\frac{1}{4}}$

3 Evaluate.

a $25^{\frac{3}{2}}$ **b** $8^{\frac{5}{3}}$ **c** $49^{\frac{3}{2}}$ **d** $16^{\frac{3}{4}}$

4 Evaluate.

a 5^{-2} **b** 4^{-3} **c** 2^{-5} **d** 6^{-2}

5 Simplify.

a $\dfrac{3x^2 \times x^3}{2x^2}$ **b** $\dfrac{10x^5}{2x^2 \times x}$ **c** $\dfrac{3x \times 2x^3}{2x^3}$ **d** $\dfrac{7x^3y^2}{14x^5y}$

e $\dfrac{y^2}{y^{\frac{1}{2}} \times y}$ **f** $\dfrac{c^{\frac{1}{2}}}{c^2 \times c^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ **g** $\dfrac{\left(2x^2\right)^3}{4x^0}$ **h** $\dfrac{x^{\frac{1}{2}} \times x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{x^{-2} \times x^3}$

6 Evaluate.

a $4^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ **b** $27^{-\frac{2}{3}}$ **c** $9^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times 2^3$

d $16^{\frac{1}{4}} \times 2^{-3}$ **e** $\left(\dfrac{9}{16}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ **f** $\left(\dfrac{27}{64}\right)^{-\frac{2}{3}}$

Watch out!

Remember that any value raised to the power of zero is 1. This is the rule $a^0 = 1$.

7 Write the following as a single power of x.

a $\dfrac{1}{x}$ **b** $\dfrac{1}{x^7}$ **c** $\sqrt[4]{x}$

d $\sqrt[5]{x^2}$ **e** $\dfrac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x}}$ **f** $\dfrac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x^2}}$

8 Write the following without negative or fractional powers.

a x^{-3} **b** x^0 **c** $x^{\frac{1}{5}}$

d $x^{\frac{2}{5}}$ **e** $x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ **f** $x^{-\frac{3}{4}}$

9 Write the following in the form ax^n.

a $5\sqrt{x}$ **b** $\dfrac{2}{x^3}$ **c** $\dfrac{1}{3x^4}$

d $\dfrac{2}{\sqrt{x}}$ **e** $\dfrac{4}{\sqrt[3]{x}}$ **f** 3

Extend

10 Write as sums of powers of x.

a $\dfrac{x^5+1}{x^2}$ **b** $x^2\left(x+\dfrac{1}{x}\right)$ **c** $x^{-4}\left(x^2+\dfrac{1}{x^3}\right)$

Answers

1	**a** 1		**b** 1		**c** 1		**d** 1
2	**a** 7		**b** 4		**c** 5		**d** 2
3	**a** 125		**b** 32		**c** 343		**d** 8
4	**a** $\frac{1}{25}$		**b** $\frac{1}{64}$		**c** $\frac{1}{32}$		**d** $\frac{1}{36}$

5 **a** $\frac{3x^3}{2}$ **b** $5x^2$

c $3x$ **d** $\frac{y}{2x^2}$

e $y^{\frac{1}{2}}$ **f** c^{-3}

g $2x^6$ **h** x

6 **a** $\frac{1}{2}$ **b** $\frac{1}{9}$ **c** $\frac{8}{3}$

d $\frac{1}{4}$ **e** $\frac{4}{3}$ **f** $\frac{16}{9}$

7 **a** x^{-1} **b** x^{-7} **c** $x^{\frac{1}{4}}$

d $x^{\frac{2}{5}}$ **e** $x^{-\frac{1}{3}}$ **f** $x^{-\frac{2}{3}}$

8 **a** $\frac{1}{x^3}$ **b** 1 **c** $\sqrt[5]{x}$

d $\sqrt[5]{x^2}$ **e** $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ **f** $\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{x^3}}$

9 **a** $5x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ **b** $2x^{-3}$ **c** $\frac{1}{3}x^{-4}$

d $2x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ **e** $4x^{-\frac{1}{3}}$ **f** $3x^0$

10 **a** $x^3 + x^{-2}$ **b** $x^3 + x$ **c** $x^{-2} + x^{-7}$

Factorising expressions

Key points

- Factorising an expression is the opposite of expanding the brackets.
- A quadratic expression is in the form $ax^2 + bx + c$, where $a \neq 0$.
- To factorise a quadratic equation find two numbers whose sum is b and whose product is ac.
- An expression in the form $x^2 - y^2$ is called the difference of two squares. It factorises to $(x - y)(x + y)$.

