

# A LEVEL MATHEMATICS TRANSITION BOOKLET

**“MATHEMATICIANS AREN’T PEOPLE WHO FIND MATHS EASY.  
THEY’RE PEOPLE WHO ENJOY HOW HARD IT IS.”**

- To prepare yourselves for the rigour of the A Level course you will need to complete this Transition Booklet
- Mark this yourself with red pen and highlight any areas of difficulty below
- This will be checked in the first week back
- Your understanding of these key concepts and skills will be assessed using our **Mathematics Induction Test**, due to take place within the first fortnight in September.

Skills check	RAG rating
Expanding and simplifying	
Surds	
Rules of indices	
Factorising	
Completing the square	
Solving quadratics	
Sketching quadratics	
Linear simultaneous equations	
Linear and quadratics simultaneous equations	
Solving simultaneous equations graphically	
Linear inequalities	
Quadratic inequalities	
Rearranging equations	

**“ANYONE WHO HAS NEVER MADE A MISTAKE HAS NEVER TRIED  
ANYTHING NEW.”**

**Albert Einstein**

# 1. Expanding brackets and simplifying expressions

## A LEVEL LINKS

Scheme of work: 1a. Algebraic expressions – basic algebraic manipulation, indices and surds

## Key points

- When you expand one set of brackets you must multiply everything inside the bracket by what is outside.
- When you expand two linear expressions, each with two terms of the form  $ax + b$ , where  $a \neq 0$  and  $b \neq 0$ , you create four terms. Two of these can usually be simplified by collecting like terms.

## Examples

**Example 1** Expand  $4(3x - 2)$

$$4(3x - 2) = 12x - 8$$

Multiply everything inside the bracket by the 4 outside the bracket

**Example 2** Expand and simplify  $3(x + 5) - 4(2x + 3)$

$$\begin{aligned} 3(x + 5) - 4(2x + 3) \\ = 3x + 15 - 8x - 12 \\ = 3 - 5x \end{aligned}$$

- 1 Expand each set of brackets separately by multiplying  $(x + 5)$  by 3 and  $(2x + 3)$  by  $-4$
- 2 Simplify by collecting like terms:  
 $3x - 8x = -5x$  and  $15 - 12 = 3$

**Example 3** Expand and simplify  $(x + 3)(x + 2)$

$$\begin{aligned} (x + 3)(x + 2) \\ = x(x + 2) + 3(x + 2) \\ = x^2 + 2x + 3x + 6 \\ = x^2 + 5x + 6 \end{aligned}$$

- 1 Expand the brackets by multiplying  $(x + 2)$  by  $x$  and  $(x + 2)$  by 3
- 2 Simplify by collecting like terms:  
 $2x + 3x = 5x$

**Example 4** Expand and simplify  $(x - 5)(2x + 3)$

$$\begin{aligned} (x - 5)(2x + 3) \\ = x(2x + 3) - 5(2x + 3) \\ = 2x^2 + 3x - 10x - 15 \\ = 2x^2 - 7x - 15 \end{aligned}$$

- 1 Expand the brackets by multiplying  $(2x + 3)$  by  $x$  and  $(2x + 3)$  by  $-5$
- 2 Simplify by collecting like terms:  
 $3x - 10x = -7x$

## Practice

1 Expand.

a  $3(2x - 1)$   
c  $-(3xy - 2y^2)$

b  $-2(5pq + 4q^2)$

2 Expand and simplify.

a  $7(3x + 5) + 6(2x - 8)$   
c  $9(3s + 1) - 5(6s - 10)$

b  $8(5p - 2) - 3(4p + 9)$   
d  $2(4x - 3) - (3x + 5)$

3 Expand.

a  $3x(4x + 8)$   
c  $-2h(6h^2 + 11h - 5)$

b  $4k(5k^2 - 12)$   
d  $-3s(4s^2 - 7s + 2)$

4 Expand and simplify.

a  $3(y^2 - 8) - 4(y^2 - 5)$   
c  $4p(2p - 1) - 3p(5p - 2)$

b  $2x(x + 5) + 3x(x - 7)$   
d  $3b(4b - 3) - b(6b - 9)$

5 Expand  $\frac{1}{2}(2y - 8)$

6 Expand and simplify.

a  $13 - 2(m + 7)$

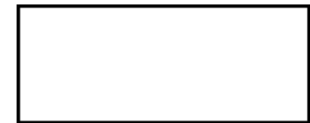
b  $5p(p^2 + 6p) - 9p(2p - 3)$

7 The diagram shows a rectangle.

Write down an expression, in terms of  $x$ , for the area of the rectangle.

Show that the area of the rectangle can be written as  $21x^2 - 35x$

$3x - 5$



$7x$

8 Expand and simplify.

a  $(x + 4)(x + 5)$   
c  $(x + 7)(x - 2)$   
e  $(2x + 3)(x - 1)$   
g  $(5x - 3)(2x - 5)$   
i  $(3x + 4y)(5y + 6x)$   
k  $(2x - 7)^2$

b  $(x + 7)(x + 3)$   
d  $(x + 5)(x - 5)$   
f  $(3x - 2)(2x + 1)$   
h  $(3x - 2)(7 + 4x)$   
j  $(x + 5)^2$   
l  $(4x - 3y)^2$

### Watch out!

When multiplying (or dividing) positive and negative numbers, if the signs are the same the answer is '+'; if the signs are different the answer is '-'.

## Extend

9 Expand and simplify  $(x + 3)^2 + (x - 4)^2$

10 Expand and simplify.

a  $\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)\left(x - \frac{2}{x}\right)$

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

# Answers

**1**   **a**  $6x - 3$                       **b**  $-10pq - 8q^2$   
      **c**  $-3xy + 2y^2$

**2**   **a**  $21x + 35 + 12x - 48 = 33x - 13$   
      **b**  $40p - 16 - 12p - 27 = 28p - 43$   
      **c**  $27s + 9 - 30s + 50 = -3s + 59 = 59 - 3s$   
      **d**  $8x - 6 - 3x - 5 = 5x - 11$

**3**   **a**  $12x^2 + 24x$                       **b**  $20k^3 - 48k$   
      **c**  $10h - 12h^3 - 22h^2$               **d**  $21s^2 - 21s^3 - 6s$

**4**   **a**  $-y^2 - 4$                       **b**  $5x^2 - 11x$   
      **c**  $2p - 7p^2$                       **d**  $6b^2$

**5**  $y - 4$

**6**   **a**  $-1 - 2m$                       **b**  $5p^3 + 12p^2 + 27p$

**7**  $7x(3x - 5) = 21x^2 - 35x$

<b>8</b>	<b>a</b> $x^2 + 9x + 20$	<b>b</b> $x^2 + 10x + 21$
	<b>c</b> $x^2 + 5x - 14$	<b>d</b> $x^2 - 25$
	<b>e</b> $2x^2 + x - 3$	<b>f</b> $6x^2 - x - 2$
	<b>g</b> $10x^2 - 31x + 15$	<b>h</b> $12x^2 + 13x - 14$
	<b>i</b> $18x^2 + 39xy + 20y^2$	<b>j</b> $x^2 + 10x + 25$
	<b>k</b> $4x^2 - 28x + 49$	<b>l</b> $16x^2 - 24xy + 9y^2$

**9**  $2x^2 - 2x + 25$

**10**   **a**  $x^2 - 1 - \frac{2}{x^2}$                       **b**  $x^2 + 2 + \frac{1}{x^2}$

## 2. Surds and rationalising the denominator

### A LEVEL LINKS

**Scheme of work:** 1a. Algebraic expressions – basic algebraic manipulation, indices and surds

### Key points

- A surd is the square root of a number that is not a square number, for example  $\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5}$ , etc.
- Surds can be used to give the exact value for an answer.
- $\sqrt{ab} = \sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{b}$
- $\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}}$
- 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  $\sqrt{50}$

$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{50} &= \sqrt{25 \times 2} \\ &= \sqrt{25} \times \sqrt{2} \\ &= 5 \times \sqrt{2} \\ &= 5\sqrt{2}\end{aligned}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Choose two numbers that are factors of 50. One of the factors must be a square number</li><li>2 Use the rule <math>\sqrt{ab} = \sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{b}</math></li><li>3 Use <math>\sqrt{25} = 5</math></li></ol>
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**Example 2** Simplify  $\sqrt{147} - 2\sqrt{12}$

$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{147} - 2\sqrt{12} \\ &= \sqrt{49 \times 3} - 2\sqrt{4 \times 3} \\ &= \sqrt{49} \times \sqrt{3} - 2\sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{3} \\ &= 7 \times \sqrt{3} - 2 \times 2 \times \sqrt{3} \\ &= 7\sqrt{3} - 4\sqrt{3} \\ &= 3\sqrt{3}\end{aligned}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Simplify <math>\sqrt{147}</math> and <math>2\sqrt{12}</math>. 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</li><li>2 Use the rule <math>\sqrt{ab} = \sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{b}</math></li><li>3 Use <math>\sqrt{49} = 7</math> and <math>\sqrt{4} = 2</math></li><li>4 Collect like terms</li></ol>
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**Example 3** Simplify  $(\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{2})(\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{2})$

$\begin{aligned} & (\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{2})(\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{2}) \\ & = \sqrt{49} - \sqrt{7}\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{4} \\ & = 7 - 2 \\ & = 5 \end{aligned}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Expand the brackets. A common mistake here is to write <math>(\sqrt{7})^2 = 49</math></li><li>2 Collect like terms: <math display="block">-\sqrt{7}\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}\sqrt{7} = -\sqrt{7}\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{7}\sqrt{2} = 0</math></li></ol>
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**Example 4** Rationalise  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} \\ &= \frac{1 \times \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{9}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \end{aligned}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Multiply the numerator and denominator by <math>\sqrt{3}</math></li><li>2 Use <math>\sqrt{9} = 3</math></li></ol>
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**Example 5** Rationalise and simplify  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{12}}$

$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{12}} &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{12}} \times \frac{\sqrt{12}}{\sqrt{12}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{4 \times 3}}{12} \\ &= \frac{2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{3}}{12} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{3}}{6} \end{aligned}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Multiply the numerator and denominator by <math>\sqrt{12}</math></li><li>2 Simplify <math>\sqrt{12}</math> in the numerator. Choose two numbers that are factors of 12. One of the factors must be a square number</li><li>3 Use the rule <math>\sqrt{ab} = \sqrt{a} \times \sqrt{b}</math></li><li>4 Use <math>\sqrt{4} = 2</math></li><li>5 Simplify the fraction: <math>\frac{2}{12}</math> simplifies to <math>\frac{1}{6}</math></li></ol>
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**Example 6** Rationalise and simplify  $\frac{3}{2+\sqrt{5}}$

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

**1** Simplify.

a  $\sqrt{45}$

c  $\sqrt{48}$

e  $\sqrt{300}$

g  $\sqrt{72}$

b  $\sqrt{125}$

d  $\sqrt{175}$

f  $\sqrt{28}$

h  $\sqrt{162}$

**Hint**

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

**2** Simplify.

a  $\sqrt{72} + \sqrt{162}$

c  $\sqrt{50} - \sqrt{8}$

e  $2\sqrt{28} + \sqrt{28}$

b  $\sqrt{45} - 2\sqrt{5}$

d  $\sqrt{75} - \sqrt{48}$

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  $(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3})(\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3})$

c  $(4 - \sqrt{5})(\sqrt{45} + 2)$

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

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  $(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})(\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y})$

7 Rationalise and simplify, if possible.

a  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{9} - \sqrt{8}}$

b  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}}$



## Answers

1 a  $3\sqrt{5}$   
c  $4\sqrt{3}$   
e  $10\sqrt{3}$   
g  $6\sqrt{2}$

b  $5\sqrt{5}$   
d  $5\sqrt{7}$   
f  $2\sqrt{7}$   
h  $9\sqrt{2}$

2 a  $15\sqrt{2}$   
c  $3\sqrt{2}$   
e  $6\sqrt{7}$

b  $\sqrt{5}$   
d  $\sqrt{3}$   
f  $5\sqrt{3}$

3 a  $-1$   
c  $10\sqrt{5}-7$

b  $9-\sqrt{3}$   
d  $26-4\sqrt{2}$

4 a  $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{5}$   
c  $\frac{2\sqrt{7}}{7}$   
e  $\sqrt{2}$   
g  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$

b  $\frac{\sqrt{11}}{11}$   
d  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$   
f  $\sqrt{5}$   
h  $\frac{1}{3}$

5 a  $\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{4}$

b  $\frac{2(4-\sqrt{3})}{13}$

c  $\frac{6(5+\sqrt{2})}{23}$

6  $x-y$

7 a  $3+2\sqrt{2}$

b  $\frac{\sqrt{x}+\sqrt{y}}{x-y}$

# 3. Rules of indices

## A LEVEL LINKS

Scheme of work: 1a. Algebraic expressions – basic algebraic manipulation, indices and surds

### 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  $a$
- $a^{\frac{m}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a^m} = (\sqrt[n]{a})^m$
- $a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$
- 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
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**Example 2** Evaluate  $9^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$9^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{9}$ $= 3$	Use the rule $a^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a}$
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**Example 3** Evaluate  $27^{\frac{2}{3}}$

$27^{\frac{2}{3}} = (\sqrt[3]{27})^2$ $= 3^2$ $= 9$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Use the rule <math>a^{\frac{m}{n}} = (\sqrt[n]{a})^m</math></li><li>2 Use <math>\sqrt[3]{27} = 3</math></li></ol>
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**Example 4** Evaluate  $4^{-2}$

$4^{-2} = \frac{1}{4^2}$ $= \frac{1}{16}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Use the rule <math>a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}</math></li><li>2 Use <math>4^2 = 16</math></li></ol>
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**Example 5** Simplify  $\frac{6x^5}{2x^2}$

$\frac{6x^5}{2x^2} = 3x^3$	<p><math>6 \div 2 = 3</math> and use the rule <math>\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}</math> to give <math>\frac{x^5}{x^2} = x^{5-2} = x^3</math></p>
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**Example 6** Simplify  $\frac{x^3 \times x^5}{x^4}$

$\frac{x^3 \times x^5}{x^4} = \frac{x^{3+5}}{x^4} = \frac{x^8}{x^4}$ $= x^{8-4} = x^4$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Use the rule <math>a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}</math></li><li>2 Use the rule <math>\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}</math></li></ol>
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**Example 7** Write  $\frac{1}{3x}$  as a single power of  $x$

$\frac{1}{3x} = \frac{1}{3}x^{-1}$	<p>Use the rule <math>\frac{1}{a^m} = a^{-m}</math>, note that the fraction <math>\frac{1}{3}</math> remains unchanged</p>
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**Example 8** Write  $\frac{4}{\sqrt{x}}$  as a single power of  $x$

$\frac{4}{\sqrt{x}} = \frac{4}{x^{\frac{1}{2}}}$ $= 4x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Use the rule <math>a^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{a}</math></li><li>2 Use the rule <math>\frac{1}{a^m} = a^{-m}</math></li></ol>
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## 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  $\frac{3x^2 \times x^3}{2x^2}$

b  $\frac{10x^5}{2x^2 \times x}$

c  $\frac{3x \times 2x^3}{2x^3}$

d  $\frac{7x^3y^2}{14x^5y}$

e  $\frac{y^2}{y^{\frac{1}{2}} \times y}$

f  $\frac{c^{\frac{1}{2}}}{c^2 \times c^{\frac{3}{2}}}$

g  $\frac{(2x^2)^3}{4x^0}$

h  $\frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}} \times x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{x^{-2} \times x^3}$

**Watch out!**

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

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  $\left(\frac{9}{16}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

f  $\left(\frac{27}{64}\right)^{-\frac{2}{3}}$

7 Write the following as a single power of  $x$ .

a  $\frac{1}{x}$

b  $\frac{1}{x^7}$

c  $\sqrt[4]{x}$

d  $\sqrt[5]{x^2}$

e  $\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x}}$

f  $\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x^2}}$

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

## Extend

**10** Write as sums of powers of  $x$ .

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

## Answers

<b>1</b>	<b>a</b>	1	<b>b</b>	1	<b>c</b>	1	<b>d</b>	1
<b>2</b>	<b>a</b>	7	<b>b</b>	4	<b>c</b>	5	<b>d</b>	2
<b>3</b>	<b>a</b>	125	<b>b</b>	32	<b>c</b>	343	<b>d</b>	8
<b>4</b>	<b>a</b>	$\frac{1}{25}$	<b>b</b>	$\frac{1}{64}$	<b>c</b>	$\frac{1}{32}$	<b>d</b>	$\frac{1}{36}$
<b>5</b>	<b>a</b>	$\frac{3x^3}{2}$	<b>b</b>	$5x^2$				
	<b>c</b>	$3x$	<b>d</b>	$\frac{y}{2x^2}$				
	<b>e</b>	$y^{\frac{1}{2}}$	<b>f</b>	$c^{-3}$				
	<b>g</b>	$2x^6$	<b>h</b>	$x$				
<b>6</b>	<b>a</b>	$\frac{1}{2}$	<b>b</b>	$\frac{1}{9}$	<b>c</b>	$\frac{8}{3}$		
	<b>d</b>	$\frac{1}{4}$	<b>e</b>	$\frac{4}{3}$	<b>f</b>	$\frac{16}{9}$		
<b>7</b>	<b>a</b>	$x^{-1}$	<b>b</b>	$x^{-7}$	<b>c</b>	$x^{\frac{1}{4}}$		
	<b>d</b>	$x^{\frac{2}{5}}$	<b>e</b>	$x^{-\frac{1}{3}}$	<b>f</b>	$x^{\frac{2}{3}}$		
<b>8</b>	<b>a</b>	$\frac{1}{x^3}$	<b>b</b>	1	<b>c</b>	$\sqrt[5]{x}$		
	<b>d</b>	$\sqrt[5]{x^2}$	<b>e</b>	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$	<b>f</b>	$\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{x^3}}$		
<b>9</b>	<b>a</b>	$5x^{\frac{1}{2}}$	<b>b</b>	$2x^{-3}$	<b>c</b>	$\frac{1}{3}x^{-4}$		
	<b>d</b>	$2x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$	<b>e</b>	$4x^{-\frac{1}{3}}$	<b>f</b>	$3x^0$		
<b>10</b>	<b>a</b>	$x^3 + x^{-2}$	<b>b</b>	$x^3 + x$	<b>c</b>	$x^{-2} + x^{-7}$		

# 4. Factorising expressions

## A LEVEL LINKS

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

## 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  $x^2 + 3x - 10$

$$b = 3, ac = -10$$

$$\text{So } x^2 + 3x - 10 = x^2 + 5x - 2x - 10$$

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

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

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

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

$b = -11, ac = -60$  So $6x^2 - 11x - 10 = 6x^2 - 15x + 4x - 10$ $= 3x(2x - 5) + 2(2x - 5)$ $= (2x - 5)(3x + 2)$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1</b> Work out the two factors of <math>ac = -60</math> which add to give <math>b = -11</math> (-15 and 4)</li> <li><b>2</b> Rewrite the <math>b</math> term (<math>-11x</math>) using these two factors</li> <li><b>3</b> Factorise the first two terms and the last two terms</li> <li><b>4</b> <math>(2x - 5)</math> is a factor of both terms</li> </ol>
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**Example 5** Simplify  $\frac{x^2 - 4x - 21}{2x^2 + 9x + 9}$ 

