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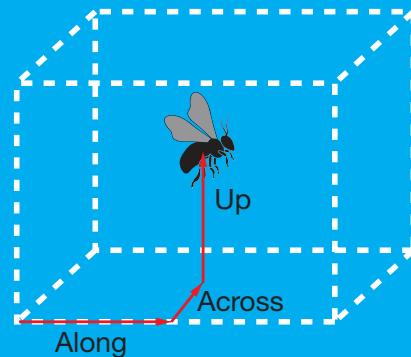
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# GRAPHS 7

Every time you plot a graph you are using the Cartesian coordinate system named after René Descartes (1596–1650). The idea for the co-ordinate system came to him when he was ill. Lying in bed watching a fly buzzing around, he realised that he could describe the fly's position using three numbers: how far along one wall, how far across the adjacent wall and how far up from the floor. For a graph on a sheet of paper, only two numbers are needed.



## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Use graphs to solve quadratic equations
- Use graphs to solve cubic equations
- Use a graphical method to solve simultaneous equations with one linear equation and one non-linear equation

## BASIC PRINCIPLES

- Plot graphs of linear, **quadratic**, **cubic** and **reciprocal** functions using a table of values.
- Use graphs to solve **quadratic equations** of the form  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$
- Solve a pair of **linear simultaneous equations** graphically (recognising that the solution is the point of intersection).

## USING GRAPHS TO SOLVE QUADRATIC EQUATIONS

An accurately drawn graph can be used to solve equations that may be difficult to solve by other methods.

The graph of  $y = x^2$  is easy to draw and can be used to solve many quadratic equations.

### EXAMPLE 1

Here is the graph of  $y = x^2$ . By drawing a suitable straight line on the graph, solve the equation  $x^2 - x - 3 = 0$ , giving answers **correct to 1 d.p.**

### SKILLS

### PROBLEM SOLVING

Rearrange the equation so that one side is  $x^2$ .

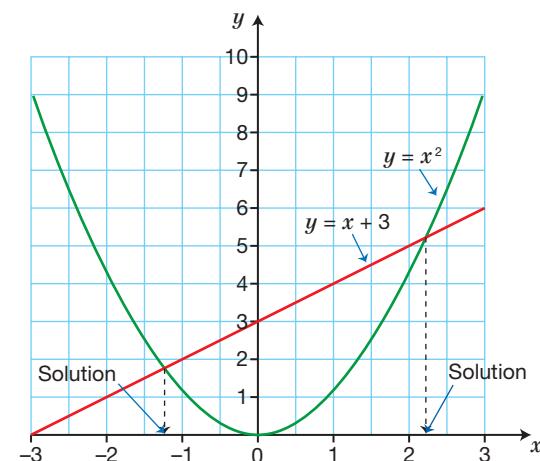
$$x^2 - x - 3 = 0$$

$$x^2 = x + 3$$

Draw the line  $y = x + 3$ .

Find where  $y = x^2$  **intersects**  $y = x + 3$ .

The graph shows the solutions are  $x = -1.3$  or  $x = 2.3$ .



## EXAMPLE 2

## SKILLS

## PROBLEM SOLVING

Here is the graph of  $y = x^2$ . By drawing a suitable straight line on the graph, solve the equation  $2x^2 + x - 8 = 0$ , giving answers correct to 1 d.p.

Rearrange the equation so that one side is  $x^2$ .

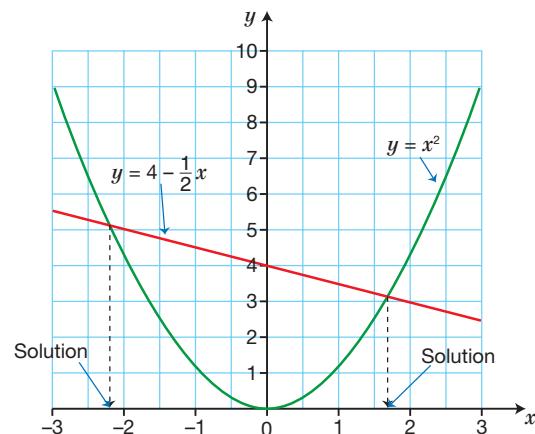
$$2x^2 + x - 8 = 0$$

$$x^2 = 4 - \frac{1}{2}x$$

Draw the line  $y = 4 - \frac{1}{2}x$ .

Find where  $y = x^2$  intersects  $y = 4 - \frac{1}{2}x$ .

The graph shows the solutions are  $x = -2.3$  or  $x = 1.8$ .