Examples

Example 1 Factorise $15x^2y^3 + 9x^4y$

$15x^2y^3 + 9x^4y = 3x^2y(5y^2 + 3x^2)$	The highest common factor is $3x^2y$. So take $3x^2y$ outside the brackets and then divide each term by $3x^2y$ to find the terms in the brackets

Example 2 Factorise $4x^2 - 25y^2$

$4x^2 - 25y^2 = (2x + 5y)(2x - 5y)$	This is the difference of two squares as the two terms can be written as $(2x)^2$ and $(5y)^2$

Example 3 Factorise $x^2 + 3x - 10$

$b = 3$, $ac = -10$	**1** Work out the two factors of $ac = -10$ which add to give $b = 3$ (5 and -2)
So $x^2 + 3x - 10 = x^2 + 5x - 2x - 10$	**2** Rewrite the b term ($3x$) using these two factors
$= x(x + 5) - 2(x + 5)$	**3** Factorise the first two terms and the last two terms
$= (x + 5)(x - 2)$	**4** $(x + 5)$ is a factor of both terms

Example 4 Factorise $6x^2 - 11x - 10$

$b = -11$, $ac = -60$ So $6x^2 - 11x - 10 = 6x^2 - 15x + 4x - 10$ $= 3x(2x - 5) + 2(2x - 5)$ $= (2x - 5)(3x + 2)$	**1** Work out the two factors of $ac = -60$ which add to give $b = -11$ (-15 and 4) **2** Rewrite the b term ($-11x$) using these two factors **3** Factorise the first two terms and the last two terms **4** $(2x - 5)$ is a factor of both terms

Example 5 Simplify $\frac{x^2-4x-21}{2x^2+9x+9}$

$\frac{x^2-4x-21}{2x^2+9x+9}$	**1** Factorise the numerator and the denominator
For the numerator: $b = -4$, $ac = -21$	**2** Work out the two factors of $ac = -21$ which add to give $b = -4$ (-7 and 3)
So $x^2 - 4x - 21 = x^2 - 7x + 3x - 21$ $= x(x - 7) + 3(x - 7)$ $= (x - 7)(x + 3)$	**3** Rewrite the b term ($-4x$) using these two factors **4** Factorise the first two terms and the last two terms **5** $(x - 7)$ is a factor of both terms
For the denominator: $b = 9$, $ac = 18$	**6** Work out the two factors of $ac = 18$ which add to give $b = 9$ (6 and 3)
So $2x^2 + 9x + 9 = 2x^2 + 6x + 3x + 9$ $= 2x(x + 3) + 3(x + 3)$ $= (x + 3)(2x + 3)$	**7** Rewrite the b term ($9x$) using these two factors **8** Factorise the first two terms and the last two terms **9** $(x + 3)$ is a factor of both terms
So $\frac{x^2-4x-21}{2x^2+9x+9} = \frac{(x-7)(x+3)}{(x+3)(2x+3)}$ $= \frac{x-7}{2x+3}$	**10** $(x + 3)$ is a factor of both the numerator and denominator so cancels out as a value divided by itself is 1

Practice

1 Factorise.

a $6x^4y^3 - 10x^3y^4$ **b** $21a^3b^5 + 35a^5b^2$

c $25x^2y^2 - 10x^3y^2 + 15x^2y^3$

Hint

Take the highest common factor outside the bracket.

2 Factorise

a $x^2 + 7x + 12$ **b** $x^2 + 5x - 14$

c $x^2 - 11x + 30$ **d** $x^2 - 5x - 24$

e $x^2 - 7x - 18$ **f** $x^2 + x - 20$

g $x^2 - 3x - 40$ **h** $x^2 + 3x - 28$

3 Factorise

a $36x^2 - 49y^2$ **b** $4x^2 - 81y^2$

c $18a^2 - 200b^2c^2$

4 Factorise

a $2x^2 + x - 3$ **b** $6x^2 + 17x + 5$

c $2x^2 + 7x + 3$ **d** $9x^2 - 15x + 4$

e $10x^2 + 21x + 9$ **f** $12x^2 - 38x + 20$

5 Simplify the algebraic fractions.

a $\dfrac{2x^2 + 4x}{x^2 - x}$ **b** $\dfrac{x^2 + 3x}{x^2 + 2x - 3}$

c $\dfrac{x^2 - 2x - 8}{x^2 - 4x}$ **d** $\dfrac{x^2 - 5x}{x^2 - 25}$

e $\dfrac{x^2 - x - 12}{x^2 - 4x}$ **f** $\dfrac{2x^2 + 14x}{2x^2 + 4x - 70}$

6 Simplify

a $\dfrac{9x^2 - 16}{3x^2 + 17x - 28}$ **b** $\dfrac{2x^2 - 7x - 15}{3x^2 - 17x + 10}$

c $\dfrac{4 - 25x^2}{10x^2 - 11x - 6}$ **d** $\dfrac{6x^2 - x - 1}{2x^2 + 7x - 4}$