$\frac{x^2 - 4x - 21}{2x^2 + 9x + 9}$  For the numerator: $b = -4, ac = -21$  So $x^2 - 4x - 21 = x^2 - 7x + 3x - 21$ $= x(x - 7) + 3(x - 7)$ $= (x - 7)(x + 3)$  For the denominator: $b = 9, ac = 18$  So $2x^2 + 9x + 9 = 2x^2 + 6x + 3x + 9$ $= 2x(x + 3) + 3(x + 3)$ $= (x + 3)(2x + 3)$  So $\frac{x^2 - 4x - 21}{2x^2 + 9x + 9} = \frac{(x - 7)(x + 3)}{(x + 3)(2x + 3)}$ $= \frac{x - 7}{2x + 3}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1</b> Factorise the numerator and the denominator</li> <li><b>2</b> Work out the two factors of <math>ac = -21</math> which add to give <math>b = -4</math> (-7 and 3)</li> <li><b>3</b> Rewrite the <math>b</math> term (<math>-4x</math>) using these two factors</li> <li><b>4</b> Factorise the first two terms and the last two terms</li> <li><b>5</b> <math>(x - 7)</math> is a factor of both terms</li> <li><b>6</b> Work out the two factors of <math>ac = 18</math> which add to give <math>b = 9</math> (6 and 3)</li> <li><b>7</b> Rewrite the <math>b</math> term (<math>9x</math>) using these two factors</li> <li><b>8</b> Factorise the first two terms and the last two terms</li> <li><b>9</b> <math>(x + 3)</math> is a factor of both terms</li> <li><b>10</b> <math>(x + 3)</math> is a factor of both the numerator and denominator so cancels out as a value divided by itself is 1</li> </ol>
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## Practice

1 Factorise.

a  $6x^4y^3 - 10x^3y^4$

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

b  $21a^3b^5 + 35a^5b^2$

2 Factorise

a  $x^2 + 7x + 12$

c  $x^2 - 11x + 30$

e  $x^2 - 7x - 18$

g  $x^2 - 3x - 40$

b  $x^2 + 5x - 14$

d  $x^2 - 5x - 24$

f  $x^2 + x - 20$

h  $x^2 + 3x - 28$

3 Factorise

a  $36x^2 - 49y^2$

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

b  $4x^2 - 81y^2$

4 Factorise

a  $2x^2 + x - 3$

c  $2x^2 + 7x + 3$

e  $10x^2 + 21x + 9$

b  $6x^2 + 17x + 5$

d  $9x^2 - 15x + 4$

f  $12x^2 - 38x + 20$

5 Simplify the algebraic fractions.

a  $\frac{2x^2 + 4x}{x^2 - x}$

c  $\frac{x^2 - 2x - 8}{x^2 - 4x}$

e  $\frac{x^2 - x - 12}{x^2 - 4x}$

b  $\frac{x^2 + 3x}{x^2 + 2x - 3}$

d  $\frac{x^2 - 5x}{x^2 - 25}$

f  $\frac{2x^2 + 14x}{2x^2 + 4x - 70}$

6 Simplify

a  $\frac{9x^2 - 16}{3x^2 + 17x - 28}$

c  $\frac{4 - 25x^2}{10x^2 - 11x - 6}$

b  $\frac{2x^2 - 7x - 15}{3x^2 - 17x + 10}$

d  $\frac{6x^2 - x - 1}{2x^2 + 7x - 4}$

### Hint

Take the highest common factor outside the bracket.

## Extend

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

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

## 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**    $\frac{4(x+2)}{x-2}$

# 5. 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  $x^2 + 6x - 2$

$x^2 + 6x - 2$ $= (x + 3)^2 - 9 - 2$ $= (x + 3)^2 - 11$	<p><b>1</b> Write <math>x^2 + bx + c</math> in the form <math>\left(x + \frac{b}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 + c</math></p> <p><b>2</b> Simplify</p>
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**Example 2** Write  $2x^2 - 5x + 1$  in the form  $p(x + q)^2 + r$

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

# 6.1 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  $5x^2 = 15x$

$5x^2 = 15x$ $5x^2 - 15x = 0$ $5x(x - 3) = 0$  So $5x = 0$ or $(x - 3) = 0$  Therefore $x = 0$ or $x = 3$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>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 <math>x</math> as this would lose the solution <math>x = 0</math>.</li><li>2 Factorise the quadratic equation. <math>5x</math> is a common factor.</li><li>3 When two values multiply to make zero, at least one of the values must be zero.</li><li>4 Solve these two equations.</li></ol>
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**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 $x = -3$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Factorise the quadratic equation. Work out the two factors of <math>ac = 12</math> which add to give you <math>b = 7</math>. (4 and 3)</li><li>2 Rewrite the <math>b</math> term (<math>7x</math>) using these two factors.</li><li>3 Factorise the first two terms and the last two terms.</li><li>4 <math>(x + 4)</math> is a factor of both terms.</li><li>5 When two values multiply to make zero, at least one of the values must be zero.</li><li>6 Solve these two equations.</li></ol>
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**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 $x = \frac{4}{3}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Factorise the quadratic equation. This is the difference of two squares as the two terms are <math>(3x)^2</math> and <math>(4)^2</math>.</li><li>2 When two values multiply to make zero, at least one of the values must be zero.</li><li>3 Solve these two equations.</li></ol>
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**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 $x = -\frac{3}{2}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Factorise the quadratic equation. Work out the two factors of <math>ac = -24</math> which add to give you <math>b = -5</math>. (-8 and 3)</li><li>2 Rewrite the <math>b</math> term (<math>-5x</math>) using these two factors.</li><li>3 Factorise the first two terms and the last two terms.</li><li>4 <math>(x - 4)</math> is a factor of both terms.</li><li>5 When two values multiply to make zero, at least one of the values must be zero.</li><li>6 Solve these two equations.</li></ol>
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## Practice

**1** Solve

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

**2** Solve

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

**Hint**

Get all terms onto one side of the equation.

# 6.2 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.

$x^2 + 6x + 4 = 0$ $(x + 3)^2 - 9 + 4 = 0$ $(x + 3)^2 - 5 = 0$ $(x + 3)^2 = 5$ $x + 3 = \pm\sqrt{5}$ $x = \pm\sqrt{5} - 3$ <p>So <math>x = -\sqrt{5} - 3</math> or <math>x = \sqrt{5} - 3</math></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Write <math>x^2 + bx + c = 0</math> in the form <math>\left(x + \frac{b}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2 + c = 0</math></li><li>Simplify.</li><li>Rearrange the equation to work out <math>x</math>. First, add 5 to both sides.</li><li>Square root both sides. Remember that the square root of a value gives two answers.</li><li>Subtract 3 from both sides to solve the equation.</li><li>Write down both solutions.</li></ol>
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**Example 6** Solve  $2x^2 - 7x + 4 = 0$ . Give your solutions in surd form.

$2x^2 - 7x + 4 = 0$ $2\left(x^2 - \frac{7}{2}x\right) + 4 = 0$ $2\left[\left(x - \frac{7}{4}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{7}{4}\right)^2\right] + 4 = 0$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Before completing the square write <math>ax^2 + bx + c</math> in the form <math>a\left(x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x\right) + c</math></li><li>Now complete the square by writing <math>x^2 - \frac{7}{2}x</math> in the form <math>\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2</math></li><li>Expand the square brackets.</li></ol>
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$$2\left(x - \frac{7}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{49}{8} + 4 = 0$$

$$2\left(x - \frac{7}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{17}{8} = 0$$

$$2\left(x - \frac{7}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{17}{8}$$

$$\left(x - \frac{7}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{17}{16}$$

$$x - \frac{7}{4} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{17}}{4}$$

$$x = \pm \frac{\sqrt{17}}{4} + \frac{7}{4}$$

$$\text{So } x = \frac{7}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{17}}{4} \text{ or } x = \frac{7}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{17}}{4}$$

4 Simplify.

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5 Rearrange the equation to work out  $x$ . First, add  $\frac{17}{8}$  to both sides.

6 Divide both sides by 2.

7 Square root both sides. Remember that the square root of a value gives two answers.

8 Add  $\frac{7}{4}$  to both sides.

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.

## 6.3 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  $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$
- 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.

$a = 1, b = 6, c = 4$ $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ $x = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{6^2 - 4(1)(4)}}{2(1)}$ $x = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{20}}{2}$ $x = \frac{-6 \pm 2\sqrt{5}}{2}$ $x = -3 \pm \sqrt{5}$  $\text{So } x = -3 - \sqrt{5} \text{ or } x = \sqrt{5} - 3$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Identify <math>a</math>, <math>b</math> and <math>c</math> and write down the formula. Remember that <math>-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}</math> is all over <math>2a</math>, not just part of it.</li><li>Substitute <math>a = 1</math>, <math>b = 6</math>, <math>c = 4</math> into the formula.</li><li>Simplify. The denominator is 2, but this is only because <math>a = 1</math>. The denominator will not always be 2.</li><li>Simplify <math>\sqrt{20}</math>. <math>\sqrt{20} = \sqrt{4 \times 5} = \sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{5} = 2\sqrt{5}</math></li><li>Simplify by dividing numerator and denominator by 2.</li><li>Write down both the solutions.</li></ol>
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**Example 8** Solve  $3x^2 - 7x - 2 = 0$ . Give your solutions in surd form.

$a = 3, b = -7, c = -2$ $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ $x = \frac{-(-7) \pm \sqrt{(-7)^2 - 4(3)(-2)}}{2(3)}$ $x = \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{73}}{6}$ <p>So <math>x = \frac{7 - \sqrt{73}}{6}</math> or <math>x = \frac{7 + \sqrt{73}}{6}</math></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Identify <math>a</math>, <math>b</math> and <math>c</math>, making sure you get the signs right and write down the formula. Remember that <math>-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}</math> is all over <math>2a</math>, not just part of it.</li><li>2 Substitute <math>a = 3</math>, <math>b = -7</math>, <math>c = -2</math> into the formula.</li><li>3 Simplify. The denominator is 6 when <math>a = 3</math>. A common mistake is to always write a denominator of 2.</li><li>4 Write down both the solutions.</li></ol>
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## 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

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

c  $x = -5$  or  $x = -2$

e  $x = -1$  or  $x = 4$

g  $x = 4$  or  $x = 6$

i  $x = -7$  or  $x = 4$

k  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$  or  $x = 4$

b  $x = 0$  or  $x = \frac{3}{4}$

d  $x = 2$  or  $x = 3$

f  $x = -5$  or  $x = 2$

h  $x = -6$  or  $x = 6$

j  $x = 3$

l  $x = -\frac{2}{3}$  or  $x = 5$

2 a  $x = -2$  or  $x = 5$

c  $x = -8$  or  $x = 3$

e  $x = -5$  or  $x = 5$

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

b  $x = -1$  or  $x = 3$

d  $x = -6$  or  $x = 7$

f  $x = -4$  or  $x = 7$

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

3 a  $x = 2 + \sqrt{7}$  or  $x = 2 - \sqrt{7}$

c  $x = -4 + \sqrt{21}$  or  $x = -4 - \sqrt{21}$

e  $x = -2 + \sqrt{6.5}$  or  $x = -2 - \sqrt{6.5}$

b  $x = 5 + \sqrt{21}$  or  $x = 5 - \sqrt{21}$

d  $x = 1 + \sqrt{7}$  or  $x = 1 - \sqrt{7}$

f  $x = \frac{-3 + \sqrt{89}}{10}$  or  $x = \frac{-3 - \sqrt{89}}{10}$

4 a  $x = 1 + \sqrt{14}$  or  $x = 1 - \sqrt{14}$

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

b  $x = \frac{-3 + \sqrt{23}}{2}$  or  $x = \frac{-3 - \sqrt{23}}{2}$

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  $x = 2$

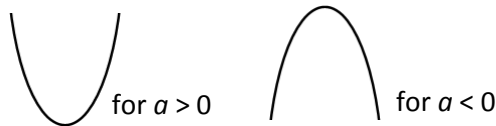
# 7. Sketching quadratic graphs

## 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.
- 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  $y = x^2$ .

	<p>The graph of <math>y = x^2</math> is a parabola.</p> <p>When <math>x = 0</math>, <math>y = 0</math>.</p> <p><math>a = 1</math> which is greater than zero, so the graph has the shape:</p>
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**Example 2** Sketch the graph of  $y = x^2 - x - 6$ .

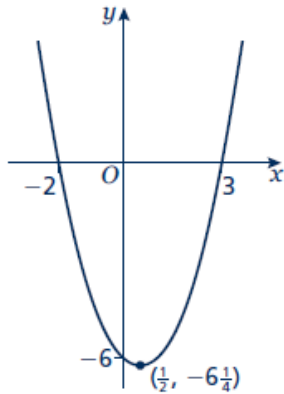
<p>When <math>x = 0</math>, <math>y = 0^2 - 0 - 6 = -6</math>          So the graph intersects the <math>y</math>-axis at <math>(0, -6)</math>          When <math>y = 0</math>, <math>x^2 - x - 6 = 0</math>  <math>(x + 2)(x - 3) = 0</math>  <math>x = -2</math> or <math>x = 3</math></p> <p>So,          the graph intersects the <math>x</math>-axis at <math>(-2, 0)</math>          and <math>(3, 0)</math></p> $x^2 - x - 6 = \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{4} - 6$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Find where the graph intersects the <math>y</math>-axis by substituting <math>x = 0</math>.</li> <li>2 Find where the graph intersects the <math>x</math>-axis by substituting <math>y = 0</math>.</li> <li>3 Solve the equation by factorising.</li> <li>4 Solve <math>(x + 2) = 0</math> and <math>(x - 3) = 0</math>.</li> <li>5 <math>a = 1</math> which is greater than zero, so the graph has the shape:              </li> <li>6 To find the turning point, complete the square.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(continued on next page)</i></p>
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$$= \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{25}{4}$$

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  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{25}{4}\right)$



- 7** The turning point is the minimum value for this expression and occurs when the term in the bracket is equal to zero.

## Practice

- Sketch the graph of  $y = -x^2$ .
- Sketch each graph, labelling where the curve crosses the axes.
 

<b>a</b> $y = (x + 2)(x - 1)$	<b>b</b> $y = x(x - 3)$	<b>c</b> $y = (x + 1)(x + 5)$
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- Sketch each graph, labelling where the curve crosses the axes.
 

<b>a</b> $y = x^2 - x - 6$	<b>b</b> $y = x^2 - 5x + 4$	<b>c</b> $y = x^2 - 4$
<b>d</b> $y = x^2 + 4x$	<b>e</b> $y = 9 - x^2$	<b>f</b> $y = x^2 + 2x - 3$
- Sketch the graph of  $y = 2x^2 + 5x - 3$ , labelling where the curve crosses the axes.

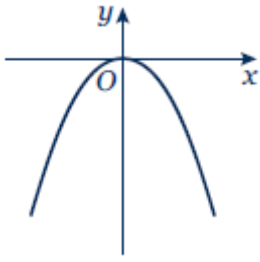
## Extend

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

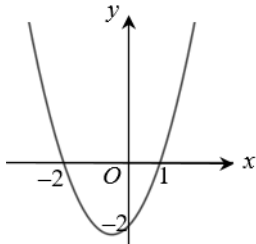
<b>a</b> $y = x^2 - 5x + 6$	<b>b</b> $y = -x^2 + 7x - 12$	<b>c</b> $y = -x^2 + 4x$
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- Sketch the graph of  $y = x^2 + 2x + 1$ . Label where the curve crosses the axes and write down the equation of the line of symmetry.

# Answers

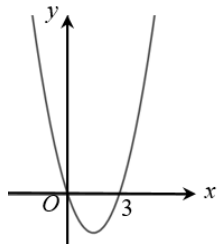
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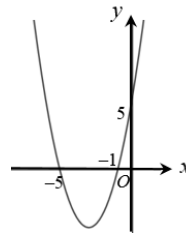
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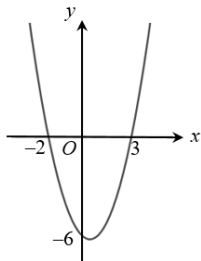
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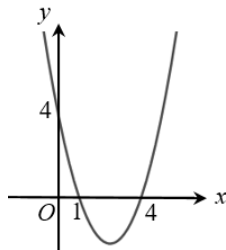
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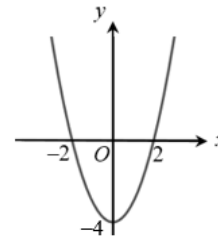
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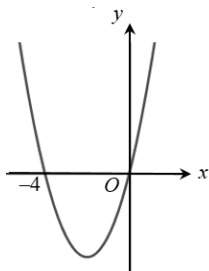
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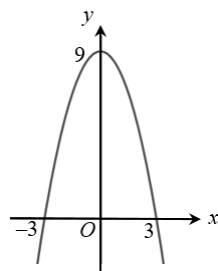
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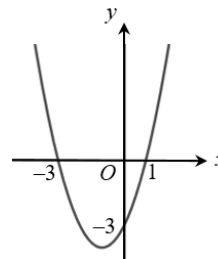
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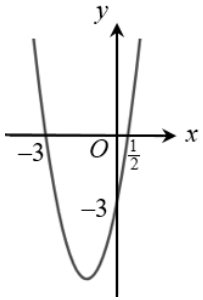
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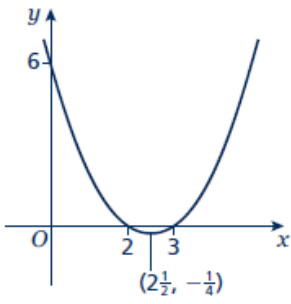
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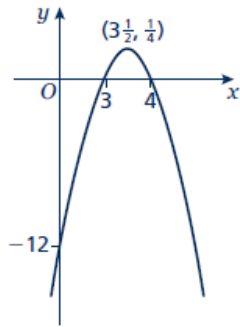
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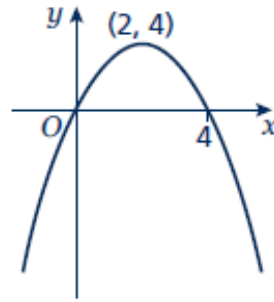
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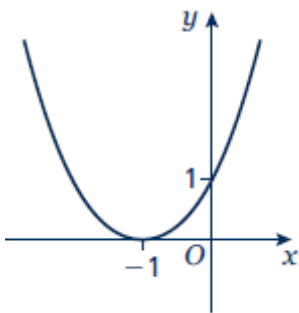
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Line of symmetry at  $x = -1$ .