## KEY POINTS

- The graph of  $y = x^2$  can be used to solve quadratic equations of the form  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ .
- Rearrange the equation so that  $x^2 = f(x)$ , where  $f(x)$  is a linear **function**.
- Draw  $y = f(x)$  and find the  $x$  co-ordinates of the intersection points of the curve  $y = x^2$  and the line  $y = f(x)$ .

## EXERCISE 1



Draw an accurate graph of  $y = x^2$  for  $-4 \leq x \leq 4$ . Use your graph to solve these equations.

1 ▶  $x^2 - 5 = 0$

3 ▶  $x^2 + 2x - 7 = 0$

5 ▶  $2x^2 - x - 20 = 0$

2 ▶  $x^2 - x - 2 = 0$

4 ▶  $x^2 - 4x + 2 = 0$

6 ▶  $3x^2 + x - 1 = 0$

## EXERCISE 1\*



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3 ▶  $x^2 - 4x + 4 = 0$

5 ▶  $3x^2 - x - 27 = 0$

2 ▶  $x^2 + 3x + 1 = 0$

4 ▶  $2x^2 + x - 12 = 0$

6 ▶  $4x^2 + 3x - 6 = 0$

## EXAMPLE 3

## SKILLS

## PROBLEM SOLVING

Here is the graph of  $y = x^2 - 5x + 5$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 5$ .

By drawing suitable straight lines on the graph, solve these equations, giving answers to 1 d.p.

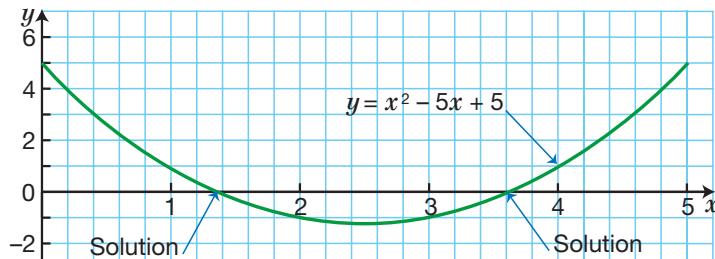
a 0 =  $x^2 - 5x + 5$

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

c 0 =  $x^2 - 4x + 4$

- a Find where  $y = x^2 - 5x + 5$  intersects  $y = 0$  (the  $x$ -axis).

The graph shows the solutions are  $x = 1.4$  and  $x = 3.6$  to 1 d.p.



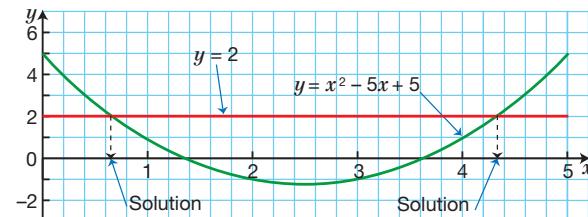
- b** Rearrange the equation so that one side is  
 $x^2 - 5x + 5$

$$0 = x^2 - 5x + 3 \quad (\text{Add 2 to both sides})$$

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

Find where  $y = x^2 - 5x + 5$  intersects  $y = 2$

The graph shows the solutions are  
 $x = 0.7$  and  $x = 4.3$  to 1 d.p.



- c** Rearrange the equation so that one side is  
 $x^2 - 5x + 5$

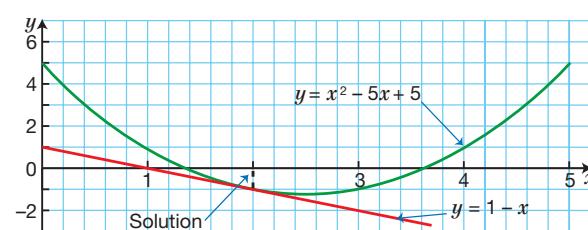
$$0 = x^2 - 4x + 4 \quad (\text{Add 1 to both sides})$$

$$1 = x^2 - 4x + 5 \quad (\text{Subtract } x \text{ from both sides})$$

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

Find where  $y = x^2 - 5x + 5$  intersects  $y = 1 - x$ .

The graph shows the solution is  $x = 2$  to 1.d.p.



**Note:** If the line does not cut the graph, there will be no real solutions.

**KEY POINT**

- The graph of one quadratic equation can be used to solve other quadratic equations with suitable rearrangement.

**EXERCISE 2**

- 1** Draw the graph of  $y = x^2 - 3x$  for  $-1 \leq x \leq 5$ .

Use your graph to solve these equations.



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

**c**  $x^2 - 3x = -1$

**e**  $x^2 - 3x - 3 = 0$

**b**  $x^2 - 3x = 2$

**d**  $x^2 - 3x = x + 1$

**f**  $x^2 - 5x + 1 = 0$

- 2** Draw the graph of  $y = x^2 - 4x + 3$  for  $-1 \leq x \leq 5$ .