Extend

7 Simplify $\sqrt{x^2 + 10x + 25}$

8 Simplify $\dfrac{(x+2)^2 + 3(x+2)^2}{x^2 - 4}$

Answers

1 **a** $2x^3y^3(3x - 5y)$ **b** $7a^3b^2(3b^3 + 5a^2)$
c $5x^2y^2(5 - 2x + 3y)$

2 **a** $(x + 3)(x + 4)$ **b** $(x + 7)(x - 2)$
c $(x - 5)(x - 6)$ **d** $(x - 8)(x + 3)$
e $(x - 9)(x + 2)$ **f** $(x + 5)(x - 4)$
g $(x - 8)(x + 5)$ **h** $(x + 7)(x - 4)$

3 **a** $(6x - 7y)(6x + 7y)$ **b** $(2x - 9y)(2x + 9y)$
c $2(3a - 10bc)(3a + 10bc)$

4 **a** $(x - 1)(2x + 3)$ **b** $(3x + 1)(2x + 5)$
c $(2x + 1)(x + 3)$ **d** $(3x - 1)(3x - 4)$
e $(5x + 3)(2x + 3)$ **f** $2(3x - 2)(2x - 5)$

5 **a** $\frac{2(x+2)}{x-1}$ **b** $\frac{x}{x-1}$
c $\frac{x+2}{x}$ **d** $\frac{x}{x+5}$
e $\frac{x+3}{x}$ **f** $\frac{x}{x-5}$

6 **a** $\frac{3x+4}{x+7}$ **b** $\frac{2x+3}{3x-2}$
c $\frac{2-5x}{2x-3}$ **d** $\frac{3x+1}{x+4}$

7 $(x + 5)$

8 $\frac{4(x+2)}{x-2}$

Completing the square

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 $p(x + q)^2 + r$

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

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 $5x^2 = 15x$

$5x^2 = 15x$ $5x^2 - 15x = 0$ $5x(x - 3) = 0$ So $5x = 0$ or $(x - 3) = 0$ Therefore $x = 0$ or $x = 3$	**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 $x = 0$. **2** Factorise the quadratic equation. $5x$ is a common factor. **3** When two values multiply to make zero, at least one of the values must be zero. **4** Solve these two equations.

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

$x^2 + 7x + 12 = 0$ $b = 7$, $ac = 12$ $x^2 + 4x + 3x + 12 = 0$ $x(x + 4) + 3(x + 4) = 0$ $(x + 4)(x + 3) = 0$ So $(x + 4) = 0$ or $(x + 3) = 0$ Therefore $x = -4$ or $x = -3$	**1** Factorise the quadratic equation. Work out the two factors of $ac = 12$ which add to give you $b = 7$. (4 and 3) **2** Rewrite the b term ($7x$) 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.

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 $2x^2 - 5x - 12 = 0$

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

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 $x = 2$

Solving quadratics by completing the square

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 $\left(x+\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 + c = 0$
$(x + 3)^2 - 9 + 4 = 0$	**2** Simplify.
$(x + 3)^2 - 5 = 0$ $(x + 3)^2 = 5$	**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.

$2x^2 - 7x + 4 = 0$ $2\left(x^2 - \frac{7}{2}x\right) + 4 = 0$	**1** Before completing the square write $ax^2 + bx + c$ in the form $a\left(x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x\right) + c$
$2\left[\left(x - \frac{7}{4}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{7}{4}\right)^2\right] + 4 = 0$	**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.

Answers

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

Solving quadratics by using the formula

Key points

- Any quadratic equation of the form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ can be solved using the formula
$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$
- 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.

$a = 1$, $b = 6$, $c = 4$ $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$	**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.
$x = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{6^2 - 4(1)(4)}}{2(1)}$	**2** Substitute $a = 1$, $b = 6$, $c = 4$ into the formula.
$x = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{20}}{2}$	**3** Simplify. The denominator is 2, but this is only because $a = 1$. The denominator will not always be 2.
$x = \frac{-6 \pm 2\sqrt{5}}{2}$	**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.