# 8.1 Solving linear simultaneous equations using the elimination method

## A LEVEL LINKS

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  $x + y = 1$

$\begin{array}{r} 3x + y = 5 \\ - \quad x + y = 1 \\ \hline 2x \quad = 4 \\ \text{So } x = 2 \end{array}$ <p>Using <math>x + y = 1</math> <math>2 + y = 1</math> So <math>y = -1</math></p> <p>Check: equation 1: <math>3 \times 2 + (-1) = 5</math> YES equation 2: <math>2 + (-1) = 1</math> YES</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Subtract the second equation from the first equation to eliminate the <math>y</math> term.</li><li>2 To find the value of <math>y</math>, substitute <math>x = 2</math> into one of the original equations.</li><li>3 Substitute the values of <math>x</math> and <math>y</math> into both equations to check your answers.</li></ol>
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**Example 2** Solve  $x + 2y = 13$  and  $5x - 2y = 5$  simultaneously.

$\begin{array}{r} x + 2y = 13 \\ + \quad 5x - 2y = 5 \\ \hline 6x \quad = 18 \\ \text{So } x = 3 \end{array}$ <p>Using <math>x + 2y = 13</math> <math>3 + 2y = 13</math> So <math>y = 5</math></p> <p>Check: equation 1: <math>3 + 2 \times 5 = 13</math> YES equation 2: <math>5 \times 3 - 2 \times 5 = 5</math> YES</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Add the two equations together to eliminate the <math>y</math> term.</li><li>2 To find the value of <math>y</math>, substitute <math>x = 3</math> into one of the original equations.</li><li>3 Substitute the values of <math>x</math> and <math>y</math> into both equations to check your answers.</li></ol>
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**Example 3** Solve  $2x + 3y = 2$  and  $5x + 4y = 12$  simultaneously.

$(2x + 3y = 2) \times 4 \rightarrow 8x + 12y = 8$ $(5x + 4y = 12) \times 3 \rightarrow \frac{15x + 12y = 36}{7x = 28}$	<b>1</b> 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.
So $x = 4$	
Using $2x + 3y = 2$ $2 \times 4 + 3y = 2$ So $y = -2$	
Check: equation 1: $2 \times 4 + 3 \times (-2) = 2$ YES equation 2: $5 \times 4 + 4 \times (-2) = 12$ YES	<b>2</b> To find the value of $y$ , substitute $x = 4$ into one of the original equations. <b>3</b> 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**  $2x + 3y = 11$   
 $3x + 2y = 4$

# 8.2 Solving linear simultaneous equations using the substitution method

## A LEVEL LINKS

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

**Textbook:** Pure Year 1, 3.1 Linear simultaneous equations

## Key points

- The substitution 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  $5x + 3y = 14$

$5x + 3(2x + 1) = 14$ $5x + 6x + 3 = 14$ $11x + 3 = 14$ $11x = 11$ $\text{So } x = 1$ $\text{Using } y = 2x + 1$ $y = 2 \times 1 + 1$ $\text{So } y = 3$ <b>Check:</b> equation 1: $3 = 2 \times 1 + 1$ YES equation 2: $5 \times 1 + 3 \times 3 = 14$ YES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Substitute <math>2x + 1</math> for <math>y</math> into the second equation.</li><li>2 Expand the brackets and simplify.</li><li>3 Work out the value of <math>x</math>.</li><li>4 To find the value of <math>y</math>, substitute <math>x = 1</math> into one of the original equations.</li><li>5 Substitute the values of <math>x</math> and <math>y</math> into both equations to check your answers.</li></ol>
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**Example 5** Solve  $2x - y = 16$  and  $4x + 3y = -3$  simultaneously.

$y = 2x - 16$ $4x + 3(2x - 16) = -3$ $4x + 6x - 48 = -3$ $10x - 48 = -3$ $10x = 45$ $\text{So } x = 4\frac{1}{2}$ $\text{Using } y = 2x - 16$ $y = 2 \times 4\frac{1}{2} - 16$ $\text{So } y = -7$ <b>Check:</b> equation 1: $2 \times 4\frac{1}{2} - (-7) = 16$ YES equation 2: $4 \times 4\frac{1}{2} + 3 \times (-7) = -3$ YES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Rearrange the first equation.</li><li>2 Substitute <math>2x - 16</math> for <math>y</math> into the second equation.</li><li>3 Expand the brackets and simplify.</li><li>4 Work out the value of <math>x</math>.</li><li>5 To find the value of <math>y</math>, substitute <math>x = 4\frac{1}{2}</math> into one of the original equations.</li><li>6 Substitute the values of <math>x</math> and <math>y</math> into both equations to check your answers.</li></ol>
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## 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

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

# 9. Solving linear and quadratic simultaneous equations

## A LEVEL LINKS

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

## 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  $x^2 + y^2 = 13$

$x^2 + (x + 1)^2 = 13$ $x^2 + x^2 + x + x + 1 = 13$ $2x^2 + 2x + 1 = 13$ $2x^2 + 2x - 12 = 0$ $(2x - 4)(x + 3) = 0$ So $x = 2$ or $x = -3$  Using $y = x + 1$ When $x = 2$ , $y = 2 + 1 = 3$ When $x = -3$ , $y = -3 + 1 = -2$  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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Substitute <math>x + 1</math> for <math>y</math> into the second equation.</li><li>2 Expand the brackets and simplify.</li><li>3 Factorise the quadratic equation.</li><li>4 Work out the values of <math>x</math>.</li><li>5 To find the value of <math>y</math>, substitute both values of <math>x</math> into one of the original equations.</li><li>6 Substitute both pairs of values of <math>x</math> and <math>y</math> into both equations to check your answers.</li></ol>
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**Example 2** Solve  $2x + 3y = 5$  and  $2y^2 + xy = 12$  simultaneously.

$x = \frac{5-3y}{2}$ $2y^2 + \left(\frac{5-3y}{2}\right)y = 12$ $2y^2 + \frac{5y-3y^2}{2} = 12$ $4y^2 + 5y - 3y^2 = 24$ $y^2 + 5y - 24 = 0$ $(y+8)(y-3) = 0$ <p>So <math>y = -8</math> or <math>y = 3</math></p> <p>Using <math>2x + 3y = 5</math>          When <math>y = -8</math>, <math>2x + 3 \times (-8) = 5</math>, <math>x = 14.5</math>          When <math>y = 3</math>, <math>2x + 3 \times 3 = 5</math>, <math>x = -2</math></p> <p>So the solutions are  <math>x = 14.5</math>, <math>y = -8</math> and <math>x = -2</math>, <math>y = 3</math></p> <p>Check:          equation 1: <math>2 \times 14.5 + 3 \times (-8) = 5</math> YES                            and <math>2 \times (-2) + 3 \times 3 = 5</math> YES          equation 2: <math>2 \times (-8)^2 + 14.5 \times (-8) = 12</math> YES                            and <math>2 \times (3)^2 + (-2) \times 3 = 12</math> YES</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Rearrange the first equation.</li> <li>2 Substitute <math>\frac{5-3y}{2}</math> for <math>x</math> into the second equation. Notice how it is easier to substitute for <math>x</math> than for <math>y</math>.</li> <li>3 Expand the brackets and simplify.</li> <li>4 Factorise the quadratic equation.</li> <li>5 Work out the values of <math>y</math>.</li> <li>6 To find the value of <math>x</math>, substitute both values of <math>y</math> into one of the original equations.</li> <li>7 Substitute both pairs of values of <math>x</math> and <math>y</math> into both equations to check your answers.</li> </ol>
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## Practice

Solve these simultaneous equations.

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| <p><b>1</b> <math>y = 2x + 1</math><br/><math>x^2 + y^2 = 10</math></p>   | <p><b>2</b> <math>y = 6 - x</math><br/><math>x^2 + y^2 = 20</math></p>    |
| <p><b>3</b> <math>y = x - 3</math><br/><math>x^2 + y^2 = 5</math></p>     | <p><b>4</b> <math>y = 9 - 2x</math><br/><math>x^2 + y^2 = 17</math></p>   |
| <p><b>5</b> <math>y = 3x - 5</math><br/><math>y = x^2 - 2x + 1</math></p> | <p><b>6</b> <math>y = x - 5</math><br/><math>y = x^2 - 5x - 12</math></p> |
| <p><b>7</b> <math>y = x + 5</math><br/><math>x^2 + y^2 = 25</math></p>    | <p><b>8</b> <math>y = 2x - 1</math><br/><math>x^2 + xy = 24</math></p>    |
| <p><b>9</b> <math>y = 2x</math><br/><math>y^2 - xy = 8</math></p>         | <p><b>10</b> <math>2x + y = 11</math><br/><math>xy = 15</math></p>        |

## Extend

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| <p><b>11</b> <math>x - y = 1</math><br/><math>x^2 + y^2 = 3</math></p> | <p><b>12</b> <math>y - x = 2</math><br/><math>x^2 + xy = 3</math></p> |
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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**  $x = \frac{-1+\sqrt{7}}{2}, y = \frac{3+\sqrt{7}}{2}$

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



# 10. Solving simultaneous equations graphically

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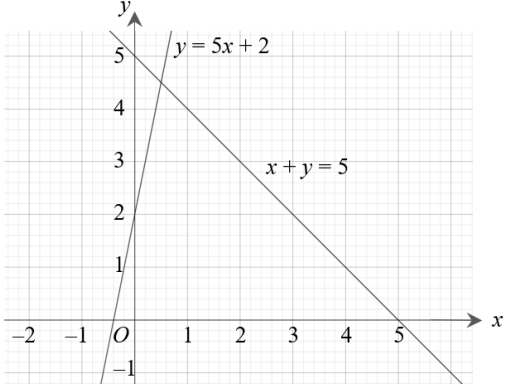
Scheme of work: 1c. Equations – quadratic/linear simultaneous

## Key points

- You can solve any pair of simultaneous equations by drawing the graph of both equations and finding the point/points of intersection.

## Examples

**Example 1** Solve the simultaneous equations  $y = 5x + 2$  and  $x + y = 5$  graphically.

<p><math>y = 5 - x</math></p> <p><math>y = 5 - x</math> has gradient <math>-1</math> and <math>y</math>-intercept <math>5</math>. <math>y = 5x + 2</math> has gradient <math>5</math> and <math>y</math>-intercept <math>2</math>.</p>  <p>Lines intersect at <math>x = 0.5, y = 4.5</math></p> <p>Check: First equation <math>y = 5x + 2</math>: <math>4.5 = 5 \times 0.5 + 2</math>      YES Second equation <math>x + y = 5</math>: <math>0.5 + 4.5 = 5</math>      YES</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rearrange the equation <math>x + y = 5</math> to make <math>y</math> the subject.</li><li>Plot both graphs on the same grid using the gradients and <math>y</math>-intercepts.</li><li>The solutions of the simultaneous equations are the point of intersection.</li><li>Check your solutions by substituting the values into both equations.</li></ol>
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**Example 2** Solve the simultaneous equations  $y = x - 4$  and  $y = x^2 - 4x + 2$  graphically.

<b>x</b>	0	1	2	3	4
<b>y</b>	2	-1	-2	-1	2

The line and curve intersect at  $x = 3, y = -1$  and  $x = 2, y = -2$

Check:

First equation  $y = x - 4$ :

$-1 = 3 - 4$                       YES

$-2 = 2 - 4$                       YES

Second equation  $y = x^2 - 4x + 2$ :

$-1 = 3^2 - 4 \times 3 + 2$                       YES

$-2 = 2^2 - 4 \times 2 + 2$                       YES

- 1 Construct a table of values and calculate the points for the quadratic equation.
- 2 Plot the graph.
- 3 Plot the linear graph on the same grid using the gradient and y-intercept.  
 $y = x - 4$  has gradient 1 and y-intercept  $-4$ .
- 4 The solutions of the simultaneous equations are the points of intersection.
- 5 Check your solutions by substituting the values into both equations.

## Practice

1 Solve these pairs of simultaneous equations graphically.

- a  $y = 3x - 1$  and  $y = x + 3$
- b  $y = x - 5$  and  $y = 7 - 5x$
- c  $y = 3x + 4$  and  $y = 2 - x$

2 Solve these pairs of simultaneous equations graphically.

- a  $x + y = 0$  and  $y = 2x + 6$
- b  $4x + 2y = 3$  and  $y = 3x - 1$
- c  $2x + y + 4 = 0$  and  $2y = 3x - 1$

3 Solve these pairs of simultaneous equations graphically.

- a  $y = x - 1$  and  $y = x^2 - 4x + 3$
- b  $y = 1 - 3x$  and  $y = x^2 - 3x - 3$

**Hint**

Rearrange the equation to make  $y$  the

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

4 Solve the simultaneous equations  $x + y = 1$  and  $x^2 + y^2 = 25$  graphically.

## Extend

- 5 a Solve the simultaneous equations  $2x + y = 3$  and  $x^2 + y = 4$
- graphically
  - algebraically to 2 decimal places.
- b Which method gives the more accurate solutions? Explain your answer.

## Answers

- 1**
- a**  $x = 2, y = 5$
  - b**  $x = 2, y = -3$
  - c**  $x = -0.5, y = 2.5$
- 2**
- a**  $x = -2, y = 2$
  - b**  $x = 0.5, y = 0.5$
  - c**  $x = -1, y = -2$
- 3**
- a**  $x = 1, y = 0$  and  $x = 4, y = 3$
  - b**  $x = -2, y = 7$  and  $x = 2, y = -5$
  - c**  $x = -2, y = 5$  and  $x = -1, y = 4$
- 4**  $x = -3, y = 4$  and  $x = 4, y = -3$
- 5**
- a**
    - i**  $x = 2.5, y = -2$  and  $x = -0.5, y = 4$
    - ii**  $x = 2.41, y = -1.83$  and  $x = -0.41, y = 3.83$
  - b** Solving algebraically gives the more accurate solutions as the solutions from the graph are only estimates, based on the accuracy of your graph.

# 11. Linear inequalities

## A LEVEL LINKS

Scheme of work: 1d. Inequalities – linear and quadratic (including graphical solutions)

## Key points

- Solving linear inequalities uses similar methods to those for solving linear equations.
- When you multiply or divide an inequality by a negative number you need to reverse the inequality sign, e.g.  $<$  becomes  $>$ .

## Examples

**Example 1** Solve  $-8 \leq 4x < 16$

$\begin{aligned} -8 &\leq 4x < 16 \\ -2 &\leq x < 4 \end{aligned}$	Divide all three terms by 4.
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**Example 2** Solve  $4 \leq 5x < 10$

$\begin{aligned} 4 &\leq 5x < 10 \\ \frac{4}{5} &\leq x < 2 \end{aligned}$	Divide all three terms by 5.
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**Example 3** Solve  $2x - 5 < 7$

$\begin{aligned} 2x - 5 &< 7 \\ 2x &< 12 \\ x &< 6 \end{aligned}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Add 5 to both sides.</li><li>2 Divide both sides by 2.</li></ol>
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**Example 4** Solve  $2 - 5x \geq -8$

$\begin{aligned} 2 - 5x &\geq -8 \\ -5x &\geq -10 \\ x &\leq 2 \end{aligned}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Subtract 2 from both sides.</li><li>2 Divide both sides by <math>-5</math>. Remember to reverse the inequality when dividing by a negative number.</li></ol>
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**Example 5** Solve  $4(x - 2) > 3(9 - x)$

$\begin{aligned} 4(x - 2) &> 3(9 - x) \\ 4x - 8 &> 27 - 3x \\ 7x - 8 &> 27 \\ 7x &> 35 \\ x &> 5 \end{aligned}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Expand the brackets.</li><li>2 Add <math>3x</math> to both sides.</li><li>3 Add 8 to both sides.</li><li>4 Divide both sides by 7.</li></ol>
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## Practice

**1** Solve these inequalities.

**a**  $4x > 16$

**b**  $5x - 7 \leq 3$

**c**  $1 \geq 3x + 4$

**d**  $5 - 2x < 12$

**e**  $\frac{x}{2} \geq 5$

**f**  $8 < 3 - \frac{x}{3}$

**2** Solve these inequalities.

**a**  $\frac{x}{5} < -4$

**b**  $10 \geq 2x + 3$

**c**  $7 - 3x > -5$

**3** Solve

**a**  $2 - 4x \geq 18$

**b**  $3 \leq 7x + 10 < 45$

**c**  $6 - 2x \geq 4$

**d**  $4x + 17 < 2 - x$

**e**  $4 - 5x < -3x$

**f**  $-4x \geq 24$

**4** Solve these inequalities.

**a**  $3t + 1 < t + 6$

**b**  $2(3n - 1) \geq n + 5$

**5** Solve.

**a**  $3(2 - x) > 2(4 - x) + 4$

**b**  $5(4 - x) > 3(5 - x) + 2$

## Extend

**6** Find the set of values of  $x$  for which  $2x + 1 > 11$  and  $4x - 2 > 16 - 2x$ .

## Answers

- 1**   **a**    $x > 4$                       **b**    $x \leq 2$                       **c**    $x \leq -1$   
      **d**    $x > -\frac{7}{2}$                       **e**    $x \geq 10$                       **f**    $x < -15$
- 2**   **a**    $x < -20$                       **b**    $x \leq 3.5$                       **c**    $x < 4$
- 3**   **a**    $x \leq -4$                       **b**    $-1 \leq x < 5$                       **c**    $x \leq 1$   
      **d**    $x < -3$                       **e**    $x > 2$                       **f**    $x \leq -6$
- 4**   **a**    $t < \frac{5}{2}$                       **b**    $n \geq \frac{7}{5}$
- 5**   **a**    $x < -6$                       **b**    $x < \frac{3}{2}$
- 6**    $x > 5$  (which also satisfies  $x > 3$ )

# 12. Quadratic inequalities

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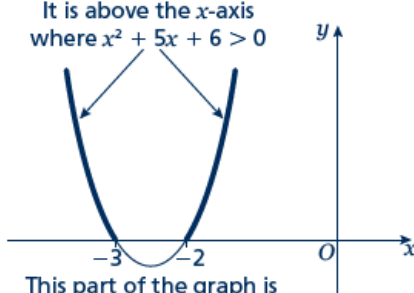
Scheme of work: 1d. Inequalities – linear and quadratic (including graphical solutions)

## Key points

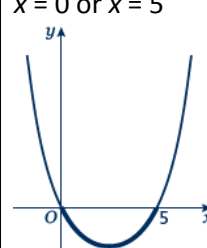
- First replace the inequality sign by = and solve the quadratic equation.
- Sketch the graph of the quadratic function.
- Use the graph to find the values which satisfy the quadratic inequality.