Use your graph to solve these equations.

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

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

**b**  $x^2 - 4x - 2 = 0$

**d**  $x^2 - 3x - 2 = 0$

- 3** Find the equations solved by the intersection of these pairs of graphs.

**a**  $y = 2x^2 - x + 2, y = 3 - 3x$

**b**  $y = 4 - 3x - x^2, y = 2x - 1$

- 4** Using a graph of  $y = 3x^2 + 4x - 2$ , find the equations of the lines that should be drawn to solve these equations.

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

**b**  $3x^2 + 3x - 2 = 0$

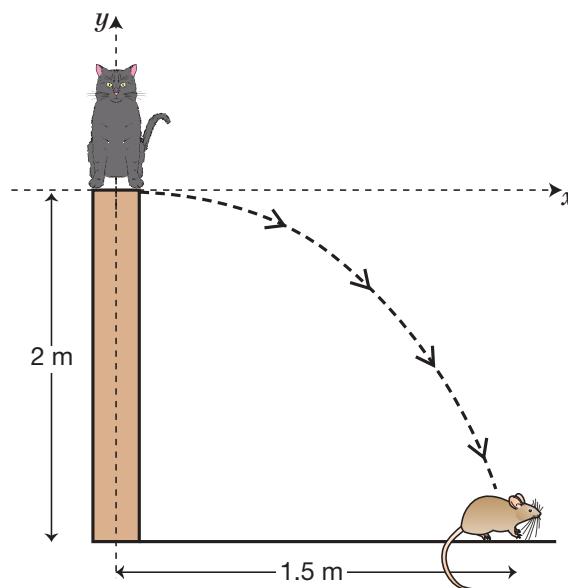
**c**  $3x^2 + 7x + 1 = 0$

- 5 ►** Romeo is throwing a rose up to Juliet's balcony. The balcony is 2 m away from him and 3.5 m above him. The equation of the path of the rose is  $y = 4x - x^2$ , where the origin is at Romeo's feet.

- a** Find by a graphical method where the rose lands.  
**b** The balcony has a 1 m high wall. Does the rose pass over the wall?



- 6 ►** A cat is sitting on a 2 m high fence when it sees a mouse 1.5 m away from the foot of the fence. The cat leaps along the path  $y = -0.6x - x^2$ , where the origin is where the cat was sitting and  $x$  is measured in metres. Find, by a graphical method, whether the cat lands on the mouse.


**EXERCISE 2\***


- 1 ►** Draw the graph of  $y = 5x - x^2$  for  $-1 \leq x \leq 6$ .

Use your graph to solve these equations.

**a**  $5x - x^2 = 0$       **b**  $5x - x^2 = 3$       **c**  $5x - x^2 = x + 1$       **d**  $x^2 - 6x + 4 = 0$

- 2 ►** Draw the graph of  $y = 2x^2 + 3x - 1$  for  $-3 \leq x \leq 2$ .

Use your graph to solve these equations.

**a**  $2x^2 + 3x - 1 = 0$       **b**  $2x^2 + 3x - 4 = 0$       **c**  $2x^2 + 5x + 1 = 0$

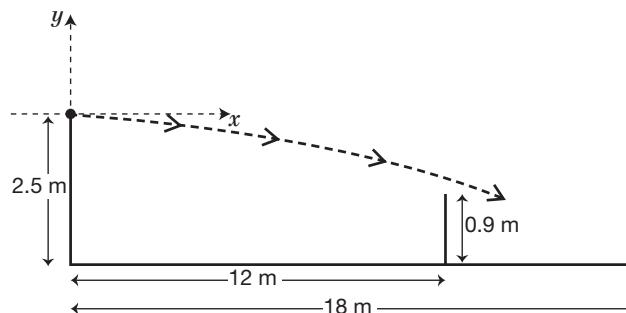
- 3 ►** Find the equations solved by the intersection of these pairs of graphs.

**a**  $y = 6x^2 - 4x + 3$ ,  $y = 3x + 5$       **b**  $y = 7 + 2x - 5x^2$ ,  $y = 3 - 5x$

- 4 ►** Using a graph of  $y = 5x^2 - 9x - 6$ , find the equations of the lines that should be drawn to solve these equations.

**a**  $5x^2 - 10x - 8 = 0$       **b**  $5x^2 - 7x - 5 = 0$

- 5 ► Jason is serving in tennis. He hits the ball from a height of 2.5 m and the path of the ball is given by  $y = -0.05x - 0.005x^2$ , where the origin is the point where he hits the ball.