$a = 3$, $b = -7$, $c = -2$ $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$	**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.
$x = \frac{-(-7) \pm \sqrt{(-7)^2 - 4(3)(-2)}}{2(3)}$	**2** Substitute $a = 3$, $b = -7$, $c = -2$ into the formula.
$x = \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{73}}{6}$	**3** Simplify. The denominator is 6 when $a = 3$. A common mistake is to always write a denominator of 2.
So $x = \frac{7 - \sqrt{73}}{6}$ or $x = \frac{7 + \sqrt{73}}{6}$	**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 $\frac{a \pm \sqrt{b}}{c}$, 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

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 $x = 2$

Solving linear simultaneous equations using the elimination method

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 $x + y = 1$

$\begin{array}{rl} & 3x + y = 5 \\ - & x + y = 1 \\ \hline & 2x = 4 \end{array}$ 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.

$\begin{array}{rl} & x + 2y = 13 \\ + & 5x - 2y = 5 \\ \hline & 6x = 18 \end{array}$ 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.

$(2x + 3y = 2) \times 4 \rightarrow \quad 8x + 12y = 8$ $(5x + 4y = 12) \times 3 \rightarrow \quad \underline{15x + 12y = 36}$ $\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad 7x \quad = 28$ 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 $2x + 3y = 11$
$3x + 2y = 4$

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 $x = -2, y = 5$

Solving linear simultaneous equations using the substitution method

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 $2(x+y) = \frac{3(y-x)}{4}$.

Answers

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

Solving linear and quadratic simultaneous equations

Key points

- Make one of the unknowns the subject of the linear equation (rearranging where necessary).
- Use the linear equation to substitute into the quadratic equation.
- There are usually two pairs of solutions.

Examples

Example 1 Solve the simultaneous equations $y = x + 1$ and $x^2 + y^2 = 13$

$x^2 + (x + 1)^2 = 13$	**1** Substitute $x + 1$ for y into the second equation.
$x^2 + x^2 + x + x + 1 = 13$ $2x^2 + 2x + 1 = 13$	**2** Expand the brackets and simplify.
$2x^2 + 2x - 12 = 0$ $(2x - 4)(x + 3) = 0$	**3** Factorise the quadratic equation.
So $x = 2$ or $x = -3$	**4** Work out the values of x.
Using $y = x + 1$ When $x = 2$, $y = 2 + 1 = 3$ When $x = -3$, $y = -3 + 1 = -2$	**5** To find the value of y, substitute both values of x into one of the original equations.
So the solutions are $x = 2,\ y = 3$ and $x = -3,\ y = -2$	
Check: equation 1: $3 = 2 + 1$ YES and $-2 = -3 + 1$ YES equation 2: $2^2 + 3^2 = 13$ YES and $(-3)^2 + (-2)^2 = 13$ YES	**6** Substitute both pairs of values of x and y into both equations to check your answers.

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

$x = \dfrac{5-3y}{2}$	**1** Rearrange the first equation.
$2y^2 + \left(\dfrac{5-3y}{2}\right)y = 12$	**2** Substitute $\dfrac{5-3y}{2}$ for x into the second equation. Notice how it is easier to substitute for x than for y.
$2y^2 + \dfrac{5y-3y^2}{2} = 12$ $4y^2 + 5y - 3y^2 = 24$ $y^2 + 5y - 24 = 0$	**3** Expand the brackets and simplify.
$(y + 8)(y - 3) = 0$	**4** Factorise the quadratic equation.
So $y = -8$ or $y = 3$	**5** Work out the values of y.
Using $2x + 3y = 5$ When $y = -8$, $2x + 3 \times (-8) = 5$, $x = 14.5$ When $y = 3$, $2x + 3 \times 3 = 5$, $x = -2$	**6** To find the value of x, substitute both values of y into one of the original equations.
So the solutions are $x = 14.5$, $y = -8$ and $x = -2$, $y = 3$	
Check: equation 1: $2 \times 14.5 + 3 \times (-8) = 5$ YES and $2 \times (-2) + 3 \times 3 = 5$ YES equation 2: $2\times(-8)^2 + 14.5\times(-8) = 12$ YES and $2 \times (3)^2 + (-2) \times 3 = 12$ YES	**7** Substitute both pairs of values of x and y into both equations to check your answers.

Practice

Solve these simultaneous equations.