## Examples

**Example 1** Find the set of values of  $x$  which satisfy  $x^2 + 5x + 6 > 0$

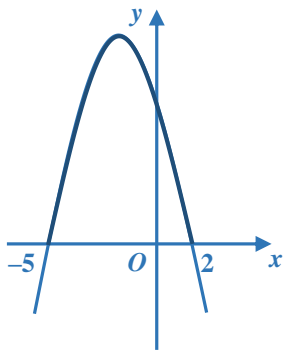
$x^2 + 5x + 6 = 0$ $(x + 3)(x + 2) = 0$ $x = -3 \text{ or } x = -2$  $x < -3 \text{ or } x > -2$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Solve the quadratic equation by factorising.</li><li>2 Sketch the graph of <math>y = (x + 3)(x + 2)</math></li><li>3 Identify on the graph where <math>x^2 + 5x + 6 &gt; 0</math>, i.e. where <math>y &gt; 0</math></li><li>4 Write down the values which satisfy the inequality <math>x^2 + 5x + 6 &gt; 0</math></li></ol>
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**Example 2** Find the set of values of  $x$  which satisfy  $x^2 - 5x \leq 0$

$x^2 - 5x = 0$ $x(x - 5) = 0$ $x = 0 \text{ or } x = 5$  $0 \leq x \leq 5$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Solve the quadratic equation by factorising.</li><li>2 Sketch the graph of <math>y = x(x - 5)</math></li><li>3 Identify on the graph where <math>x^2 - 5x \leq 0</math>, i.e. where <math>y \leq 0</math></li><li>4 Write down the values which satisfy the inequality <math>x^2 - 5x \leq 0</math></li></ol>
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**Example 3** Find the set of values of  $x$  which satisfy  $-x^2 - 3x + 10 \geq 0$

$-x^2 - 3x + 10 = 0$ $(-x + 2)(x + 5) = 0$ $x = 2 \text{ or } x = -5$  $-5 \leq x \leq 2$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Solve the quadratic equation by factorising.</li><li>2 Sketch the graph of <math>y = (-x + 2)(x + 5) = 0</math></li><li>3 Identify on the graph where <math>-x^2 - 3x + 10 \geq 0</math>, i.e. where <math>y \geq 0</math></li><li>3 Write down the values which satisfy the inequality <math>-x^2 - 3x + 10 \geq 0</math></li></ol>
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## Practice

- 1 Find the set of values of  $x$  for which  $(x + 7)(x - 4) \leq 0$
- 2 Find the set of values of  $x$  for which  $x^2 - 4x - 12 \geq 0$
- 3 Find the set of values of  $x$  for which  $2x^2 - 7x + 3 < 0$
- 4 Find the set of values of  $x$  for which  $4x^2 + 4x - 3 > 0$
- 5 Find the set of values of  $x$  for which  $12 + x - x^2 \geq 0$

## Extend

Find the set of values which satisfy the following inequalities.

- 6  $x^2 + x \leq 6$
- 7  $x(2x - 9) < -10$
- 8  $6x^2 \geq 15 + x$

## Answers

1  $-7 \leq x \leq 4$

2  $x \leq -2$  or  $x \geq 6$

3  $\frac{1}{2} < x < 3$

4  $x < -\frac{3}{2}$  or  $x > \frac{1}{2}$

5  $-3 \leq x \leq 4$

6  $-3 \leq x \leq 2$

7  $2 < x < 2\frac{1}{2}$

8  $x \leq -\frac{3}{2}$  or  $x \geq \frac{5}{3}$

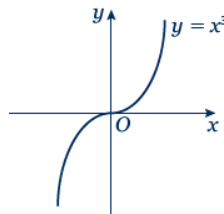
# 13. Sketching cubic and reciprocal graphs

## A LEVEL LINKS

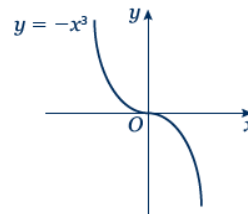
Scheme of work: 1e. Graphs – cubic, quartic and reciprocal

### Key points

- The graph of a cubic function, which written in the form  $y = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ ,  $a \neq 0$ , has one of the shapes shown below

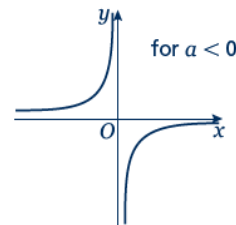
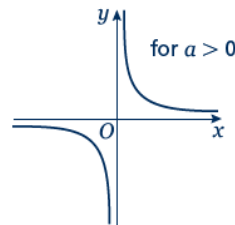


special case:  $a = 1$



special case:  $a = -1$

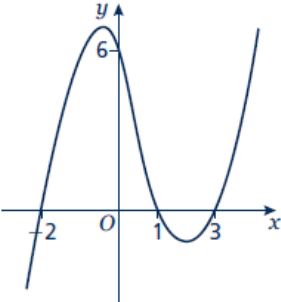

- The graph of a reciprocal function of the form  $y = \frac{a}{x}$  has one of the shapes shown below



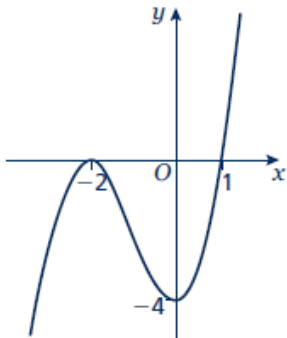

- To sketch the graph of a function, find the points where the graph intersects the axes.
- To find where the curve intersects the  $y$ -axis substitute  $x = 0$  into the function.
- To find where the curve intersects the  $x$ -axis substitute  $y = 0$  into the function.
- Where appropriate, mark and label the asymptotes on the graph.
- Asymptotes are lines (usually horizontal or vertical) which the curve gets closer to but never touches or crosses. Asymptotes usually occur with reciprocal functions. For example, the asymptotes for the graph of  $y = \frac{a}{x}$  are the two axes (the lines  $y = 0$  and  $x = 0$ ).
- 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.
- A double root is when two of the solutions are equal. For example  $(x - 3)^2(x + 2)$  has a double root at  $x = 3$ .
- When there is a double root, this is one of the turning points of a cubic function.

## Examples

**Example 1** Sketch the graph of  $y = (x - 3)(x - 1)(x + 2)$

To sketch a cubic curve find intersects with both axes and use the key points above for the correct shape.	
<p>When <math>x = 0</math>, <math>y = (0 - 3)(0 - 1)(0 + 2)</math>  <math>= (-3) \times (-1) \times 2 = 6</math>            The graph intersects the <math>y</math>-axis at <math>(0, 6)</math></p> <p>When <math>y = 0</math>, <math>(x - 3)(x - 1)(x + 2) = 0</math>            So <math>x = 3</math>, <math>x = 1</math> or <math>x = -2</math>            The graph intersects the <math>x</math>-axis at <math>(-2, 0)</math>, <math>(1, 0)</math> and <math>(3, 0)</math></p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Find where the graph intersects the axes by substituting <math>x = 0</math> and <math>y = 0</math>. Make sure you get the coordinates the right way around, <math>(x, y)</math>.</li> <li>2 Solve the equation by solving <math>x - 3 = 0</math>, <math>x - 1 = 0</math> and <math>x + 2 = 0</math></li> <li>3 Sketch the graph.  <math>a = 1 &gt; 0</math> so the graph has the shape:</li> </ol> 

**Example 2** Sketch the graph of  $y = (x + 2)^2(x - 1)$

To sketch a cubic curve find intersects with both axes and use the key points above for the correct shape.	
<p>When <math>x = 0</math>, <math>y = (0 + 2)^2(0 - 1)</math>  <math>= 2^2 \times (-1) = -4</math>            The graph intersects the <math>y</math>-axis at <math>(0, -4)</math></p> <p>When <math>y = 0</math>, <math>(x + 2)^2(x - 1) = 0</math>            So <math>x = -2</math> or <math>x = 1</math></p> <p><math>(-2, 0)</math> is a turning point as <math>x = -2</math> is a double root.            The graph crosses the <math>x</math>-axis at <math>(1, 0)</math></p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Find where the graph intersects the axes by substituting <math>x = 0</math> and <math>y = 0</math>.</li> <li>2 Solve the equation by solving <math>x + 2 = 0</math> and <math>x - 1 = 0</math></li> <li>3 <math>a = 1 &gt; 0</math> so the graph has the shape:</li> </ol> 

## Practice

1 Here are six equations.

**A**  $y = \frac{5}{x}$

**B**  $y = x^2 + 3x - 10$

**C**  $y = x^3 + 3x^2$

**D**  $y = 1 - 3x^2 - x^3$

**E**  $y = x^3 - 3x^2 - 1$

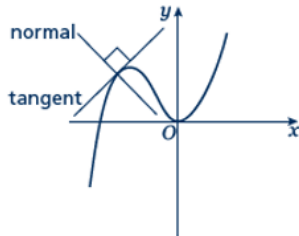
**F**  $x + y = 5$

**Hint**

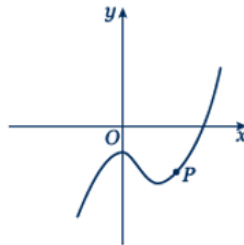
Find where each of the cubic equations cross the y-axis.

Here are six graphs.

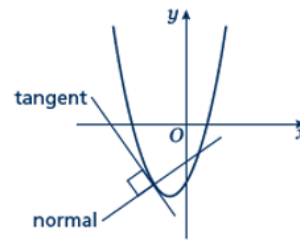
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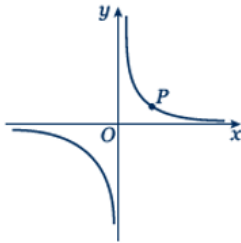
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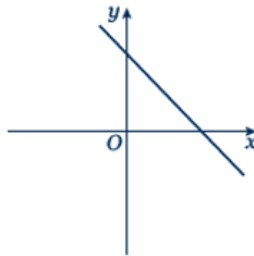
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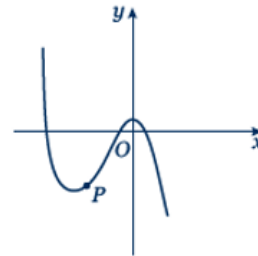
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**v**



**vi**



**a** Match each graph to its equation.

**b** Copy the graphs ii, iv and vi and draw the tangent and normal each at point P.

Sketch the following graphs

**2**  $y = 2x^3$

**3**  $y = x(x - 2)(x + 2)$

**4**  $y = (x + 1)(x + 4)(x - 3)$

**5**  $y = (x + 1)(x - 2)(1 - x)$

**6**  $y = (x - 3)^2(x + 1)$

**7**  $y = (x - 1)^2(x - 2)$

**8**  $y = \frac{3}{x}$

**Hint:** Look at the shape of  $y = \frac{a}{x}$  in the second key point.

**9**  $y = -\frac{2}{x}$

## Extend

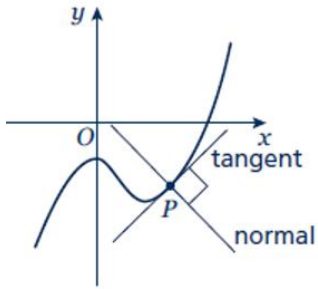
**10** Sketch the graph of  $y = \frac{1}{x+2}$

**11** Sketch the graph of  $y = \frac{1}{x-1}$

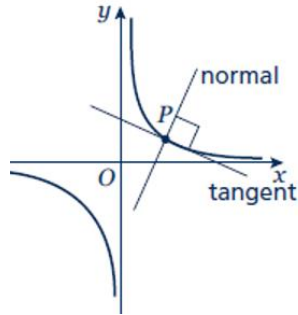
# Answers

- 1 a i - C  
 ii - E  
 iii - B  
 iv - A  
 v - F  
 vi - D

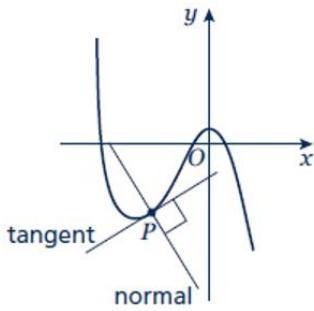
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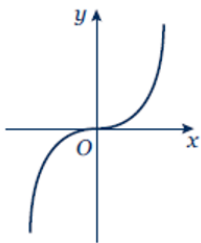
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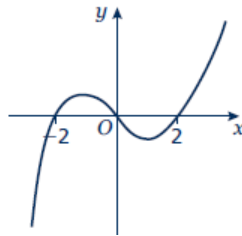
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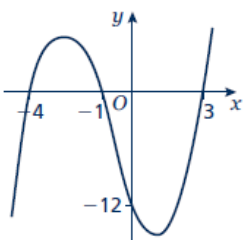
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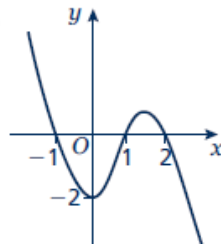
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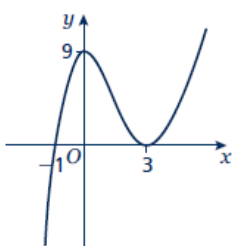
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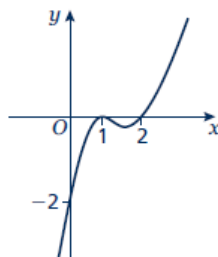
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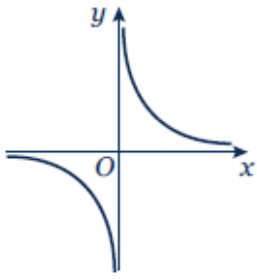
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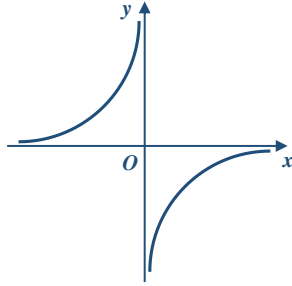
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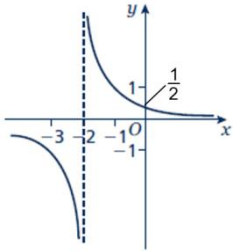
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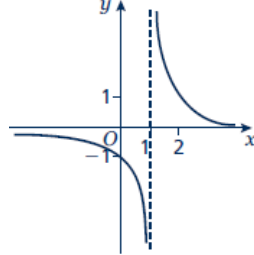
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# 14.1 Translating graphs

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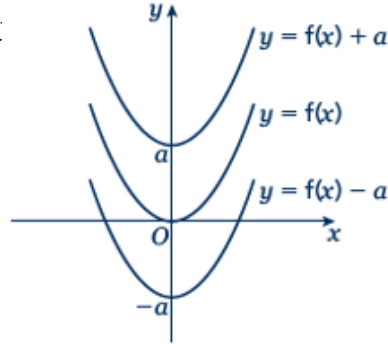
Scheme of work: 1f. Transformations – transforming graphs –  $f(x)$  notation

### Key points

- The transformation  $y = f(x) \pm a$  is a translation of parallel to the  $y$ -axis; it is a vertical translation.

As shown on the graph,

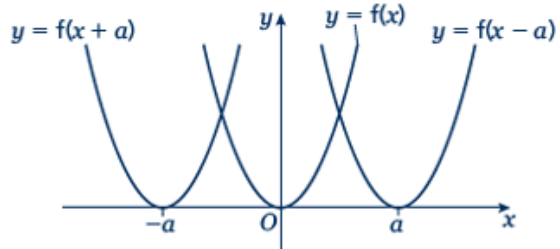
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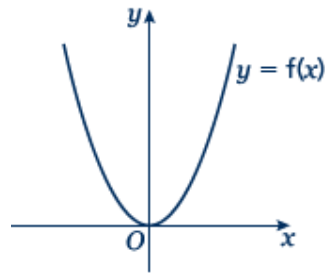
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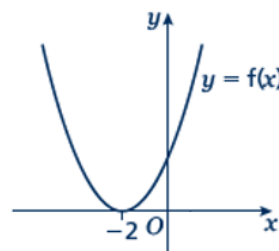
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- Example 1** The graph shows the function  $y = f(x)$ .  
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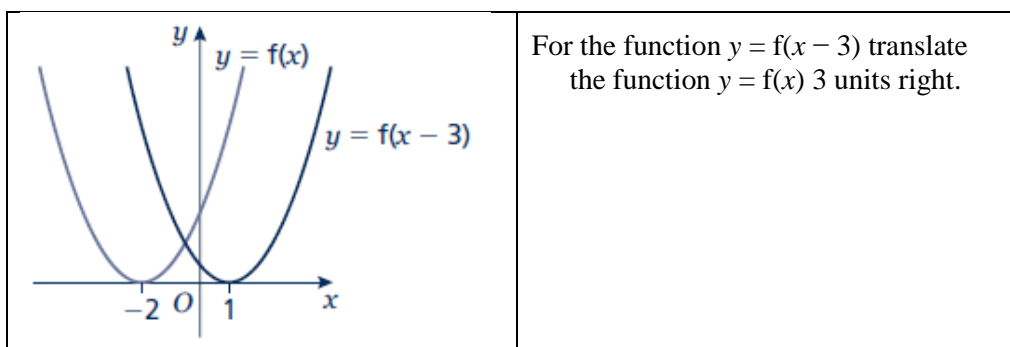


	<p>For the function <math>y = f(x) + 2</math> translate the function <math>y = f(x)</math> 2 units up.</p>
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- Example 2** The graph shows the function  $y = f(x)$ .  
Sketch the graph of  $y = f(x - 3)$ .

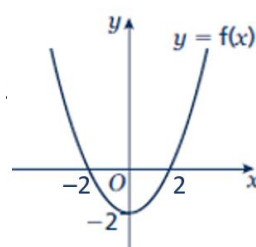




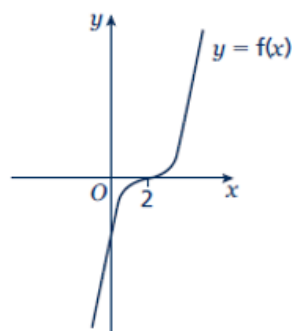


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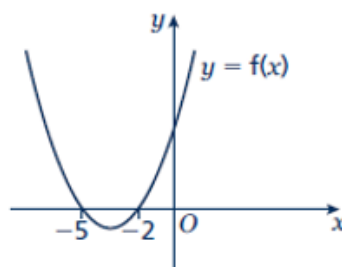
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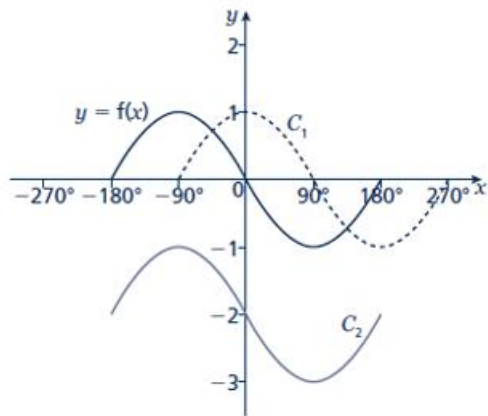
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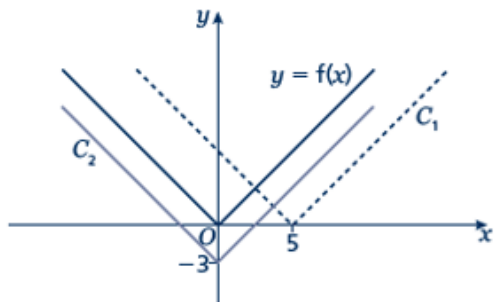
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- 4 The graph shows the function  $y = f(x)$  and two translations of  $y = f(x)$ , labelled  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ . Write down the equations of the translated curves  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  in function form.