- a The net is 0.9 m high and is 12 m away. Does the ball pass over the net?  
 b For the serve to be allowed it must land between the net and the service line, which is 18 m away. Is the serve allowed?

- 6 ► A food parcel is dropped by a low-flying aeroplane flying over sloping ground. The path of the food parcel is given by  $y = 40 - 0.005x^2$  and the slope of the ground is given by  $y = 0.2x$ . Use a graphical method to find the co-ordinates of the point where the food parcel will land. (Use  $0 \leq x \leq 100$ )



## USING GRAPHS TO SOLVE OTHER EQUATIONS

### EXAMPLE 4

### SKILLS

### PROBLEM SOLVING

Here is the graph of  $y = x^3$ .

By drawing suitable straight lines on the graph, solve these equations, giving the answers to 1 d.p.

a  $x^3 + 2x - 4 = 0$       b  $x^3 - 3x + 1 = 0$

- a Rearrange the equation so that one side is  $x^3$ .

$$x^3 + 2x - 4 = 0 \quad (\text{Add 4 to both sides})$$

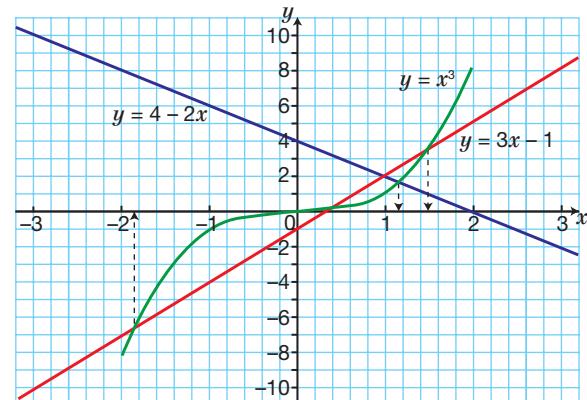
$$x^3 + 2x = 4 \quad (\text{Subtract } 2x \text{ from both sides})$$

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

Find where  $y = x^3$  and  $y = 4 - 2x$  intersect.

The graph shows that there is only one solution.

The graph shows the solution is  $x = 1.2$  to 1 d.p.



- b Rearrange the equation so that one side is  $x^3$ .

$$x^3 - 3x + 1 = 0 \quad (\text{Subtract 1 from both sides})$$

$$x^3 - 3x = -1 \quad (\text{Add } 3x \text{ to both sides})$$

$$x^3 = 3x - 1$$

Find where  $y = x^3$  and  $y = 3x - 1$  intersect.

The graph shows that there are three solutions.

The graph shows the solutions are

$$x = -1.9, x = 0.4 \text{ or } x = 1.5 \text{ to 1 d.p.}$$

## EXERCISE 3



- 1 ►** **a** Draw the graph of  $y = x^3$  for  $-3 \leq x \leq 3$ .  
**b** Use your graph to solve these equations.  
**i**  $x^3 - 3x = 0$       **ii**  $x^3 - 3x - 1 = 0$       **iii**  $x^3 - 2x + 1 = 0$
- 2 ►** **a** Copy and complete this table of values for  $y = x^3 - 5x + 1$ , giving values to 1 d.p.
- | $x$ | -3 | -2.5 | -2 | -1.5 | -1 | -0.5 | 0 | 0.5  | 1 | 1.5  | 2 | 2.5 | 3 |
|-----|----|------|----|------|----|------|---|------|---|------|---|-----|---|
| $y$ |    | -2.1 |    | 5.1  |    | 3.4  |   | -1.4 |   | -3.1 |   | 4.1 |   |
- b** Draw the graph of  $y = x^3 - 5x + 1$  for  $-3 \leq x \leq 3$ .  
**c** Use your graph to solve these equations.  
**i**  $x^3 - 5x + 1 = 0$       **ii**  $x^3 - 5x - 2 = 0$       **iii**  $x^3 - 7x - 1 = 0$
- 3 ►** **a** Copy and complete this table of values for  $y = \frac{6}{x}$ .
- | $x$ | -3 | -2.5 | -2 | -1.5 | -1 | -0.5 | 0.5 | 1 | 1.5 | 2 | 2.5 | 3 |
|-----|----|------|----|------|----|------|-----|---|-----|---|-----|---|
| $y$ |    | -2.4 |    | -4   |    | -12  |     | 6 |     |   |     | 2 |
- b** Draw the graph of  $y = \frac{6}{x}$  for  $-3 \leq x \leq 3$  where  $x \neq 0$ .  
**c** Use your graph to solve these equations.  
**i**  $\frac{6}{x} - 5 = 0$       **ii**  $\frac{6}{x} - 2x - 1 = 0$
- 4 ►** The graph of  $y = x^3 + 3x - 4$  has been drawn. What lines should be drawn on this graph to solve the following equations?  
**a**  $x^3 + 3x + 1 = 0$       **b**  $x^3 + x - 4 = 0$       **c**  $x^3 - 3x + 4 = 0$
- 5 ►** The graph of  $y = \frac{4}{x} + x^2$  has been drawn. What lines should be drawn on this graph to solve the following equations?  
**a**  $\frac{4}{x} + x^2 - 6 = 0$       **b**  $\frac{4}{x} + x^2 + 2x - 7 = 0$       **c**  $\frac{4}{x} + x + 1 = 0$