1 $y = 2x + 1$
$x^2 + y^2 = 10$

2 $y = 6 - x$
$x^2 + y^2 = 20$

3 $y = x - 3$
$x^2 + y^2 = 5$

4 $y = 9 - 2x$
$x^2 + y^2 = 17$

5 $y = 3x - 5$
$y = x^2 - 2x + 1$

6 $y = x - 5$
$y = x^2 - 5x - 12$

7 $y = x + 5$
$x^2 + y^2 = 25$

8 $y = 2x - 1$
$x^2 + xy = 24$

9 $y = 2x$
$y^2 - xy = 8$

10 $2x + y = 11$
$xy = 15$

Extend

11 $x - y = 1$
$x^2 + y^2 = 3$

12 $y - x = 2$
$x^2 + xy = 3$

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Answers

1 $x = 1, y = 3$

$x = -\frac{9}{5},\ y = -\frac{13}{5}$

2 $x = 2, y = 4$

$x = 4, y = 2$

3 $x = 1, y = -2$

$x = 2, y = -1$

4 $x = 4, y = 1$

$x = \frac{16}{5},\ y = \frac{13}{5}$

5 $x = 3, y = 4$

$x = 2, y = 1$

6 $x = 7, y = 2$

$x = -1, y = -6$

7 $x = 0, y = 5$

$x = -5, y = 0$

8 $x = -\frac{8}{3}, y = -\frac{19}{3}$

$x = 3, y = 5$

9 $x = -2, y = -4$

$x = 2, y = 4$

10 $x = \frac{5}{2}, y = 6$

$x = 3, y = 5$

11 $x = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}, y = \frac{-1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$

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

12 $x = \frac{-1+\sqrt{7}}{2}, y = \frac{3+\sqrt{7}}{2}$

$x = \frac{-1-\sqrt{7}}{2}, y = \frac{3-\sqrt{7}}{2}$

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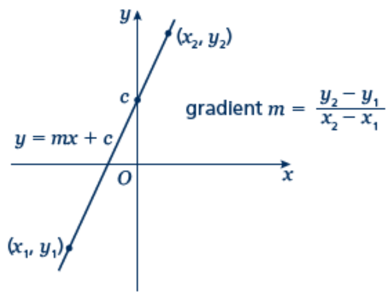
Straight line graphs

Key points

- A straight line has the equation $y = mx + c$, where m is the gradient and c is the y-intercept (where $x = 0$).
- The equation of a straight line can be written in the form $ax + by + c = 0$, where a, b and c are integers.
- When given the coordinates (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) of two points on a line the gradient is calculated using the formula $m = \dfrac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$



Examples

Example 1 A straight line has gradient $-\frac{1}{2}$ and y-intercept 3.

Write the equation of the line in the form $ax + by + c = 0$.

$m = -\frac{1}{2}$ and $c = 3$ So $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 3$ $\frac{1}{2}x + y - 3 = 0$ $x + 2y - 6 = 0$	**1** A straight line has equation $y = mx + c$. Substitute the gradient and y-intercept given in the question into this equation. **2** Rearrange the equation so all the terms are on one side and 0 is on the other side. **3** Multiply both sides by 2 to eliminate the denominator.

Example 2 Find the gradient and the y-intercept of the line with the equation $3y - 2x + 4 = 0$.

$3y - 2x + 4 = 0$ $3y = 2x - 4$ $y = \frac{2}{3}x - \frac{4}{3}$ Gradient $= m = \frac{2}{3}$ y-intercept $= c = -\frac{4}{3}$	**1** Make y the subject of the equation. **2** Divide all the terms by three to get the equation in the form $y = \ldots$ **3** In the form $y = mx + c$, the gradient is m and the y-intercept is c.

Example 3 Find the equation of the line which passes through the point (5, 13) and has gradient 3.

$m = 3$ $y = 3x + c$	**1** Substitute the gradient given in the question into the equation of a straight line $y = mx + c$.
$13 = 3 \times 5 + c$	**2** Substitute the coordinates $x = 5$ and $y = 13$ into the equation.
$13 = 15 + c$ $c = -2$	**3** Simplify and solve the equation.
$y = 3x - 2$	**4** Substitute $c = -2$ into the equation $y = 3x + c$

Example 4 Find the equation of the line passing through the points with coordinates (2, 4) and (8, 7).