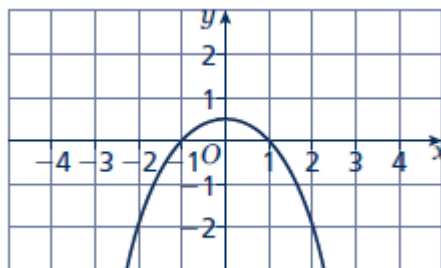


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- 6 The graph shows the function  $y = f(x)$ .

- Sketch the graph of  $y = f(x) + 2$
- Sketch the graph of  $y = f(x + 2)$



# 14.2 Stretching graphs

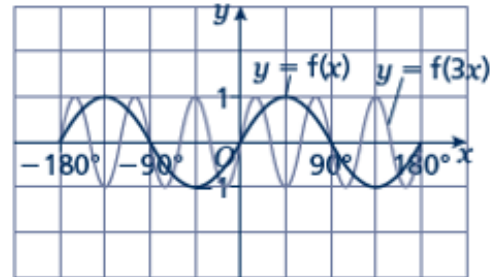
## A LEVEL LINKS

**Scheme of work:** 1f. Transformations – transforming graphs –  $f(x)$  notation

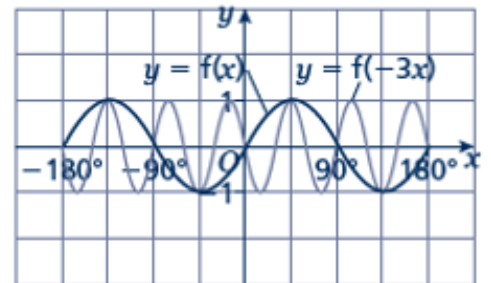
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## Key points

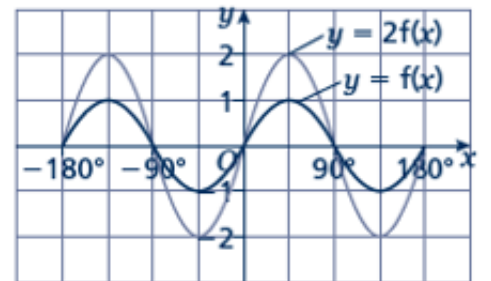
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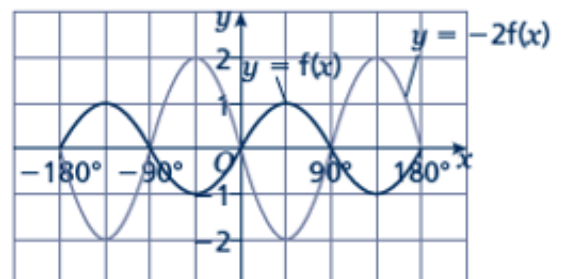
- The transformation  $y = f(-ax)$  is a horizontal stretch of  $y = f(x)$  with scale factor  $\frac{1}{a}$  parallel to the  $x$ -axis and then a reflection in the  $y$ -axis.



- The transformation  $y = af(x)$  is a vertical stretch of  $y = f(x)$  with scale factor  $a$  parallel to the  $y$ -axis.



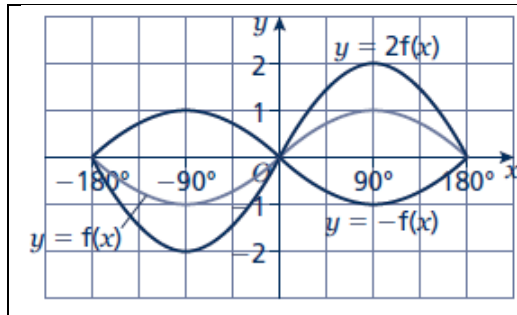
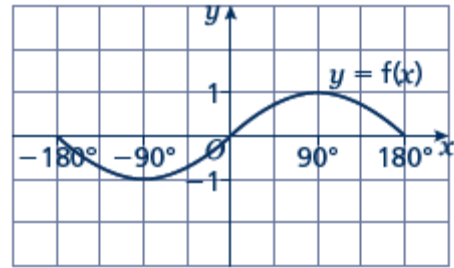
- The transformation  $y = -af(x)$  is a vertical stretch of  $y = f(x)$  with scale factor  $a$  parallel to the  $y$ -axis and then a reflection in the  $x$ -axis.



## Examples

**Example 3** The graph shows the function  $y = f(x)$ .

Sketch and label the graphs of  $y = 2f(x)$  and  $y = -f(x)$ .

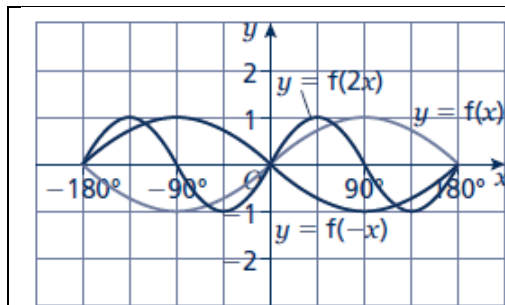
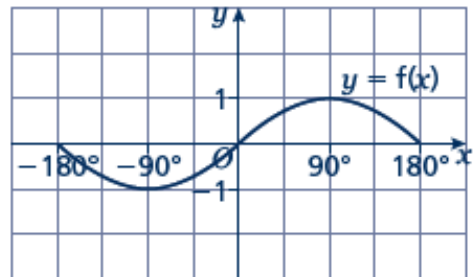


The function  $y = 2f(x)$  is a vertical stretch of  $y = f(x)$  with scale factor 2 parallel to the  $y$ -axis.

The function  $y = -f(x)$  is a reflection of  $y = f(x)$  in the  $x$ -axis.

**Example 4** The graph shows the function  $y = f(x)$ .

Sketch and label the graphs of  $y = f(2x)$  and  $y = f(-x)$ .

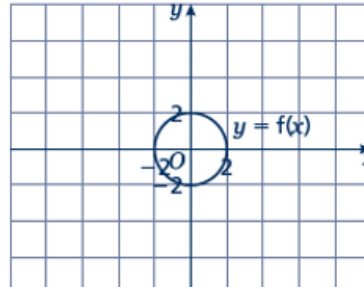


The function  $y = f(2x)$  is a horizontal stretch of  $y = f(x)$  with scale factor  $\frac{1}{2}$  parallel to the  $x$ -axis.

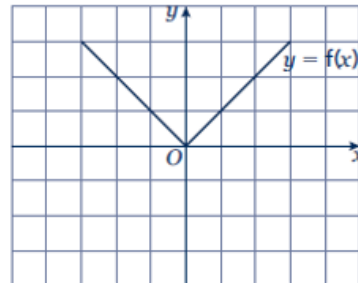
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## Practice

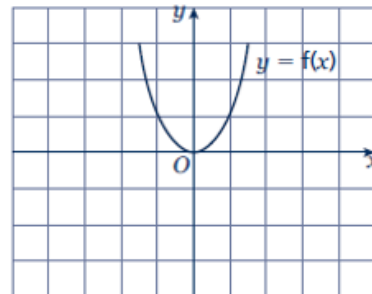
- 7 The graph shows the function  $y = f(x)$ .
- Copy the graph and on the same axes sketch and label graph of  $y = 3f(x)$ .
  - Make another copy of the graph and on the same axes sketch and label the graph of  $y = f(2x)$ .



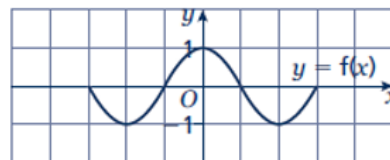
- 8 The graph shows the function  $y = f(x)$ . Copy the graph and on the same axes sketch and label the graphs of  $y = -2f(x)$  and  $y = f(3x)$ .



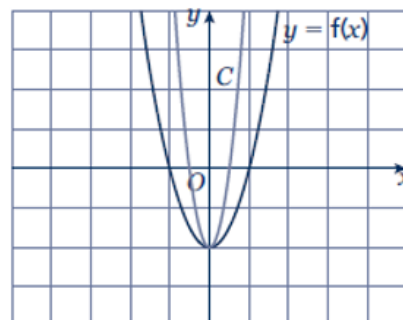
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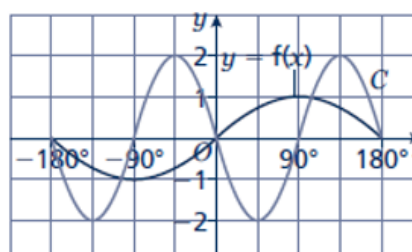
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- 11 The graph shows the function  $y = f(x)$  and a transform labelled  $C$ . Write down the equation of the translated curve  $C$  in full form.



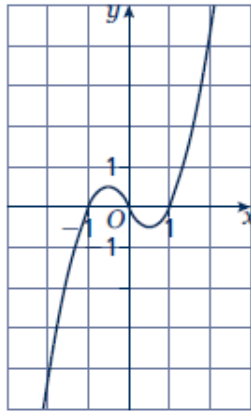
- 12 The graph shows the function  $y = f(x)$  and a transform labelled  $C$ . Write down the equation of the translated curve  $C$  in full form.



13 The graph shows the function  $y = f(x)$ .

a Sketch the graph of  $y = -f(x)$ .

b Sketch the graph of  $y = 2f(x)$ .



## Extend

14 a Sketch and label the graph of  $y = f(x)$ , where  $f(x) = (x - 1)(x + 1)$ .

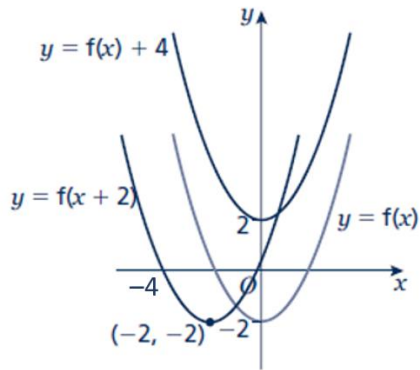
b On the same axes, sketch and label the graphs of  $y = f(x) - 2$  and  $y = f(x + 2)$ .

15 a Sketch and label the graph of  $y = f(x)$ , where  $f(x) = -(x + 1)(x - 2)$ .

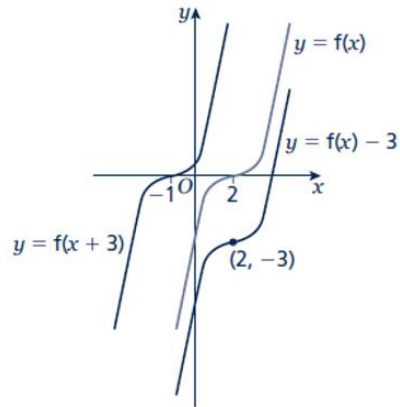
b On the same axes, sketch and label the graph of  $y = f\left(-\frac{1}{2}x\right)$ .

# Answers

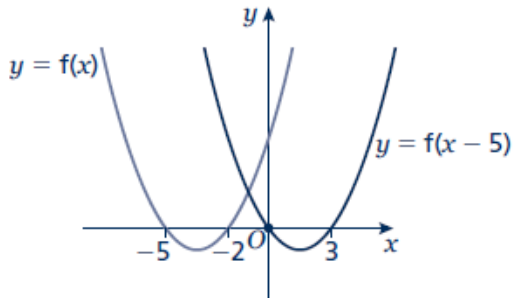
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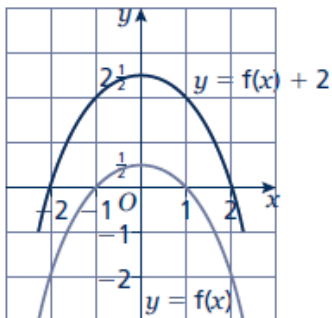
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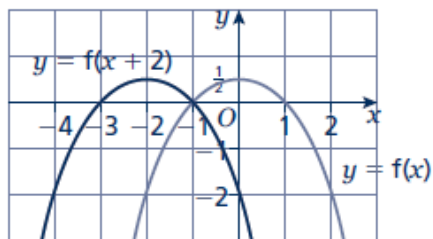
- 4  $C_1: y = f(x - 90^\circ)$   
 $C_2: y = f(x) - 2$

- 5  $C_1: y = f(x - 5)$   
 $C_2: y = f(x) - 3$

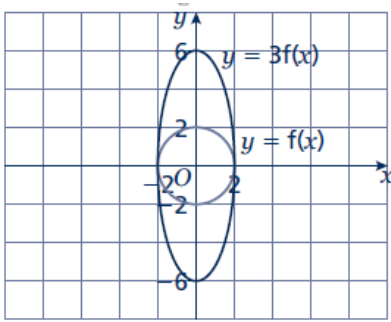
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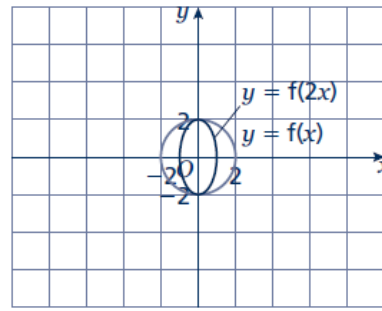
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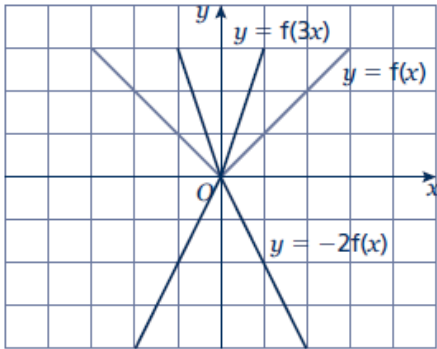
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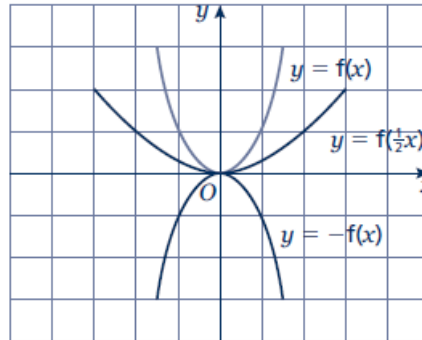
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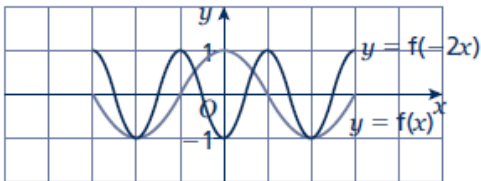
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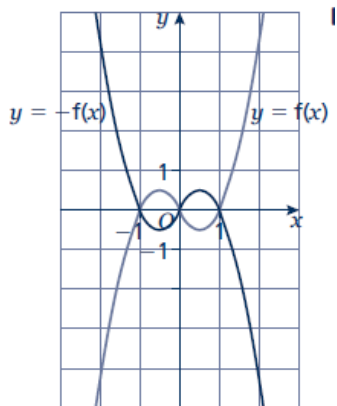
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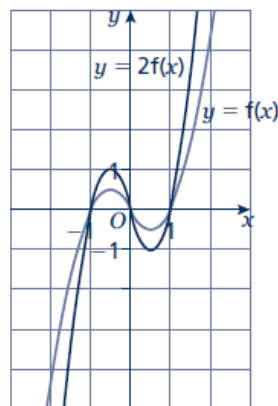
11  $y = f(2x)$

12  $y = -2f(2x)$  or  $y = 2f(-2x)$

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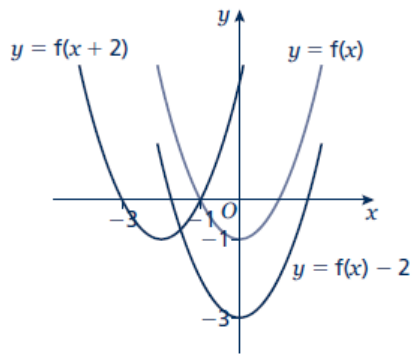


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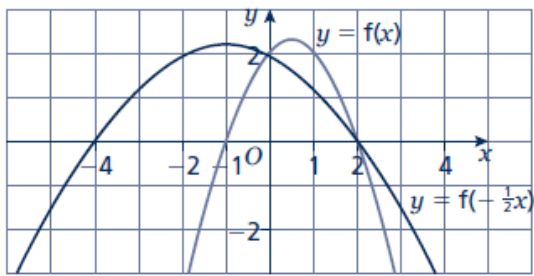




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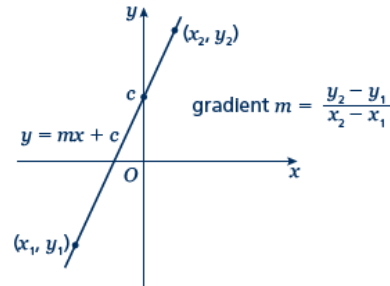
# 15. Straight line graphs

## A LEVEL LINKS

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

## 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



the gradient

$ax + by + c$

points on a

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

## Examples

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

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

$m = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ and } c = 3$ $\text{So } y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 3$ $\frac{1}{2}x + y - 3 = 0$ $x + 2y - 6 = 0$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1</b> A straight line has equation <math>y = mx + c</math>. Substitute the gradient and <math>y</math>-intercept given in the question into this equation.</li> <li><b>2</b> Rearrange the equation so all the terms are on one side and 0 is on the other side.</li> <li><b>3</b> Multiply both sides by 2 to eliminate the denominator.</li> </ol>
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**Example 2** Find the gradient and the  $y$ -intercept of the line with the equation  $3y - 2x + 4 = 0$ .

$3y - 2x + 4 = 0$ $3y = 2x - 4$ $y = \frac{2}{3}x - \frac{4}{3}$ $\text{Gradient} = m = \frac{2}{3}$ $\text{y-intercept} = c = -\frac{4}{3}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1</b> Make <math>y</math> the subject of the equation.</li> <li><b>2</b> Divide all the terms by three to get the equation in the form <math>y = \dots</math></li> <li><b>3</b> In the form <math>y = mx + c</math>, the gradient is <math>m</math> and the <math>y</math>-intercept is <math>c</math>.</li> </ol>
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**Example 3** Find the equation of the line which passes through the point (5, 13) and has gradient 3.

$m = 3$ $y = 3x + c$ $13 = 3 \times 5 + c$ $13 = 15 + c$ $c = -2$ $y = 3x - 2$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1</b> Substitute the gradient given in the question into the equation of a straight line <math>y = mx + c</math>.</li> <li><b>2</b> Substitute the coordinates <math>x = 5</math> and <math>y = 13</math> into the equation.</li> <li><b>3</b> Simplify and solve the equation.</li> <li><b>4</b> Substitute <math>c = -2</math> into the equation <math>y = 3x + c</math></li> </ol>
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**Example 4** Find the equation of the line passing through the points with coordinates (2, 4) and (8, 7).