## EXERCISE 3\*



- 1 ►** **a** Draw the graph of  $y = 3x^2 - x^3 - 1$  for  $-2 \leq x \leq 3$ .  
**b** Use your graph to solve these equations.  
**i**  $3x^2 - x^3 - 1 = 0$       **ii**  $3x^2 - x^3 - 4 = 0$       **iii**  $3x^2 - x^3 - 4 + x = 0$
- 2 ►** **a** Draw the graph of  $y = x^4 - 4x^2 + 2$  for  $-3 \leq x \leq 3$ .  
**b** Use your graph to solve these equations.  
**i**  $x^4 - 4x^2 + 1 = 0$       **ii**  $x^4 - 4x^2 - 2x + 3 = 0$       **iii**  $2x^4 - 8x^2 + x + 2 = 0$
- 3 ►** Draw the graph of  $y = \frac{12}{x^2}$  for  $-5 \leq x \leq 5$  where  $x \neq 0$ .  
**a** Use your graph to solve these equations.  
**i**  $\frac{12}{x^2} - x - 2 = 0$       **ii**  $\frac{12}{x^2} + x - 5 = 0$       **iii**  $12 - x^3 + x^2 = 0$
- 4 ►** The graph of  $y = 3x^3 + 6x^2 - 5x + 3$  has been drawn. What lines should be drawn on this graph to solve the following equations?  
**a**  $3x^3 + 6x^2 - 1 = 0$       **b**  $3x^3 + 6x^2 - 2x + 5 = 0$       **c**  $x^3 + 2x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$

- 5 ► The graph of  $y = x^2 + \frac{16}{x}$  has been drawn. What lines should be drawn on this graph to solve the following equations?  
 a  $x^3 - x^2 + 16 = 0$       b  $x^3 - 3x^2 - 8x + 16 = 0$

### USING GRAPHS TO SOLVE NON-LINEAR SIMULTANEOUS EQUATIONS

You can use a graphical method to solve a pair of **simultaneous equations** where one equation is linear and the other is non-linear.

#### ACTIVITY 1

SKILLS  
MODELLING

Mary is watering her garden with a hose. Her little brother, Peter, is annoying her so she tries to spray him with water.

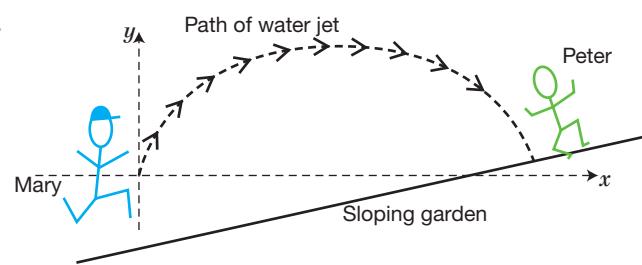
The path of the water jet is given by  
 $y = 2x - \frac{1}{4}x^2$

The slope of the garden is given by  
 $y = \frac{1}{4}x - 1$

Peter is standing at (8, 1).

The origin is the point where the water leaves the hose, and units are in metres.

Copy and complete these tables.



$x$	0	2	4	6	8	10
$2x$				8		
$-\frac{1}{4}x^2$					-9	
$y = 2x - \frac{1}{4}x^2$		3				

$x$	0	4	8
$\frac{1}{4}x$			2
$y = \frac{1}{4}x - 1$	-1		

On one set of axes, draw the two graphs representing the path of the water and the slope of the garden.

Does the water hit Peter? Give a reason for your answer.

Mary changes the angle of the hose so that the path of the water is given by  $y = x - 0.1x^2$ .

Draw in the new path. Does the water hit Peter this time?

In Activity 1, the simultaneous equations  $y = 2x - \frac{1}{4}x^2$  and  $y = \frac{1}{4}x - 1$  were solved graphically by drawing both graphs on the same axes and finding the  $x$  co-ordinates of the points of intersection.