$x_1 = 2$, $x_2 = 8$, $y_1 = 4$ and $y_2 = 7$ $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{7-4}{8-2} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$	**1** Substitute the coordinates into the equation $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$ to work out the gradient of the line.
$y = \frac{1}{2}x + c$	**2** Substitute the gradient into the equation of a straight line $y = mx + c$.
$4 = \frac{1}{2} \times 2 + c$	**3** Substitute the coordinates of either point into the equation.
$c = 3$	**4** Simplify and solve the equation.
$y = \frac{1}{2}x + 3$	**5** Substitute $c = 3$ into the equation $y = \frac{1}{2}x + c$

Practice

1 Find the gradient and the y-intercept of the following equations.

a $y = 3x + 5$ **b** $y = -\frac{1}{2}x - 7$

c $2y = 4x - 3$ **d** $x + y = 5$

e $2x - 3y - 7 = 0$ **f** $5x + y - 4 = 0$

> **Hint**
> Rearrange the equations to the form $y = mx + c$

2 Copy and complete the table, giving the equation of the line in the form $y = mx + c$.

Gradient	y-intercept	Equation of the line
5	0	
–3	2	
4	–7	

3 Find, in the form $ax + by + c = 0$ where a, b and c are integers, an equation for each of the lines with the following gradients and y-intercepts.

a gradient $-\frac{1}{2}$, y-intercept –7 **b** gradient 2, y-intercept 0

c gradient $\frac{2}{3}$, y-intercept 4 **d** gradient –1.2, y-intercept –2

4 Write an equation for the line which passes though the point (2, 5) and has gradient 4.

5 Write an equation for the line which passes through the point (6, 3) and has gradient $-\frac{2}{3}$

6 Write an equation for the line passing through each of the following pairs of points.

a (4, 5), (10, 17) **b** (0, 6), (–4, 8)

c (–1, –7), (5, 23) **d** (3, 10), (4, 7)

Extend

7 The equation of a line is $2y + 3x - 6 = 0$.
Write as much information as possible about this line.

Answers

1 **a** $m = 3$, $c = 5$

b $m = -\frac{1}{2}$, $c = -7$

c $m = 2$, $c = -\frac{3}{2}$

d $m = -1$, $c = 5$

e $m = \frac{2}{3}$, $c = -\frac{7}{3}$ or $-2\frac{1}{3}$

f $m = -5$, $c = 4$

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Gradient	*y*-intercept	Equation of the line
5	0	$y = 5x$
–3	2	$y = -3x + 2$
4	–7	$y = 4x - 7$

3 **a** $x + 2y + 14 = 0$

b $2x - y = 0$

c $2x - 3y + 12 = 0$

d $6x + 5y + 10 = 0$

4 $y = 4x - 3$

5 $y = -\frac{2}{3}x + 7$

6 **a** $y = 2x - 3$

b $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 6$

c $y = 5x - 2$

d $y = -3x + 19$

7 $y = -\frac{3}{2}x + 3$, the gradient is $-\frac{3}{2}$ and the *y*-intercept is 3.

The line intercepts the axes at (0, 3) and (2, 0).

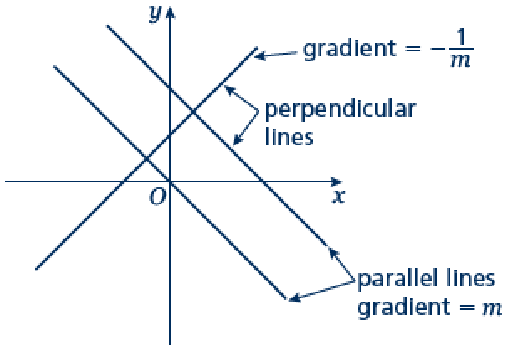
Students may sketch the line or give coordinates that lie on the line such as $\left(1, \frac{3}{2}\right)$ or $(4, -3)$.

Parallel and perpendicular lines

A LEVEL LINKS
Scheme of work: 2a. Straight-line graphs, parallel/perpendicular, length and area problems

Key points

- When lines are parallel they have the same gradient.
- A line perpendicular to the line with equation $y = mx + c$ has gradient $-\frac{1}{m}$.



Examples

Example 1 Find the equation of the line parallel to $y = 2x + 4$ which passes through the point (4, 9).

$y = 2x + 4$ $m = 2$	**1** As the lines are parallel they have the same gradient.
$y = 2x + c$	**2** Substitute $m = 2$ into the equation of a straight line $y = mx + c$.
$9 = 2 \times 4 + c$	**3** Substitute the coordinates into the equation $y = 2x + c$
$9 = 8 + c$ $c = 1$	**4** Simplify and solve the equation.
$y = 2x + 1$	**5** Substitute $c = 1$ into the equation $y = 2x + c$

Example 2 Find the equation of the line perpendicular to $y = 2x - 3$ which passes through the point (−2, 5).