$x_1 = 2, x_2 = 8, y_1 = 4 \text{ and } y_2 = 7$ $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{7 - 4}{8 - 2} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$ $y = \frac{1}{2}x + c$ $4 = \frac{1}{2} \times 2 + c$ $c = 3$ $y = \frac{1}{2}x + 3$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1</b> Substitute the coordinates into the equation <math>m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}</math> to work out the gradient of the line.</li> <li><b>2</b> Substitute the gradient into the equation of a straight line <math>y = mx + c</math>.</li> <li><b>3</b> Substitute the coordinates of either point into the equation.</li> <li><b>4</b> Simplify and solve the equation.</li> <li><b>5</b> Substitute <math>c = 3</math> into the equation <math>y = \frac{1}{2}x + c</math></li> </ol>
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## 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 through 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**  $m = -5, c = 4$

**2**

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  $(4, -3)$ .

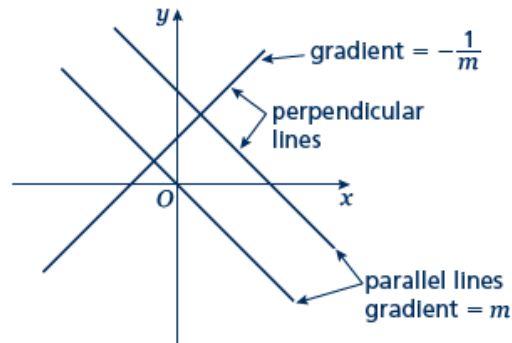
# 16. Parallel and perpendicular lines

## 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
- A line perpendicular to the line with equation  $y = mx + c$  has gradient  $-\frac{1}{m}$ .



gradient.  
 $y = mx + c$

## Examples

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

$y = 2x + 4$ $m = 2$ $y = 2x + c$ $9 = 2 \times 4 + c$ $9 = 8 + c$ $c = 1$ $y = 2x + 1$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 As the lines are parallel they have the same gradient.</li> <li>2 Substitute <math>m = 2</math> into the equation of a straight line <math>y = mx + c</math>.</li> <li>3 Substitute the coordinates into the equation <math>y = 2x + c</math></li> <li>4 Simplify and solve the equation.</li> <li>5 Substitute <math>c = 1</math> into the equation <math>y = 2x + c</math></li> </ol>
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**Example 2** Find the equation of the line perpendicular to  $y = 2x - 3$  which passes through the point  $(-2, 5)$ .

$y = 2x - 3$ $m = 2$ $-\frac{1}{m} = -\frac{1}{2}$ $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + c$ $5 = -\frac{1}{2} \times (-2) + c$ $5 = 1 + c$ $c = 4$ $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 4$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 As the lines are perpendicular, the gradient of the perpendicular line is <math>-\frac{1}{m}</math>.</li> <li>2 Substitute <math>m = -\frac{1}{2}</math> into <math>y = mx + c</math>.</li> <li>3 Substitute the coordinates <math>(-2, 5)</math> into the equation <math>y = -\frac{1}{2}x + c</math></li> <li>4 Simplify and solve the equation.</li> <li>5 Substitute <math>c = 4</math> into <math>y = -\frac{1}{2}x + c</math>.</li> </ol>
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**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.

$x_1 = 0, x_2 = 9, y_1 = 5 \text{ and } y_2 = -1$ $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{-1 - 5}{9 - 0}$ $= \frac{-6}{9} = -\frac{2}{3}$ $-\frac{1}{m} = \frac{3}{2}$ $y = \frac{3}{2}x + c$ $\text{Midpoint} = \left( \frac{0+9}{2}, \frac{5+(-1)}{2} \right) = \left( \frac{9}{2}, 2 \right)$ $2 = \frac{3}{2} \times \frac{9}{2} + c$ $c = -\frac{19}{4}$ $y = \frac{3}{2}x - \frac{19}{4}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1</b> Substitute the coordinates into the equation <math>m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}</math> to work out the gradient of the line.</li> <li><b>2</b> As the lines are perpendicular, the gradient of the perpendicular line is <math>-\frac{1}{m}</math>.</li> <li><b>3</b> Substitute the gradient into the equation <math>y = mx + c</math>.</li> <li><b>4</b> Work out the coordinates of the midpoint of the line.</li> <li><b>5</b> Substitute the coordinates of the midpoint into the equation.</li> <li><b>6</b> Simplify and solve the equation.</li> <li><b>7</b> Substitute <math>c = -\frac{19}{4}</math> into the equation <math>y = \frac{3}{2}x + c</math>.</li> </ol>
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## 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 is  $-\frac{1}{m} = -\frac{b}{a}$

passes

- 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  $L_1$  passes through the points  $A$  and  $B$  with coordinates  $(-4, 4)$  and  $(2, 1)$ , respectively.

**a** Find the equation of  $L_1$  in the form  $ax + by + c = 0$

The line  $L_2$  is parallel to the line  $L_1$  and passes through the point  $C$  with coordinates  $(-8, 3)$ .

**b** Find the equation of  $L_2$  in the form  $ax + by + c = 0$

The line  $L_3$  is perpendicular to the line  $L_1$  and passes through the origin.

**c** Find an equation of  $L_3$



## 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**  $y = 2x$

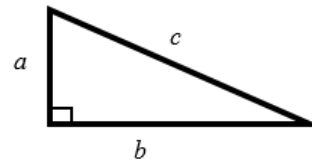
# 17. Pythagoras' theorem

## A LEVEL LINKS

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

## Key points

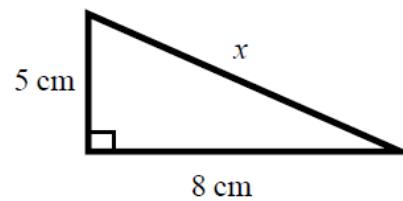
- In a right-angled triangle the longest side is called the hypotenuse.
- Pythagoras' theorem states that for a right-angled triangle hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides.  
 $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$

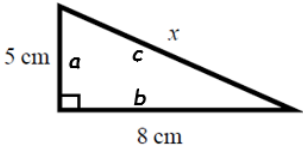


hypotenuse.  
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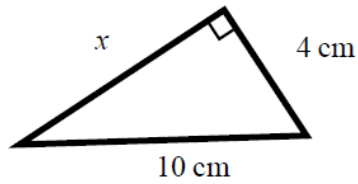
## Examples

- Example 1** Calculate the length of the hypotenuse.  
Give your answer to 3 significant figures.



$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$  $x^2 = 5^2 + 8^2$ $x^2 = 25 + 64$ $x^2 = 89$ $x = \sqrt{89}$ $x = 9.433\ 981\ 13\dots$ $x = 9.43\ \text{cm}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Always start by stating the formula for Pythagoras' theorem and labelling the hypotenuse <math>c</math> and the other two sides <math>a</math> and <math>b</math>.</li><li>2 Substitute the values of <math>a</math>, <math>b</math> and <math>c</math> into the formula for Pythagoras' theorem.</li><li>3 Use a calculator to find the square root.</li><li>4 Round your answer to 3 significant figures and write the units with your answer.</li></ol>
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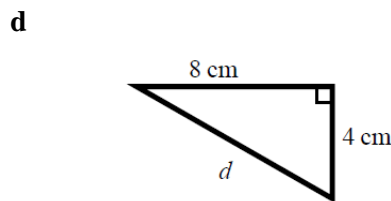
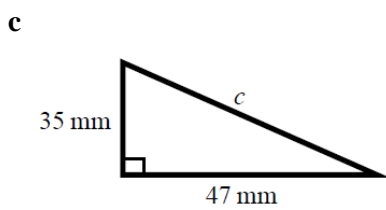
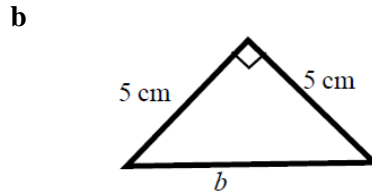
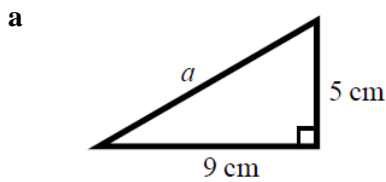
**Example 2** Calculate the length  $x$ .  
Give your answer in surd form.



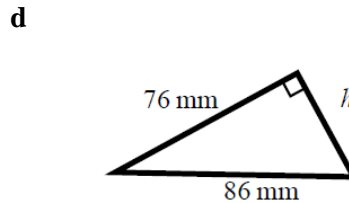
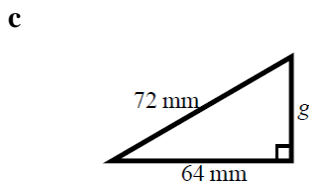
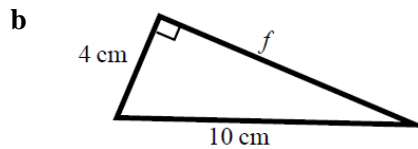
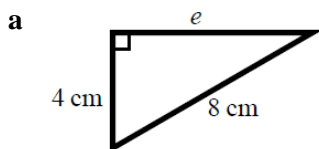
$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$ $10^2 = x^2 + 4^2$ $100 = x^2 + 16$ $x^2 = 84$ $x = \sqrt{84}$ $x = 2\sqrt{21} \text{ cm}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1</b> Always start by stating the formula for Pythagoras' theorem.</li> <li><b>2</b> Substitute the values of <math>a</math>, <math>b</math> and <math>c</math> into the formula for Pythagoras' theorem.</li> <li><b>3</b> Simplify the surd where possible and write the units in your answer.</li> </ol>
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## Practice

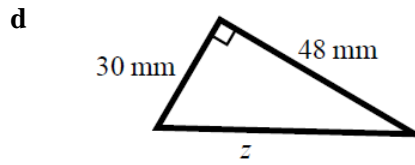
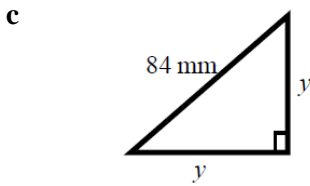
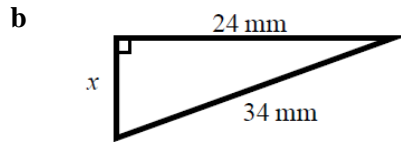
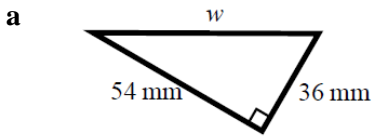
**1** Work out the length of the unknown side in each triangle.  
Give your answers correct to 3 significant figures.



**2** Work out the length of the unknown side in each triangle.  
Give your answers in surd form.



- 3 Work out the length of the unknown side in each triangle.  
Give your answers in surd form.



- 4 A rectangle has length  $84 \text{ mm}$  and width  $45 \text{ mm}$ .  
Calculate the length of the diagonal of the rectangle.  
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

**Hint**

Draw a sketch of the rectangle.

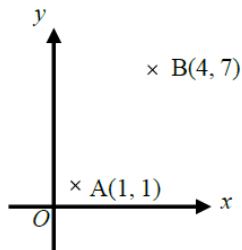
## Extend

- 5 A yacht is  $40 \text{ km}$  due North of a lighthouse.  
A rescue boat is  $50 \text{ km}$  due East of the same lighthouse.  
Work out the distance between the yacht and the rescue boat.  
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

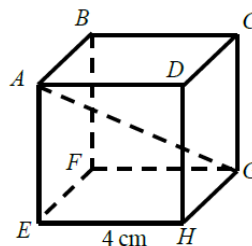
**Hint**

Draw a diagram using  
the information given  
in the question.

- 6 Points A and B are shown on the diagram.  
Work out the length of the line AB.  
Give your answer in surd form.



- 7 A cube has length  $4 \text{ cm}$ .  
Work out the length of the diagonal  $AG$ .  
Give your answer in surd form.



## Answers

- 1**   **a**   10.3 cm                      **b**   7.07 cm  
      **c**   58.6 mm                      **d**   8.94 cm
- 2**   **a**    $4\sqrt{3}$  cm                      **b**    $2\sqrt{21}$  cm  
      **c**    $8\sqrt{17}$  mm                   **d**    $18\sqrt{5}$  mm
- 3**   **a**    $18\sqrt{13}$  mm                  **b**    $2\sqrt{145}$  mm  
      **c**    $42\sqrt{2}$  mm                   **d**    $6\sqrt{89}$  mm
- 4**   95.3 mm
- 5**   64.0 km
- 6**    $3\sqrt{5}$  units
- 7**    $4\sqrt{3}$  cm

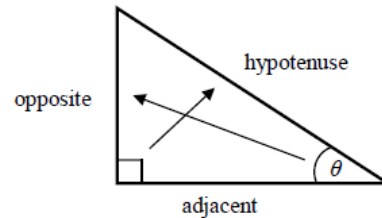
# 20.1 Trigonometry in right-angled triangles

## A LEVEL LINKS

Scheme of work: 4a. Trigonometric ratios and graphs

### Key points

- In a right-angled triangle:
  - the side opposite the right angle is called the hypotenuse
  - the side opposite the angle  $\theta$  is called the opposite
  - the side next to the angle  $\theta$  is called the adjacent.

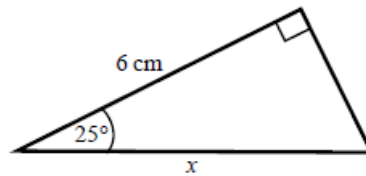


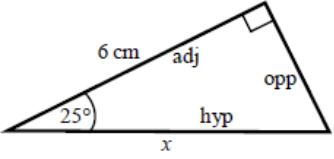
- In a right-angled triangle:
  - the ratio of the opposite side to the hypotenuse is the sine of angle  $\theta$ ,  $\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$
  - the ratio of the adjacent side to the hypotenuse is the cosine of angle  $\theta$ ,  $\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$
  - the ratio of the opposite side to the adjacent side is the tangent of angle  $\theta$ ,  $\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$
- If the lengths of two sides of a right-angled triangle are given, you can find a missing angle using the inverse trigonometric functions:  $\sin^{-1}$ ,  $\cos^{-1}$ ,  $\tan^{-1}$ .
- The sine, cosine and tangent of some angles may be written exactly.

	0	30°	45°	60°	90°
sin	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	1
cos	1	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0
tan	0	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$	1	$\sqrt{3}$	

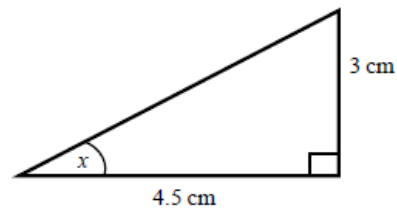
## Examples

**Example 1** Calculate the length of side  $x$ .  
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

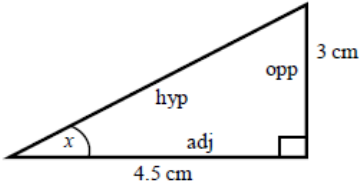


 $\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$ $\cos 25^\circ = \frac{6}{x}$ $x = \frac{6}{\cos 25^\circ}$ $x = 6.620\ 267\ 5\dots$ $x = 6.62\ \text{cm}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Always start by labelling the sides.</li> <li>2 You are given the adjacent and the hypotenuse so use the cosine ratio.</li> <li>3 Substitute the sides and angle into the cosine ratio.</li> <li>4 Rearrange to make <math>x</math> the subject.</li> <li>5 Use your calculator to work out <math>6 \div \cos 25^\circ</math>.</li> <li>6 Round your answer to 3 significant figures and write the units in your answer.</li> </ol>
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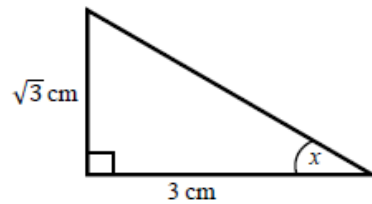
**Example 2** Calculate the size of angle  $x$ .  
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.



Give your

 $\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$ $\tan x = \frac{3}{4.5}$ $x = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{3}{4.5} \right)$ $x = 33.690\ 067\ 5\dots$ $x = 33.7^\circ$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Always start by labelling the sides.</li> <li>2 You are given the opposite and the adjacent so use the tangent ratio.</li> <li>3 Substitute the sides and angle into the tangent ratio.</li> <li>4 Use <math>\tan^{-1}</math> to find the angle.</li> <li>5 Use your calculator to work out <math>\tan^{-1}(3 \div 4.5)</math>.</li> <li>6 Round your answer to 3 significant figures and write the units in your answer.</li> </ol>
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**Example 3** Calculate the exact size of angle  $x$ .

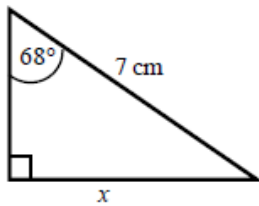


<p> <math>\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}</math>  <math>\tan x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}</math>  <math>x = 30^\circ</math> </p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Always start by labelling the sides.</li> <li>2 You are given the opposite and the adjacent so use the tangent ratio.</li> <li>3 Substitute the sides and angle into the tangent ratio.</li> <li>4 Use the table from the key points to find the angle.</li> </ol>
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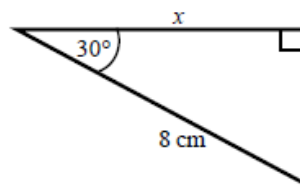
## Practice

1 Calculate the length of the unknown side in each triangle. Give your answers correct to 3 significant figures.

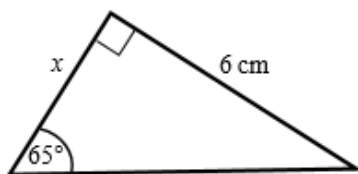
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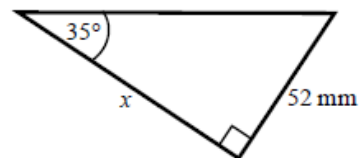
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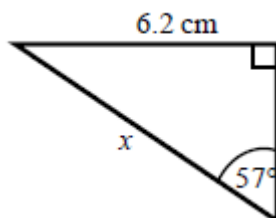
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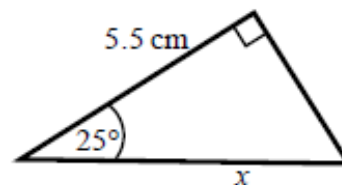
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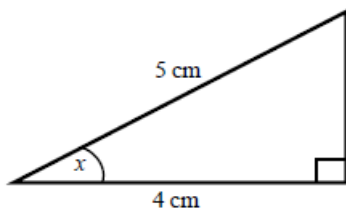
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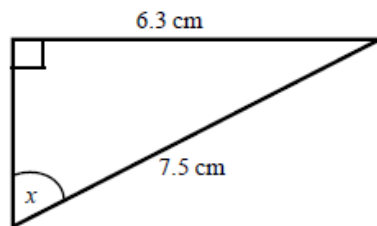


- 2 Calculate the size of angle  $x$  in each triangle. Give your answers correct to 1 decimal place.