Some non-linear simultaneous equations can be solved algebraically and this is the preferred method as it gives accurate solutions. When this is impossible then graphical methods must be used.

## EXAMPLE 5

## SKILLS

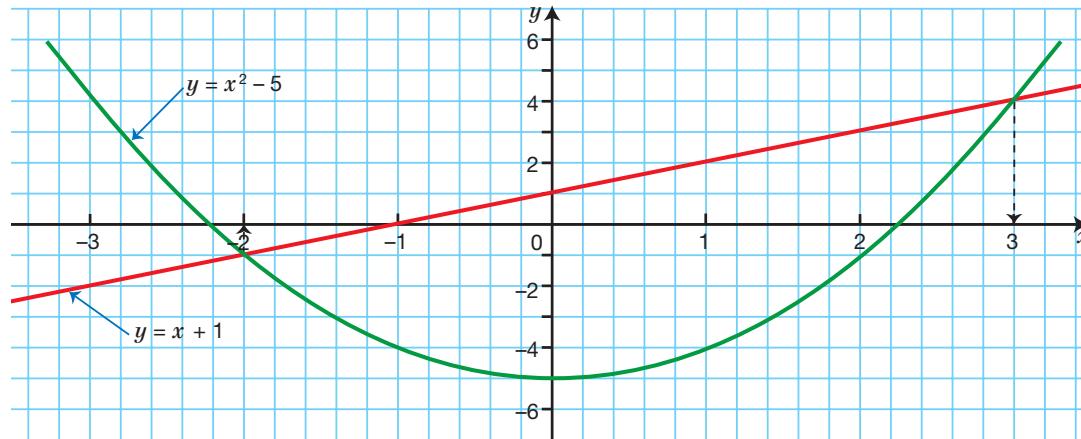
PROBLEM  
SOLVING

Solve the simultaneous equations  $y = x^2 - 5$  and  $y = x + 1$  graphically.

Construct a tables of values and draw both graphs on one set of axes.

$x$	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
$x^2 - 5$	4	-1	-4	-5	-4	-1	4

$x$	-3	0	3
$x + 1$	-2	1	4



The co-ordinates of the intersection points are  $(-2, -1)$  and  $(3, 4)$  so the solutions are  $x = -2, y = -1$  or  $x = 3, y = 4$ .

## KEY POINT

- To solve simultaneous equations graphically, draw both graphs on one set of axes. The co-ordinates of the intersection points are the solutions of the simultaneous equations.

## EXERCISE 4



Solve the simultaneous equations graphically, drawing graphs from  $-4 \leq x \leq 4$ .

- 1 ►  $y = 4 - x^2, y = 1 + 2x$
- 2 ►  $y = x^2 + 2x - 1, 1 + 3x - y = 0$
- 3 ►  $y = x^2 - 4x + 6, y + 2 = 2x$
- 4 ►  $x^2 + y = 4, y = 1 - \frac{x}{4}$
- 5 ►  $y = \frac{4}{x}, y + 1 = x$
- 6 ►  $y = x^3 + 2x^2, y - 1 = \frac{1}{2}x$

## EXERCISE 4\*



Solve the simultaneous equations graphically.

- 1 ►  $y = x^2 - x - 5, y = 1 - 2x$
- 2 ►  $y = 2x^2 - 2x - 4, y = 6 - x$
- 3 ►  $y = 10x^2 + 3x - 4, y = 2x - 2$
- 4 ►  $(x + 1)^2 + y = 6, y = x + 3$
- 5 ►  $y = x^3 - 4x^2 + 5, y = 3 - 2x$
- 6 ►  $y = \frac{10}{x} + 4, y = 5x + 2$

## EXERCISE 5



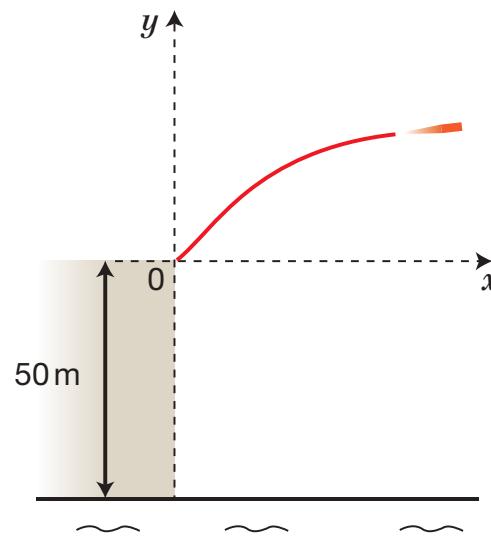
## REVISION

- 1 ► An emergency rocket is launched out to sea from the top of a 50 m high cliff.