$y = 2x - 3$ $m = 2$ $-\frac{1}{m} = -\frac{1}{2}$	**1** As the lines are perpendicular, the gradient of the perpendicular line is $-\frac{1}{m}$.
$y = -\frac{1}{2}x + c$	**2** Substitute $m = -\frac{1}{2}$ into $y = mx + c$.
$5 = -\frac{1}{2} \times (-2) + c$	**3** Substitute the coordinates (–2, 5) into the equation $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + c$
$5 = 1 + c$ $c = 4$	**4** Simplify and solve the equation.
$y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 4$	**5** Substitute $c = 4$ into $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + c$.

Example 3 A line passes through the points (0, 5) and (9, −1).
Find the equation of the line which is perpendicular to the line and passes through its midpoint.

$x_1 = 0$, $x_2 = 9$, $y_1 = 5$ and $y_2 = -1$ $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{-1-5}{9-0}$ $= \frac{-6}{9} = -\frac{2}{3}$ $-\frac{1}{m} = \frac{3}{2}$	**1** Substitute the coordinates into the equation $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$ to work out the gradient of the line. **2** As the lines are perpendicular, the gradient of the perpendicular line is $-\frac{1}{m}$.
$y = \frac{3}{2}x + c$	**3** Substitute the gradient into the equation $y = mx + c$.
Midpoint = $\left(\frac{0+9}{2}, \frac{5+(-1)}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{9}{2}, 2\right)$	**4** Work out the coordinates of the midpoint of the line.
$2 = \frac{3}{2} \times \frac{9}{2} + c$	**5** Substitute the coordinates of the midpoint into the equation.
$c = -\frac{19}{4}$	**6** Simplify and solve the equation.
$y = \frac{3}{2}x - \frac{19}{4}$	**7** Substitute $c = -\frac{19}{4}$ into the equation $y = \frac{3}{2}x + c$.

Practice

1 Find the equation of the line parallel to each of the given lines and which passes through each of the given points.

a $y = 3x + 1$ (3, 2) **b** $y = 3 – 2x$ (1, 3)

c $2x + 4y + 3 = 0$ (6, –3) **d** $2y –3x + 2 = 0$ (8, 20)

2 Find the equation of the line perpendicular to $y = \frac{1}{2}x – 3$ which passes through the point (–5, 3).

Hint

If $m = \frac{a}{b}$ then the negative reciprocal $-\frac{1}{m} = -\frac{b}{a}$

3 Find the equation of the line perpendicular to each of the given lines and which passes through each of the given points.

a $y = 2x – 6$ (4, 0) **b** $y = -\frac{1}{3}x + \frac{1}{2}$ (2, 13)

c $x –4y – 4 = 0$ (5, 15) **d** $5y + 2x – 5 = 0$ (6, 7)

4 In each case find an equation for the line passing through the origin which is also perpendicular to the line joining the two points given.

a $(4, 3)$, $(–2, –9)$ b $(0, 3)$, $(–10, 8)$

Extend

5 Work out whether these pairs of lines are parallel, perpendicular or neither.

a	$y = 2x + 3$ $y = 2x – 7$	b	$y = 3x$ $2x + y – 3 = 0$	c	$y = 4x – 3$ $4y + x = 2$
d	$3x – y + 5 = 0$ $x + 3y = 1$	e	$2x + 5y – 1 = 0$ $y = 2x + 7$	f	$2x – y = 6$ $6x – 3y + 3 = 0$

6 The straight line $\mathbf{L_1}$ passes through the points A and B with coordinates $(–4, 4)$ and $(2, 1)$, respectively.

a Find the equation of $\mathbf{L_1}$ in the form $ax + by + c = 0$

The line $\mathbf{L_2}$ is parallel to the line $\mathbf{L_1}$ and passes through the point C with coordinates $(–8, 3)$.

b Find the equation of $\mathbf{L_2}$ in the form $ax + by + c = 0$

The line $\mathbf{L_3}$ is perpendicular to the line $\mathbf{L_1}$ and passes through the origin.

c Find an equation of $\mathbf{L_3}$

Answers

1 a $y = 3x –7$ b $y = –2x + 5$

c $y = -\frac{1}{2}x$ d $y = \frac{3}{2}x + 8$

2 $y = -2x – 7$

3 a $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 2$ b $y = 3x + 7$

c $y = –4x + 35$ d $y = \frac{5}{2}x – 8$

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

5 a Parallel b Neither c Perpendicular

d Perpendicular e Neither f Parallel

6 a $x + 2y – 4 = 0$ b $x + 2y + 2 = 0$ c $y = 2x$

Rearranging equations

Key points

- To change the subject of a formula, get the terms containing the subject on one side and everything else on the other side.
- You may need to factorise the terms containing the new subject.