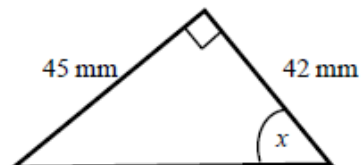
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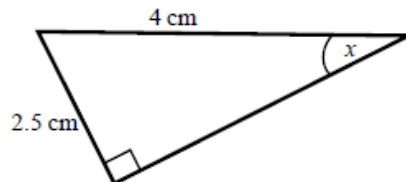
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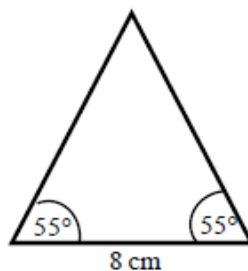
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- 3 Work out the height of the isosceles triangle. Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

**Hint:**

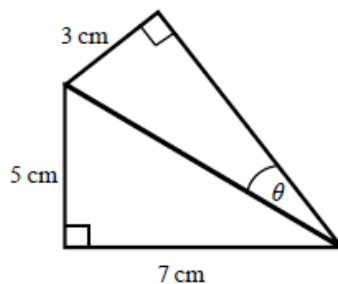
Split the triangle into two right-angled triangles.



- 4 Calculate the size of angle  $\theta$ . Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.

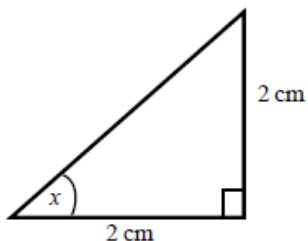
**Hint:**

First work out the length of the common side to both triangles, leaving your answer in surd form.

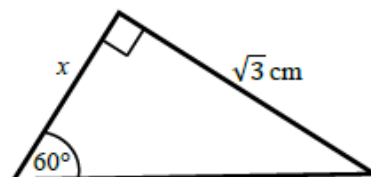


- 5 Find the exact value of  $x$  in each triangle.

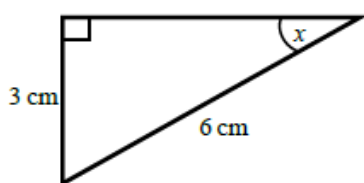
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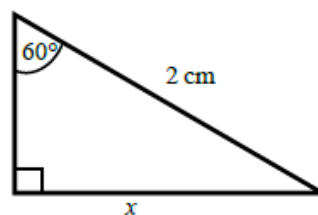
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# 20.2 The cosine rule

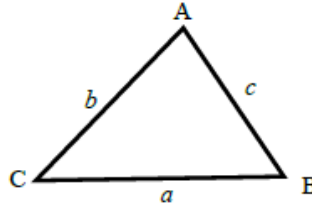
## A LEVEL LINKS

**Scheme of work:** 4a. Trigonometric ratios and graphs

**Textbook:** Pure Year 1, 9.1 The cosine rule

## Key points

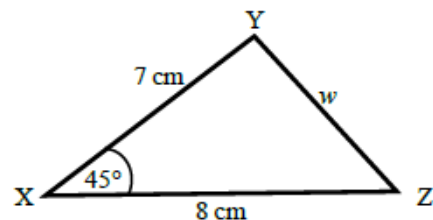
- $a$  is the side opposite angle  $A$ .
- $b$  is the side opposite angle  $B$ .
- $c$  is the side opposite angle  $C$ .



- You can use the cosine rule to find the length of a side when two sides and the included angle are given.
- To calculate an unknown side use the formula  $a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$ .
- Alternatively, you can use the cosine rule to find an unknown angle if the lengths of all three sides are given.
- To calculate an unknown angle use the formula  $\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$ .

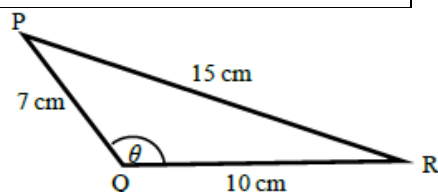
## Examples

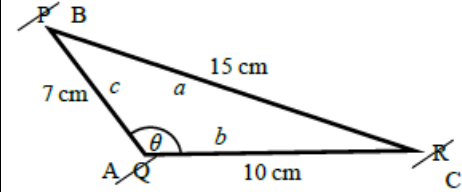
**Example 4** Work out the length of side  $w$ .  
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.



	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Always start by labelling the angles and sides.</li> <li>2 Write the cosine rule to find the side.</li> <li>3 Substitute the values <math>a</math>, <math>b</math> and <math>A</math> into the formula.</li> <li>4 Use a calculator to find <math>w^2</math> and then <math>w</math>.</li> <li>5 Round your final answer to 3 significant figures and write the units in your answer.</li> </ol>
$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$ $w^2 = 8^2 + 7^2 - 2 \times 8 \times 7 \times \cos 45^\circ$ $w^2 = 33.804\ 040\ 51\dots$ $w = \sqrt{33.804\ 040\ 51}$ $w = 5.81\ \text{cm}$	

**Example 5** Work out the size of angle  $\theta$ .  
Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.

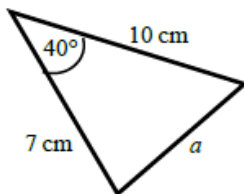


 $\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$ $\cos \theta = \frac{10^2 + 7^2 - 15^2}{2 \times 10 \times 7}$ $\cos \theta = \frac{-76}{140}$ $\theta = 122.878\ 349\dots$ $\theta = 122.9^\circ$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Always start by labelling the angles and sides.</li> <li>2 Write the cosine rule to find the angle.</li> <li>3 Substitute the values <math>a</math>, <math>b</math> and <math>c</math> into the formula.</li> <li>4 Use <math>\cos^{-1}</math> to find the angle.</li> <li>5 Use your calculator to work out <math>\cos^{-1}(-76 \div 140)</math>.</li> <li>6 Round your answer to 1 decimal place and write the units in your answer.</li> </ol>
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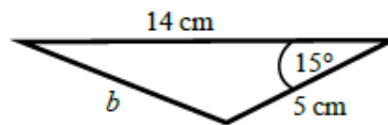
## Practice

- 6 Work out the length of the unknown side in each triangle. Give your answers correct to 3 significant figures.

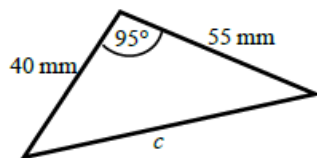
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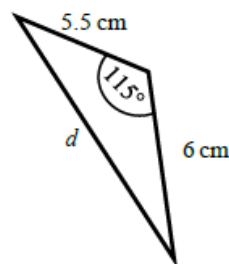
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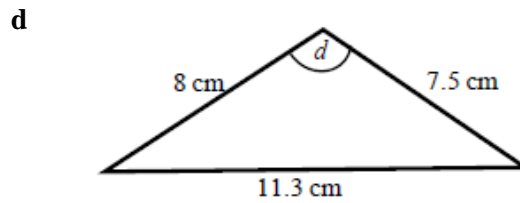
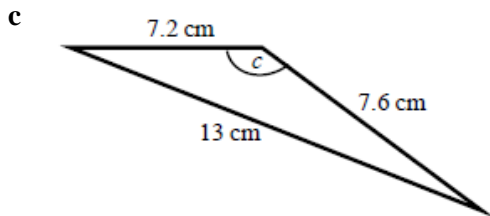
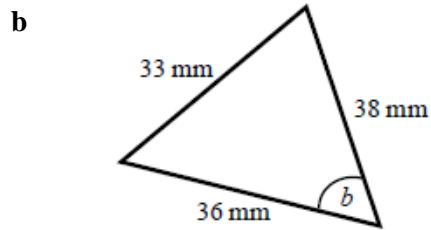
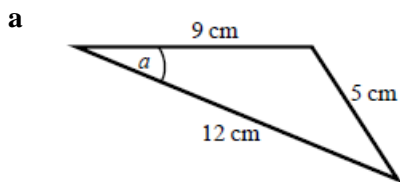
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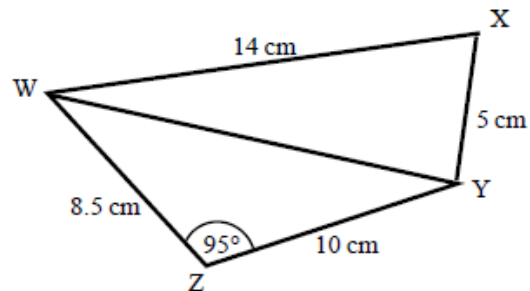


- 7 Calculate the angles labelled  $\theta$  in each triangle.  
Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.



- 8 a Work out the length of WY.  
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

- b Work out the size of angle WXY.  
Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.



# 20.3 The sine rule

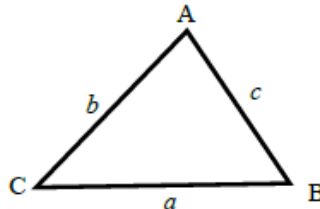
## A LEVEL LINKS

**Scheme of work:** 4a. Trigonometric ratios and graphs

**Textbook:** Pure Year 1, 9.2 The sine rule

## Key points

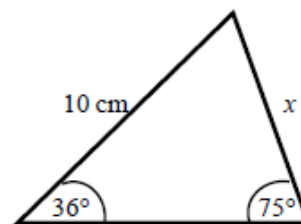
- $a$  is the side opposite angle  $A$ .
- $b$  is the side opposite angle  $B$ .
- $c$  is the side opposite angle  $C$ .



- You can use the sine rule to find the length of a side when its opposite angle and another opposite side and angle are given.
- To calculate an unknown side use the formula  $\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$ .
- Alternatively, you can use the sine rule to find an unknown angle if the opposite side and another opposite side and angle are given.
- To calculate an unknown angle use the formula  $\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$ .

## Examples

**Example 6** Work out the length of side  $x$ .  
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.



$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B}$$

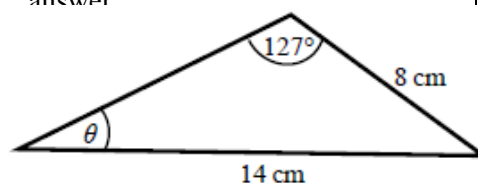
$$\frac{x}{\sin 36^\circ} = \frac{10}{\sin 75^\circ}$$

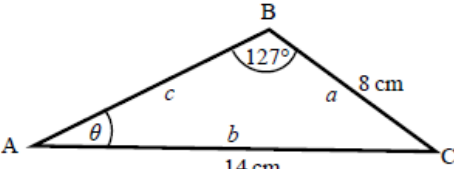
$$x = \frac{10 \times \sin 36^\circ}{\sin 75^\circ}$$

$$x = 6.09 \text{ cm}$$

- 1 Always start by labelling the angles and sides.
- 2 Write the sine rule to find the side.
- 3 Substitute the values  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $A$  and  $B$  into the formula.
- 4 Rearrange to make  $x$  the subject.
- 5 Round your answer to 3 significant figures and write the units in your answer

**Example 7** Work out the size of angle  $\theta$ .  
Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.

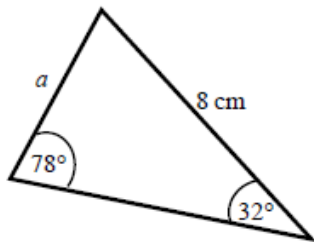


 $\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b}$ $\frac{\sin \theta}{8} = \frac{\sin 127^\circ}{14}$ $\sin \theta = \frac{8 \times \sin 127^\circ}{14}$ $\theta = 27.2^\circ$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Always start by labelling the angles and sides.</li> <li>2 Write the sine rule to find the angle.</li> <li>3 Substitute the values <math>a</math>, <math>b</math>, <math>A</math> and <math>B</math> into the formula.</li> <li>4 Rearrange to make <math>\sin \theta</math> the subject.</li> <li>5 Use <math>\sin^{-1}</math> to find the angle. Round your answer to 1 decimal place and write the units in your answer.</li> </ol>
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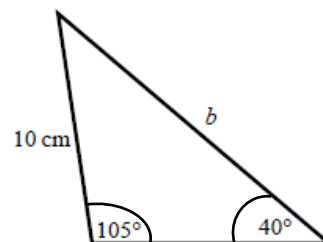
## Practice

- 9 Find the length of the unknown side in each triangle. Give your answers correct to 3 significant figures.

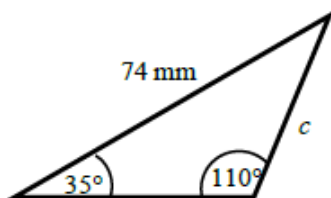
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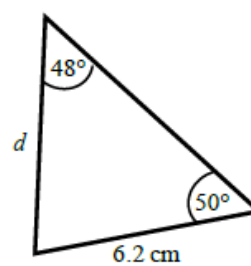
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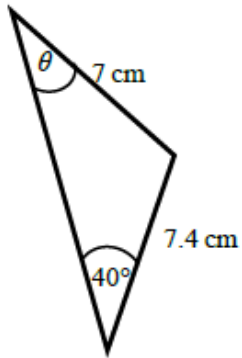


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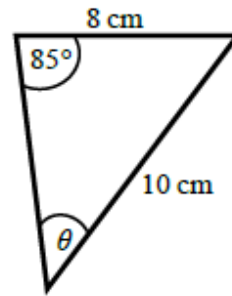


- 10 Calculate the angles labelled  $\theta$  in each triangle.  
Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.

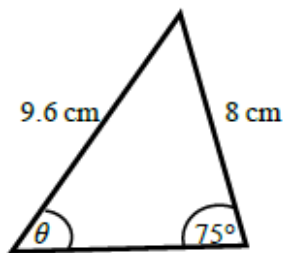
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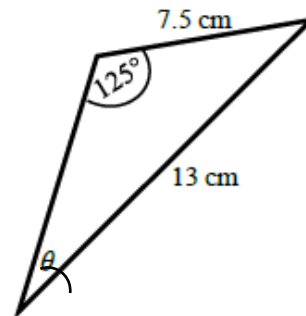
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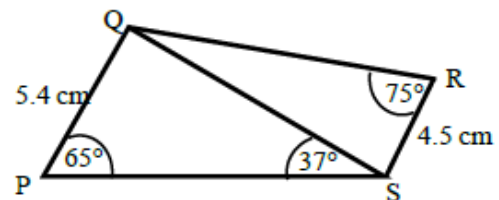
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- 11 a Work out the length of QS.  
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.
- b Work out the size of angle RQS.  
Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.



# 20.4 Areas of triangles

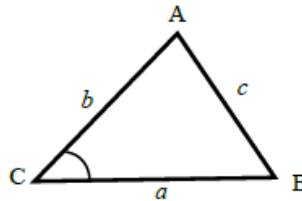
## A LEVEL LINKS

**Scheme of work:** 4a. Trigonometric ratios and graphs

**Textbook:** Pure Year 1, 9.3 Areas of triangles

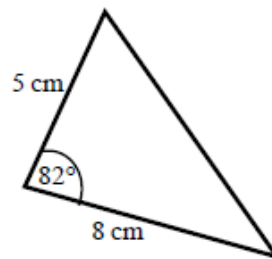
## Key points

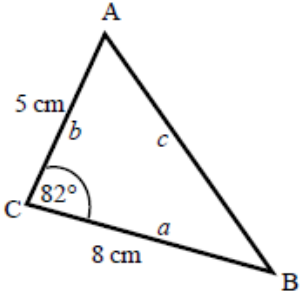
- $a$  is the side opposite angle  $A$ .  
 $b$  is the side opposite angle  $B$ .  
 $c$  is the side opposite angle  $C$ .
- The area of the triangle is  $\frac{1}{2}ab \sin C$ .



## Examples

**Example 8** Find the area of the triangle.



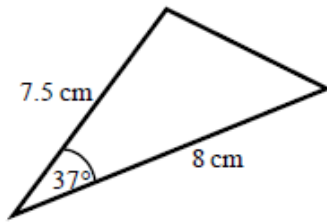
 <p>Area = <math>\frac{1}{2}ab \sin C</math></p> <p>Area = <math>\frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times 5 \times \sin 82^\circ</math></p> <p>Area = 19.805 361...</p> <p>Area = 19.8 cm<sup>2</sup></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Always start by labelling the sides and angles of the triangle.</li><li>2 State the formula for the area of a triangle.</li><li>3 Substitute the values of <math>a</math>, <math>b</math> and <math>C</math> into the formula for the area of a triangle.</li><li>4 Use a calculator to find the area.</li><li>5 Round your answer to 3 significant figures and write the units in your answer.</li></ol>
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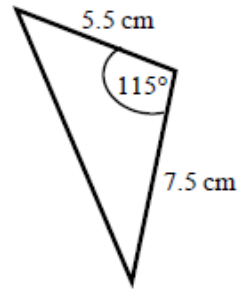
## Practice

- 12 Work out the area of each triangle.  
Give your answers correct to 3 significant figures.

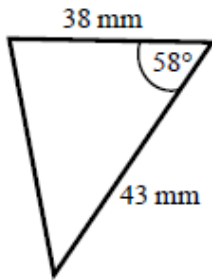
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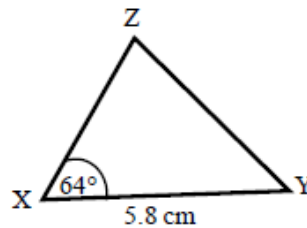
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- 13 The area of triangle XYZ is  $13.3 \text{ cm}^2$ .  
Work out the length of XZ.

**Hint:**

Rearrange the formula to make a side the subject.



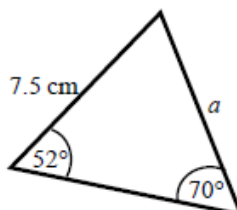
**Hint:**

For each one, decide whether to use the cosine or sine rule.

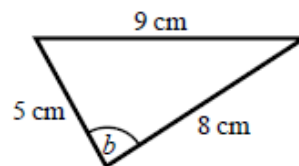
## Extend

- 14 Find the size of each lettered angle or side.  
Give your answers correct to 3 significant figures.

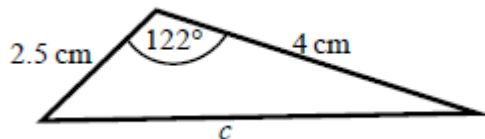
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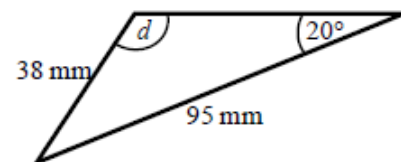
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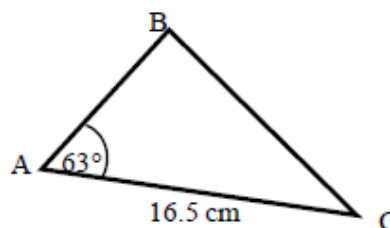
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- 15 The area of triangle ABC is  $86.7 \text{ cm}^2$ .  
Work out the length of BC.  
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.



