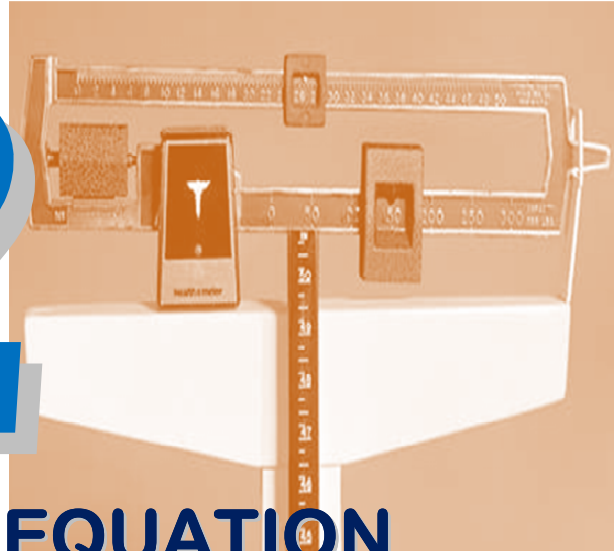


Unit



2



SOLUTION OF EQUATION

Unit Outcomes:

After completing this unit, you should be able to:

-  *identify equations involving exponents and radicals, systems of two linear equations, equations involving absolute values and quadratic equations.*
-  *solve each of these equations.*

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INTRODUCTION

IN EARLIER GRADES, YOU HAVE LEARNED ABOUT ALGEBRAIC EQUATIONS AND THE METHODS YOU ALSO LEARNED ABOUT LINEAR EQUATIONS IN ONE VARIABLE AND THE METHODS. IN THE PRESENT UNIT, WE DISCUSS FURTHER ABOUT EQUATIONS INVOLVING ABSOLUTE VALUES, SYSTEMS OF LINEAR EQUATIONS, QUADRATIC EQUATIONS IN SINGLE VARIABLE, AND THE METHODS.

2.1 EQUATIONS INVOLVING EXPONENTS AND RADICALS

EQUATIONS ARE EQUALITY OF EXPRESSIONS. THERE ARE DIFFERENT TYPES OF EQUATIONS ON THE VARIABLE(S) CONSIDERED. WHEN THE EXPONENT OF THE VARIABLE IS OTHER THAN 1, IT IS SAID TO BE AN EQUATION INVOLVING EXPONENTS OR RADICALS.

ACTIVITY 2.1



1 DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT EACH OF THE FOLLOWING IS AN EQUATION INVOLVING EXPONENTS OR RADICALS.

- A** $2^4 \times 2^5 = 2^{20}$ **B** $(3^2)^3 = 3^6$ **C** $(5^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 5$
D $2^n \times 2^2 = 2^{2n}$ **E** $2^x = 8$ IS EQUIVALENT TO $x = 3$

2 EXPRESS EACH OF THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS IN POWER FORM.

- A** 8 **B** 27 **C** 625 **D** 343

THE ABOVE ACTIVITY LEADS YOU TO REVISIT THE RULES THAT YOU DISCUSSED IN UNIT 1.

EXAMPLE 1 SOLVE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING EQUATIONS.

- A** $\sqrt{x} = 3$ **B** $x^3 = 8$ **C** $2^x = 16$

SOLUTION:

A $\sqrt{x} = 3$
 $\sqrt{x}^2 = 3^2$
 $x = 9$

Squaring both sides

THEREFORE, $x = 9$.

B TO SOLVE $x^3 = 8$, RECALL THAT FOR ANY REAL NUMBER a IS THE n^{TH} ROOT OF a^n .

$$x^3 = 8$$

$$x = \sqrt[3]{8} = 2$$

C TO SOLVE $2^x = 16$, FIRST EXPRESS 16 AS 2^4 .
 IN $2^x = 2^4$, THE BASES ARE EQUAL HENCE THE EXPONENTS MUST BE EQUAL.
 THEREFORE 4 IS THE SOLUTION.

ACTIVITY 2.2

SOLVE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING EQUATIONS.

A $8^x = 2^{2x+2}$ **B** $4^{x+1} = 2^x$ **C** $\sqrt{5} = 25^{2x}$



THE FOLLOWING RULE IS VERY USEFUL IN SOLVING EQUATIONS.