Examples

Example 1 Make t the subject of the formula $v = u + at$.

$v = u + at$ $v - u = at$ $t = \dfrac{v-u}{a}$	**1** Get the terms containing t on one side and everything else on the other side. **2** Divide throughout by a.

Example 2 Make t the subject of the formula $r = 2t - \pi t$.

$r = 2t - \pi t$ $r = t(2 - \pi)$ $t = \dfrac{r}{2-\pi}$	**1** All the terms containing t are already on one side and everything else is on the other side. **2** Factorise as t is a common factor. **3** Divide throughout by $2 - \pi$.

Example 3 Make t the subject of the formula $\dfrac{t+r}{5} = \dfrac{3t}{2}$.

$\dfrac{t+r}{5} = \dfrac{3t}{2}$ $2t + 2r = 15t$ $2r = 13t$ $t = \dfrac{2r}{13}$	**1** Remove the fractions first by multiplying throughout by 10. **2** Get the terms containing t on one side and everything else on the other side and simplify. **3** Divide throughout by 13.

Example 4 Make t the subject of the formula $r = \frac{3t+5}{t-1}$.

$r = \frac{3t+5}{t-1}$ $r(t-1) = 3t+5$ $rt - r = 3t + 5$ $rt - 3t = 5 + r$ $t(r-3) = 5 + r$ $t = \frac{5+r}{r-3}$	**1** Remove the fraction first by multiplying throughout by $t-1$. **2** Expand the brackets. **3** Get the terms containing t on one side and everything else on the other side. **4** Factorise the LHS as t is a common factor. **5** Divide throughout by $r-3$.

Practice

Change the subject of each formula to the letter given in the brackets.

1 $C = \pi d$ [d]

2 $P = 2l + 2w$ [w]

3 $D = \frac{S}{T}$ [T]

4 $p = \frac{q-r}{t}$ [t]

5 $u = at - \frac{1}{2}t$ [t]

6 $V = ax + 4x$ [x]

7 $\frac{y-7x}{2} = \frac{7-2y}{3}$ [y]

8 $x = \frac{2a-1}{3-a}$ [a]

9 $x = \frac{b-c}{d}$ [d]

10 $h = \frac{7g-9}{2+g}$ [g]

11 $e(9 + x) = 2e + 1$ [e]

12 $y = \frac{2x+3}{4-x}$ [x]

13 Make r the subject of the following formulae.

a $A = \pi r^2$

b $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$

c $P = \pi r + 2r$

d $V = \frac{2}{3}\pi r^2 h$

14 Make x the subject of the following formulae.

a $\frac{xy}{z} = \frac{ab}{cd}$

b $\frac{4\pi cx}{d} = \frac{3z}{py^2}$

15 Make sin B the subject of the formula $\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B}$

16 Make cos B the subject of the formula $b^2 = a^2 + c^2 - 2ac \cos B$.

Extend

17 Make x the subject of the following equations.

a $\frac{p}{q}(sx+t) = x-1$

b $\frac{p}{q}(ax+2y) = \frac{3p}{q^2}(x-y)$

Answers

1 $d = \dfrac{C}{\pi}$

2 $w = \dfrac{P - 2l}{2}$

3 $T = \dfrac{S}{D}$

4 $t = \dfrac{q - r}{p}$

5 $t = \dfrac{2u}{2a - 1}$

6 $x = \dfrac{V}{a + 4}$

7 $y = 2 + 3x$

8 $a = \dfrac{3x + 1}{x + 2}$

9 $d = \dfrac{b - c}{x}$

10 $g = \dfrac{2h + 9}{7 - h}$

11 $e = \dfrac{1}{x + 7}$

12 $x = \dfrac{4y - 3}{2 + y}$

13 **a** $r = \sqrt{\dfrac{A}{\pi}}$ **b** $r = \sqrt[3]{\dfrac{3V}{4\pi}}$

c $r = \dfrac{P}{\pi + 2}$ **d** $r = \sqrt{\dfrac{3V}{2\pi h}}$

14 **a** $x = \dfrac{abz}{cdy}$ **b** $x = \dfrac{3dz}{4\pi cpy^2}$

15 $\sin B = \dfrac{b \sin A}{a}$

16 $\cos B = \dfrac{a^2 + c^2 - b^2}{2ac}$

17 **a** $x = \dfrac{q + pt}{q - ps}$ **b** $x = \dfrac{3py + 2pqy}{3p - apq} = \dfrac{y(3 + 2q)}{3 - aq}$