Taking the origin at the top of the cliff, the path of the rocket is given by

$$y = x - 0.01x^2$$

Use a graphical method to find where the rocket lands in the sea.



- 2 ► Draw the graph of  $y = x^2 - 2x - 1$  for  $-2 \leq x \leq 4$ . Use the graph to solve these equations.

- a  $x^2 - 2x - 1 = 0$
- b  $x^2 - 2x - 4 = 0$
- c  $x^2 - x - 3 = 0$

- 3 ►** The graph of  $y = 3x^2 - x + 1$  has been drawn. What lines should be drawn to solve the following equations?
- $3x^2 - x - 2 = 0$
  - $3x^2 + x - 4 = 0$
- 4 ►**
- Find the equation that is solved by finding the intersection of the graph of  $y = 2x^2 - x + 2$  with the graph of  $y = 2x + 3$ .
  - Find the equation of the line that should be drawn on the graph of  $y = 2x^2 - x + 2$  to solve the equation  $2x^2 - 4x = 0$ .
- 5 ►** The graph of  $y = 2x^3 + 3x - 5$  has been drawn. What lines should be drawn on this graph to solve the following equations?
- $2x^3 + 3x - 9 = 0$
  - $2x^3 - 2x - 5 = 0$
  - $2x^3 + 6x - 7 = 0$
- 6 ►** Solve the simultaneous equations  $y = 1 + 3x - x^2$  and  $y = 3 - x$  graphically. Plot your graphs for  $-1 \leq x \leq 4$  and give your answers to 1 d.p.

**EXERCISE 5\***

**REVISION**

- 1 ►** Draw the graph of  $y = 5 + 3x - 2x^2$  for  $-2 \leq x \leq 4$ . Use the graph to solve these equations.
- $2 + 3x - 2x^2 = 0$
  - $7 + x - 2x^2 = 0$
  - $2 + 2x - x^2 = 0$
- 2 ►** The graph of  $y = 4x^2 + 2x - 4$  has been drawn. What lines should be drawn to solve the following equations?
- $4x^2 - x - 3 = 0$
  - $2x^2 + 3x - 5 = 0$
- 3 ►** The graph of  $y = 6x^3 - 3x^2 + 12x - 18$  has been drawn. What lines should be drawn to solve the following equations?
- $6x^3 - 3x^2 - 18 = 0$
  - $6x^3 - 3x^2 + 16x - 38 = 0$
  - $2x^3 - x^2 + x - 1 = 0$
- 4 ►**
- Find the equation that is solved by the intersection of the graph of  $y = 2x^3 - 6x^2 - 5x + 7$  with the graph of  $y = 2 + 3x - 5x^2$ .
  - Find the equation of the line that should be drawn on the graph of  $y = 2x^3 - 6x^2 - 5x + 7$  to solve the equation  $2x^3 - 5x + 5 = 0$ .
- 5 ►** Solve the simultaneous equations  $y = x^3$  and  $y = 4 - 4x^2$  graphically.
- 6 ►** The area of a rectangle is  $30\text{cm}^2$  and the **perimeter** is  $24\text{ cm}$ . If  $x$  is the length of the rectangle and  $y$  is the width, form two equations for  $x$  and  $y$  and solve them graphically to find the dimensions of the rectangle.

# EXAM PRACTICE: GRAPHS 7

- 1** **a** Draw the graph of  $y = x^2 - 2x$  for  $-2 \leq x \leq 4$ , by copying and completing the table below.

$x$	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4
$y$	8		0				8

- b** By drawing suitable lines on your graph, solve

- i**  $x^2 - 2x = 1 - x$   
**ii**  $x^2 - 4x + 2 = 0$

[8]

- 2** If the graph of  $y = 3x^2 - 3x + 5$  has been drawn, find the equations of the lines that should be drawn to solve these equations.

- a**  $3x^2 - 4x - 1 = 0$   
**b**  $3x^2 - 2x - 2 = 0$   
**c**  $3x^2 + x - 3 = 0$

[6]

- 3** If the graph of  $y = 5x^3 - x^2 + 4x + 1$  has been drawn, find the equations of the lines that should be drawn to solve these equations.

- a**  $5x^3 - x^2 + 1 = 0$   
**b**  $5x^3 - x^2 + 6x - 3 = 0$

[4]

- 4** **a** Draw the graph of  $y = 4 + 2x - x^2$  for  $-2 \leq x \leq 4$ , by copying and completing the table below.

$x$	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4
$y$			4				-4

- b** Use this graph to solve the simultaneous equations  
 $y = 4 + 3x - x^2$  and  $x + 2y = 6$ , giving your answers to 1 d.p.