Rule: FOR $a > 0$, $a^x = a^y$, IF AND ONLY IF $x = y$.

EXAMPLE 2 SOLVE $3^{2x+1} = 3^{x-2}$

SOLUTION: BY USING THE RULE, SINCE $3^{2x+1} = 3^{x-2}$, IF AND ONLY IF THE EXPONENTS ARE EQUAL.
 $2x + 1 = x - 2$. FROM THIS WE CAN SEE THAT THE SOLUTION IS $x = -3$.

EXAMPLE 3 SOLVE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING EQUATIONS.

A $8^x = 2^{2x+1}$ **B** $9^{x-3} = 27^{3x}$ **C** $\sqrt[3]{3^x} = 3^{2x+5}$

SOLUTION:

A $8^x = 2^{2x+1}$

$$(2^3)^x = 2^{2x+1}$$

Expressing 8 as a power of 2

$$2^{3x} = 2^{2x+1}$$

Applying laws of exponents

$$3x = 2x + 1$$

THEREFORE $x = 1$.

B $9^{x-3} = 27^{3x}$

$$(3^2)^{x-3} = (3^3)^{3x}$$

Expressing 9 and 27 as powers of 3

$$3^{2(x-3)} = 3^{3(3x)}$$

Applying laws of exponents

$$3^{2x-6} = 3^{9x}$$

$$2x - 6 = 9x$$

$$7x = -6$$

THEREFORE $x = -\frac{6}{7}$.

C $\sqrt[3]{3^x} = 3^{2x+5}$

$$(3^x)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 3^{2x+5}$$

Applying laws of exponents

$$3^{\frac{x}{3}} = 3^{2x+5}$$

$$\frac{x}{3} = 2x + 5$$

$$x = 3(2x + 5)$$

$$x = 6x + 15$$

$$-5x = 15$$

THREFORE - 3.

Exercise 2.1

1 SOLVE EACH OF THE FOLLOWIN.

A $3^x = 27$

B $\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^x = 16$

C $\left(\frac{1}{16}\right)^{3x-1} = 32$

D $81^{5x+2} = \frac{1}{243}$

E $9^{2x} = 27^{2x+1}$

F $16^{x+4} = 2^{3x}$

G $(3x+1)^3 = 64$

H $\sqrt[3]{81^{2x-1}} = 3^x$

2 SOLVE $(2x+3)^2 = (3x-1)^2$.

3 SOLVE EACH OF FOLLOWING EQL.

A $9^{2x} 27^{1-x} = 81^{2x+1}$

B $9^{2x+2} \left(\frac{1}{81}\right)^{x+2} = 243^{-3x-2}$

C $16^{3x+4} = 2^{3x} 64^{-4x+1}$

2.2 SYSTEMS OF LINEAR EQUATIONS IN TWO VARIABLES

RECALL THAT FOR REAL NUMBERS a AND b , ANY EQUATION OF THE FORM $ax + by = c$, WHERE $a \neq 0$ IS CALLED A **linear equation**. THE NUMBERS a AND b ARE CALLED **coefficients** OF THE EQUATION.

ACTIVITY 2.3

1 SOLVE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING LIN.

A $x - 2 = 7$

B $x + 7 = 3$

C $2x = 4$

D $2x - 5 = 7$

E $3x + 5 = 14$

2 HOW MANY SOLUTIONS GET FOR EACH EQUATION?



OBSERVE THAT EACH EQUATION HAS EXACTLY ONE SOLUTION. IN GENERAL, ONE VARIABLE HAS ONE SOLUTION.

Definition 2.1

Any equation that can be reduced to the form $ax + b = 0$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and $a \neq 0$, is called a **linear equation** in one variable.

Group Work 2.1



FORM A GROUP AND DO THE .

- 1 SOLVE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING.
 - A $7x - 3 = 2(3x + 2)$ B $-3(2x + 4) = 2(-3x - 6)$
 - C $2x + 4 = 2(x + 5)$
- 2 HOW MANY SOLUTIONS DOES EACH EQUATION HAVE?
- 3 WHAT CAN YOU CONCLUDE ABOUT NUMBERS?

