



STRATEGIES TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS

Why do we solve simultaneous equations?

Simultaneous equations algebraically represent two straight lines. When we solve simultaneous equations, we find the location of where the lines intersect.

x = y + 2

Below is the graphical solution to:

x + 3y = 6

We can see that the lines intersect at the point (3,1), which is the solution to the simultaneous equations.

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Example 1

Solve these simultaneous equations by substitution.

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

Step 1

Substitute the expression y + 2 (from the first equation) in for the variable x (in the second equation). This will produce an equation with only one variable.



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y + 2 + 3y = 6

Step 2

Combine like terms and solve.



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Step 3

Now that you have the value for y we need to substitute this back into one of the original equations to find the value of x. In this example, we've chosen the first equation.



Final solution

$$x = 3$$
, $y = 1$



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Solutions to Essential Revision	
1. $y = 12$ 2. $r = 4$	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
3. $y = 72$ 4. $t = 51$	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
5. $y = 3$ 6. $t = 81$	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
7. $h = 25$ 8. $t = 10$	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
9. $h = 28$ 10. $z = 21$	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
11. $h = 7$ 12. $z = 84$	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
Solutions to Questions	
1. $x = 2, y = 0$ 2. $x = 4, y = 1$	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
3. $x = 6$ , $y = 18$ 4. $x = 2$ , $y = -1$	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
5. $x = 1, y = 3$ 6. $x = 9, y = 5$	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
7. $x = 4$ , $y = -1$ 8. $x = -2$ , $y = -7$	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
9. $x = -3$ , $y = 2$ 10. $x = -4$ , $y = 5$	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
11. $x = 8$ , $y = 5$ 12. $x = 2$ , $y = 1$	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

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