## Answers

- 1**   **a**   6.49 cm                      **b**   6.93 cm                      **c**   2.80 cm  
      **d**   74.3 mm                      **e**   7.39 cm                      **f**   6.07 cm
- 2**   **a**   36.9°                      **b**   57.1°                      **c**   47.0°                      **d**   38.7°
- 3**   5.71 cm
- 4**   20.4°
- 5**   **a**   45°                      **b**   1 cm                      **c**   30°                      **d**    $\sqrt{3}$  cm
- 6**   **a**   6.46 cm                      **b**   9.26 cm                      **c**   70.8 mm                      **d**   9.70 cm
- 7**   **a**   22.2°                      **b**   52.9°                      **c**   122.9°                      **d**   93.6°
- 8**   **a**   13.7 cm                      **b**   76.0°
- 9**   **a**   4.33 cm                      **b**   15.0 cm                      **c**   45.2 mm                      **d**   6.39 cm
- 10** **a**   42.8°                      **b**   52.8°                      **c**   53.6°                      **d**   28.2°
- 11** **a**   8.13 cm                      **b**   32.3°
- 12** **a**   18.1 cm<sup>2</sup>                      **b**   18.7 cm<sup>2</sup>                      **c**   693 mm<sup>2</sup>
- 13** 5.10 cm
- 14** **a**   6.29 cm                      **b**   84.3°                      **c**   5.73 cm                      **d**   58.8°
- 15** 15.3 cm

# 21. Rearranging equations

## A LEVEL LINKS

**Scheme of work:** 6a. Definition, differentiating polynomials, second derivatives

**Textbook:** Pure Year 1, 12.1 Gradients of curves

## 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  $v = u + at$ .

$v = u + at$ $v - u = at$ $t = \frac{v - u}{a}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Get the terms containing <math>t</math> on one side and everything else on the other side.</li><li>2 Divide throughout by <math>a</math>.</li></ol>
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**Example 2** Make  $t$  the subject of the formula  $r = 2t - \pi t$ .

$r = 2t - \pi t$ $r = t(2 - \pi)$ $t = \frac{r}{2 - \pi}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 All the terms containing <math>t</math> are already on one side and everything else is on the other side.</li><li>2 Factorise as <math>t</math> is a common factor.</li><li>3 Divide throughout by <math>2 - \pi</math>.</li></ol>
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**Example 3** Make  $t$  the subject of the formula  $\frac{t + r}{5} = \frac{3t}{2}$ .

$\frac{t + r}{5} = \frac{3t}{2}$ $2t + 2r = 15t$ $2r = 13t$ $t = \frac{2r}{13}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Remove the fractions first by multiplying throughout by 10.</li><li>2 Get the terms containing <math>t</math> on one side and everything else on the other side and simplify.</li><li>3 Divide throughout by 13.</li></ol>
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**Example 4** Make  $t$  the subject of the formula  $r = \frac{3t+5}{t-1}$ .

$r = \frac{3t+5}{t-1}$ $r(t-1) = 3t+5$ $rt - r = 3t+5$ $rt - 3t = 5+r$ $t(r-3) = 5+r$ $t = \frac{5+r}{r-3}$	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1</b> Remove the fraction first by multiplying throughout by <math>t-1</math>.</li> <li><b>2</b> Expand the brackets.</li> <li><b>3</b> Get the terms containing <math>t</math> on one side and everything else on the other side.</li> <li><b>4</b> Factorise the LHS as <math>t</math> is a common factor.</li> <li><b>5</b> Divide throughout by <math>r-3</math>.</li> </ol>
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## Practice

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

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|--|--|--|
| <b>1</b> $C = \pi d$ [ $d$ ]                       | <b>2</b> $P = 2l + 2w$ [ $w$ ]           | <b>3</b> $D = \frac{S}{T}$ [ $T$ ]       |
| <b>4</b> $p = \frac{q-r}{t}$ [ $t$ ]               | <b>5</b> $u = at - \frac{1}{2}t$ [ $t$ ] | <b>6</b> $V = ax + 4x$ [ $x$ ]           |
| <b>7</b> $\frac{y-7x}{2} = \frac{7-2y}{3}$ [ $y$ ] | <b>8</b> $x = \frac{2a-1}{3-a}$ [ $a$ ]  | <b>9</b> $x = \frac{b-c}{d}$ [ $d$ ]     |
| <b>10</b> $h = \frac{7g-9}{2+g}$ [ $g$ ]           | <b>11</b> $e(9+x) = 2e+1$ [ $e$ ]        | <b>12</b> $y = \frac{2x+3}{4-x}$ [ $x$ ] |

**13** Make  $r$  the subject of the following formulae.

- |                        |                                   |                           |                                     |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>a</b> $A = \pi r^2$ | <b>b</b> $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ | <b>c</b> $P = \pi r + 2r$ | <b>d</b> $V = \frac{2}{3}\pi r^2 h$ |
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**14** Make  $x$  the subject of the following formulae.

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| <b>a</b> $\frac{xy}{z} = \frac{ab}{cd}$ | <b>b</b> $\frac{4\pi cx}{d} = \frac{3z}{py^2}$ |
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**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.

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|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>a</b> $\frac{p}{q}(sx+t) = x-1$ | <b>b</b> $\frac{p}{q}(ax+2y) = \frac{3p}{q^2}(x-y)$ |
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## Answers

$$1 \quad d = \frac{C}{\pi}$$

$$2 \quad w = \frac{P-2l}{2}$$

$$3 \quad T = \frac{S}{D}$$

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

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

$$6 \quad x = \frac{V}{a+4}$$

$$7 \quad y = 2 + 3x$$

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

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

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

$$11 \quad e = \frac{1}{x+7}$$

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

$$13 \quad \mathbf{a} \quad r = \sqrt{\frac{A}{\pi}}$$

$$\mathbf{b} \quad r = \sqrt[3]{\frac{3V}{4\pi}}$$

$$\mathbf{c} \quad r = \frac{P}{\pi+2}$$

$$\mathbf{d} \quad r = \sqrt{\frac{3V}{2\pi h}}$$

$$14 \quad \mathbf{a} \quad x = \frac{abz}{cdy}$$

$$\mathbf{b} \quad x = \frac{3dz}{4\pi cpy^2}$$

$$15 \quad \sin B = \frac{b \sin A}{a}$$

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

$$17 \quad \mathbf{a} \quad x = \frac{q+pt}{q-ps}$$

$$\mathbf{b} \quad x = \frac{3py+2pqy}{3p-apq} = \frac{y(3+2q)}{3-aq}$$

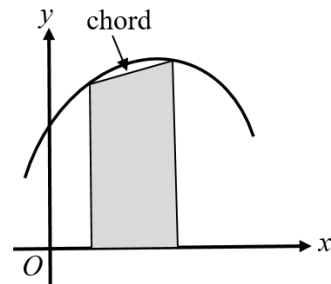
# 22. Area under a graph

## A LEVEL LINKS

Scheme of work: 7b. Definite integrals and areas under curves

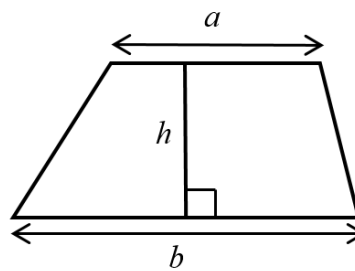
### Key points

- To estimate the area under a curve, draw a chord between the two points you are finding the area between and straight lines down to the x-axis to create a trapezium. The area of the trapezium is an approximation for the area under a curve.



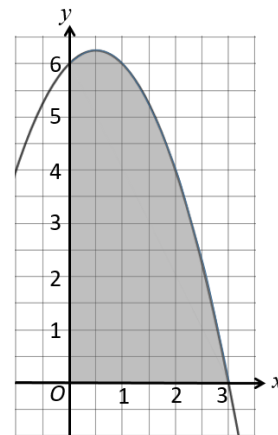
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- The area of a trapezium =  $\frac{1}{2}h(a+b)$



### Examples

- Example 1** Estimate the area of the region between the curve  $y = (3 - x)(2 + x)$  and the x-axis from  $x = 0$  to  $x = 3$ . Use three strips of width 1 unit.



$x$	0	1	2	3
$y = (3 - x)(2 + x)$	6	6	4	0

Trapezium 1:

$$a_1 = 6 - 0 = 6, \quad b_1 = 6 - 0 = 6$$

Trapezium 2:

$$a_2 = 6 - 0 = 6, \quad b_2 = 4 - 0 = 4$$

Trapezium 3:

$$a_3 = 4 - 0 = 4, \quad b_3 = 0 - 0 = 0$$

- Use a table to record the value of  $y$  on the curve for each value of  $x$ .
- Work out the dimensions of each trapezium. The distances between the  $y$ -values on the curve and the  $x$ -axis give the values for  $a$ .

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$$\frac{1}{2}h(a_1 + b_1) = \frac{1}{2} \times 1(6 + 6) = 6$$

$$\frac{1}{2}h(a_2 + b_2) = \frac{1}{2} \times 1(6 + 4) = 5$$

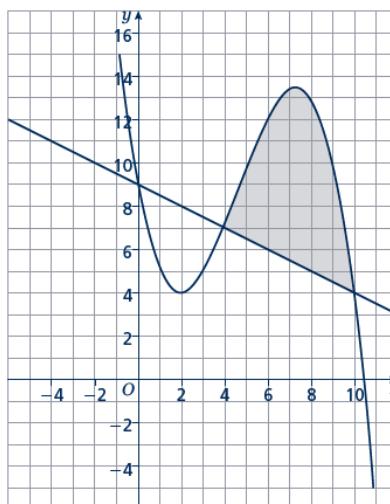
$$\frac{1}{2}h(a_3 + b_3) = \frac{1}{2} \times 1(4 + 0) = 2$$

$$\text{Area} = 6 + 5 + 2 = 13 \text{ units}^2$$

3 Work out the area of each trapezium.  $h = 1$  since the width of each trapezium is 1 unit.

4 Work out the total area. Remember to give units with your answer.

**Example 2** Estimate the shaded area.  
Use three strips of width 2 units.



$x$	4	6	8	10
$y$	7	12	13	4

$x$	4	6	8	10
$y$	7	6	5	4

Trapezium 1:

$$a_1 = 7 - 7 = 0, \quad b_1 = 12 - 6 = 6$$

Trapezium 2:

$$a_2 = 12 - 6 = 6, \quad b_2 = 13 - 5 = 8$$

Trapezium 3:

$$a_3 = 13 - 5 = 8, \quad b_3 = 4 - 4 = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2}h(a_1 + b_1) = \frac{1}{2} \times 2(0 + 6) = 6$$

$$\frac{1}{2}h(a_2 + b_2) = \frac{1}{2} \times 2(6 + 8) = 14$$

$$\frac{1}{2}h(a_3 + b_3) = \frac{1}{2} \times 2(8 + 0) = 8$$

$$\text{Area} = 6 + 14 + 8 = 28 \text{ units}^2$$

1 Use a table to record  $y$  on the curve for each value of  $x$ .

2 Use a table to record  $y$  on the straight line for each value of  $x$ .

3 Work out the dimensions of each trapezium. The distances between the  $y$ -values on the curve and the  $y$ -values on the straight line give the values for  $a$ .

4 Work out the area of each trapezium.  $h = 2$  since the width of each trapezium is 2 units.

5 Work out the total area. Remember to give units with your answer.

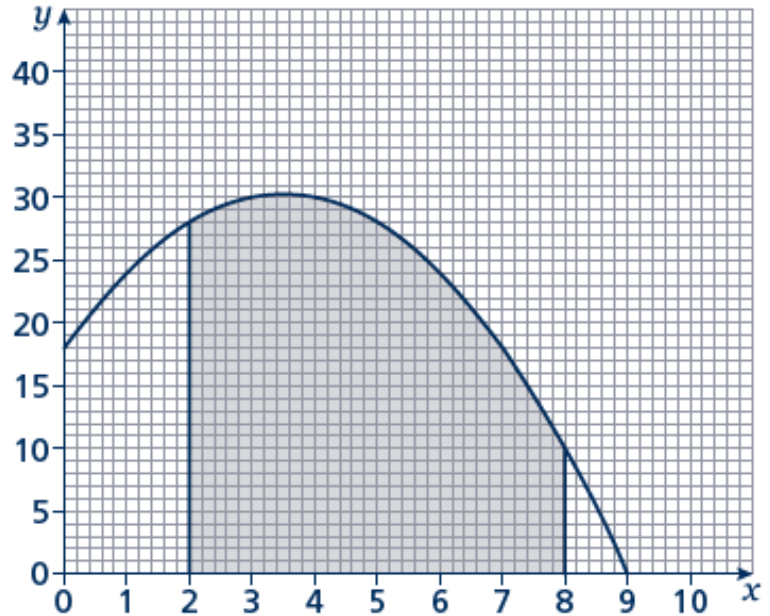
## Practice

**Hint:**

For a full answer, remember to include 'units<sup>2</sup>'.

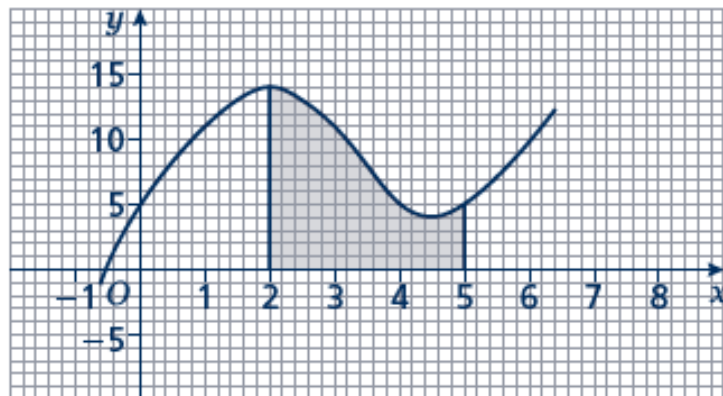
- 1 Estimate the area of the region between the curve  $y = (5 - x)(x + 2)$  and the  $x$ -axis from  $x = 1$  to  $x = 5$ .  
Use four strips of width 1 unit.

- 2 Estimate the shaded area shown on the axes.  
Use six strips of width 1 unit.



- 3 Estimate the area of the region between the curve  $y = x^2 - 8x + 18$  and the  $x$ -axis from  $x = 2$  to  $x = 6$ .  
Use four strips of width 1 unit.

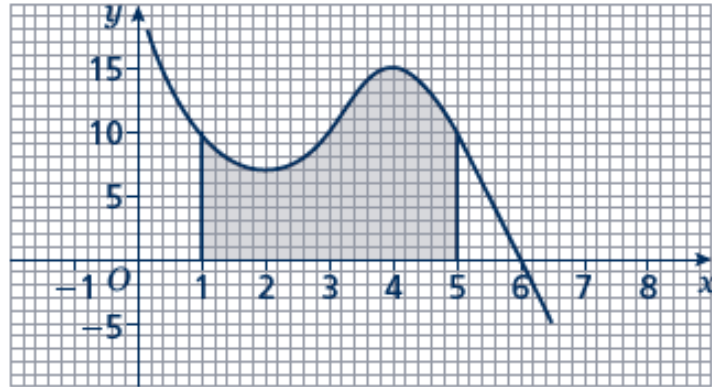
- 4 Estimate the shaded area.  
Use six strips of width  $\frac{1}{2}$  unit.





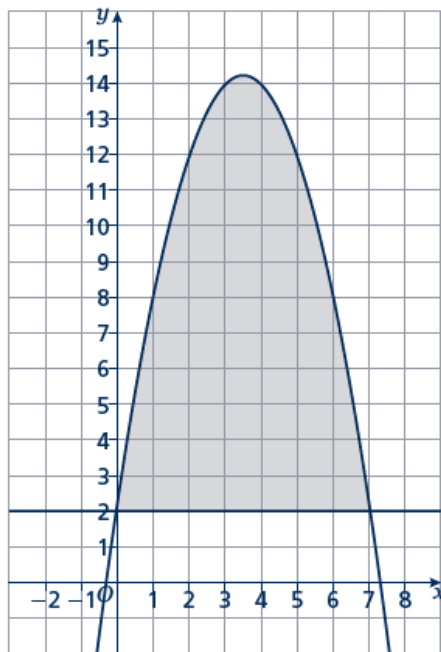
- 5 Estimate the area of the region between the curve  $y = -x^2 - 4x + 5$  and the  $x$ -axis from  $x = -5$  to  $x = 1$ .  
Use six strips of width 1 unit.

- 6 Estimate the shaded area.  
Use four strips of equal width.



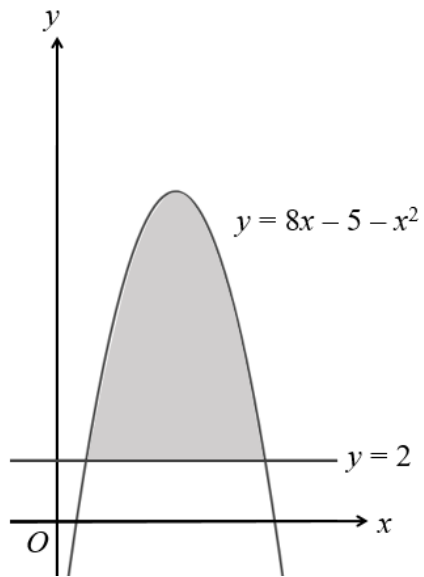
- 7 Estimate the area of the region between the curve  $y = -x^2 + 2x + 15$  and the  $x$ -axis from  $x = 2$  to  $x = 5$ .  
Use six strips of equal width.

- 8 Estimate the shaded area.  
Use seven strips of equal width.

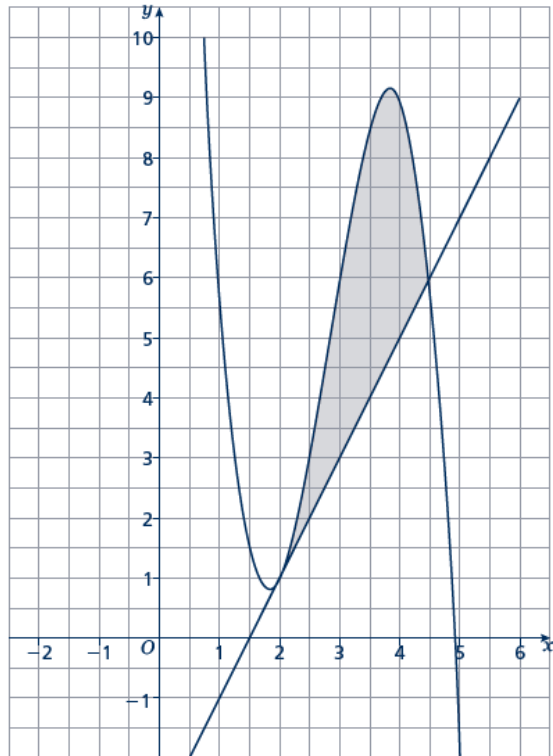


## Extend

- 9 The curve  $y = 8x - 5 - x^2$  and the line  $y = 2$  are shown in the sketch. Estimate the shaded area using six strips of equal width.



- 10 Estimate the shaded area using five strips of equal width.



## Answers

**1** 34 units<sup>2</sup>

**2** 149 units<sup>2</sup>

**3** 14 units<sup>2</sup>

**4**  $25\frac{1}{4}$  units<sup>2</sup>

**5** 35 units<sup>2</sup>

**6** 42 units<sup>2</sup>

**7**  $26\frac{7}{8}$  units<sup>2</sup>

**8** 56 units<sup>2</sup>

**9** 35 units<sup>2</sup>

**10**  $6\frac{1}{4}$  units<sup>2</sup>