[7]

[Total 25 marks]

# CHAPTER SUMMARY: GRAPHS 7

## USING GRAPHS TO SOLVE QUADRATIC EQUATIONS

The graph of  $y = x^2$  can be used to solve quadratic equations of the form  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ .

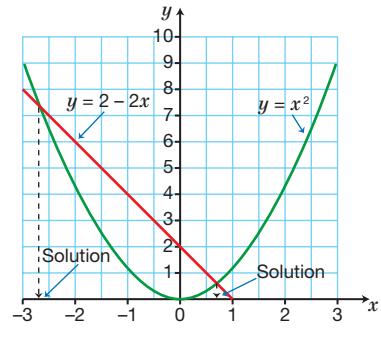
Rearrange the equation so that  $x^2 = f(x)$ , where  $f(x)$  is a linear function.

Draw  $y = f(x)$  and find the  $x$  co-ordinates of the intersection points of the curve  $y = x^2$  and the line  $y = f(x)$ .

To solve  $x^2 + 2x - 2 = 0$ , rearrange the equation so that one side is  $x^2$   
 $x^2 = 2 - 2x$

Draw the line  $y = 2 - 2x$  and find where it intersects  $y = x^2$ .

The graph shows the solutions are  $x \approx -2.7$  or  $x \approx 0.7$



## USING GRAPHS TO SOLVE OTHER EQUATIONS

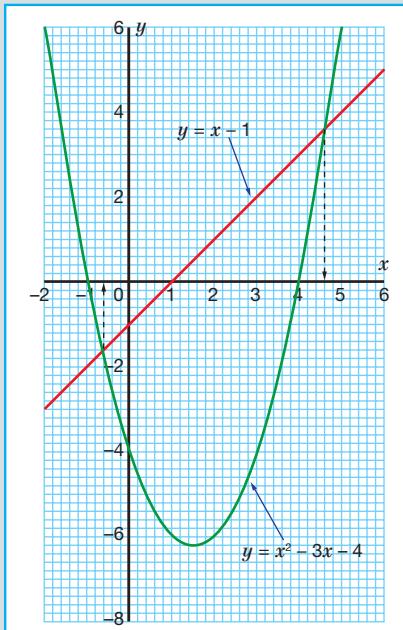
The graph of one quadratic equation can be used to solve other quadratic equations with suitable rearrangement.

If the graph of  $y = x^2 - 3x - 4$  has been drawn, then the  $x$  co-ordinates of the intersection with  $y = x - 1$  will solve  
 $x^2 - 3x - 4 = x - 1$  or  $x^2 - 4x - 3 = 0$

The graph shows that the solutions are  $x \approx -0.6$  and  $x \approx 4.6$ .

The graph of one cubic equation can be used to solve other cubic equations with suitable rearrangement.

If the graph of  $y = x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x - 3$  has been drawn, then the  $x$  co-ordinates of the intersection with  $y = 2x - 5$  will solve  $x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x - 3 = 2x - 5$  or  
 $x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x + 2 = 0$ .

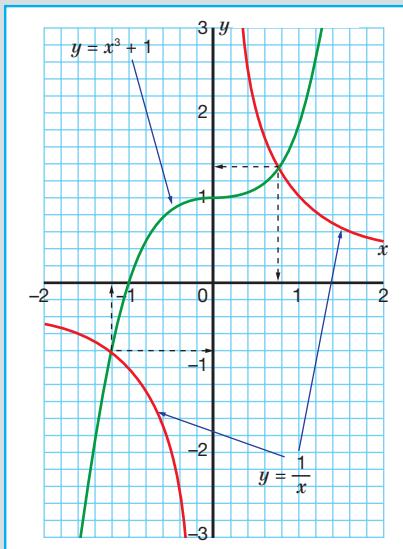


## USING GRAPHS TO SOLVE NON-LINEAR SIMULTANEOUS EQUATIONS

To solve simultaneous equations graphically, draw both graphs on one set of axes. The co-ordinates of the intersection points are the solutions of the simultaneous equations.

To solve  $y = x^3 + 1$  and  $y = \frac{1}{x}$  simultaneously draw both graphs.

The graphs show the solutions are approximately  $(-1.2, -0.8)$  and  $(0.7, 1.4)$ .



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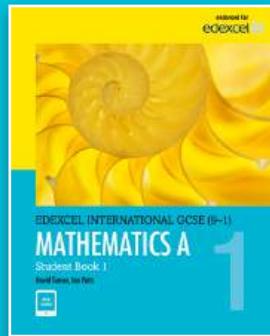
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