FROM THE GROUP WORK, OBSERVE THAT SUCH EQUATIONS HAVE ONE SOLUTION, NO SOLUTIONS OR NO SOLUTION.

Linear equations in two variables

WE DISCUSSED HOW WE EQUATIONS WITH ONE VARIABLE THAT CAN BE WRITTEN AS $ax + b = 0$. WHAT DO YOU THINK, IF THE EQUATION IS $y = ax + b$?

ACTIVITY 2.4



- 1 WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING ARE LINEAR EQUATIONS?
 - A $2x - y = 5$ B $-x + 7 = y$ C $2x + 3 = 4$
 - D $2x - y^2 = 7$ E $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = 6$
- 2 HOW MANY SOLUTIONS ARE THERE FOR EACH OF THE LINEAR EQUATIONS IN 1?
- 3 A HOUSE WAS RENTED FOR BIRR 2,000 PER MONTH PLUS BIRR 100 PER CUBIC METRE OF WATER CONSUMED PER MONTH.
 - A WRITE AN EQUATION FOR THE x -YEARS RENT AND y OF WATER USED.
 - B IF THE TOTAL x -YEARS RENT AND y OF WATER USE IS BIRR 10,000 WRITE AN EQUATION.

NOTE THAT $ax + b = 0$, IS A PARTICULAR CASE OF $ax + by = c$ WHEN $c = 0$. THIS MEANS, FOR DIFFERENT VALUES OF b , THERE WILL BE DIFFERENT EQUATIONS WITH THEIR OWN SOLUTIONS. AN EQUATION OF THE TYPE $ax + by = e$, WHERE d AND e ARE ARBITRARY CONSTANTS AND $d \neq 0$, IS CALLED **A linear equation in two variables**. AN EQUATION IN TWO VARIABLES OF THE FORM $ax + by = e$ CAN BE REDUCED TO THE FORM

EXAMPLE 1

- A** GIVE SOLUTIONS TO $y = 1$ WHERE x ASSUMES VALUES 0, 1, 2 AND 3.
- B** PLOT SOME OF THE ORDERED PAIRS THAT MAKE ON THE COORDINATE SYSTEM.

SOLUTION:

- A** LET US CONSIDER $y = 1$.

WHEN $x = 0$, THE EQUATION BECOMES $1 = 1$ AND ITS SOLUTION IS $x = 0$.

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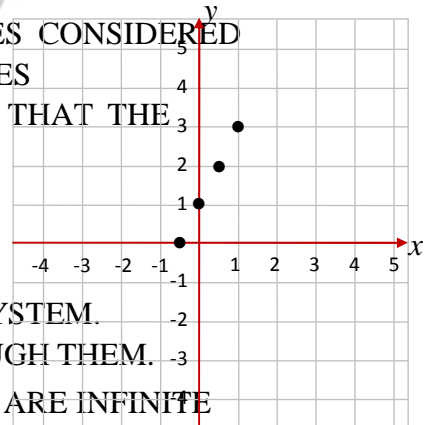
WHEN $x = 2$, THE EQUATION BECOMES $1 = 1$ AND ITS SOLUTION IS $x = 2$.

WHEN $x = 3$, THE EQUATION BECOMES $1 = 1$ AND ITS SOLUTION IS $x = 3$.

OBSERVE THAT FOR EACH x , THERE IS ONE CORRESPONDING y VALUE. A SOLUTION IS REPRESENTED BY AN ORDERED PAIR. THE SET OF ALL THOSE ORDERED PAIRS THAT SATISFY EQUATION $y = 1$ IS THE SOLUTION TO THE EQUATION.

- B** FROM THE FOUR PARTICULAR CASES CONSIDERED ABOVE OR $y = 1$, WHERE x ASSUMES VALUES 0, 1, 2 AND 3, WE CAN SEE THAT THE SOLUTION IS

$$\left\{ \left(-\frac{1}{2}, 0 \right), (0, 1), \left(\frac{1}{2}, 2 \right), (1, 3) \right\}.$$



NOW LET US PLOT THESE POINTS ON COORDINATE SYSTEM. SEE THAT THERE IS A LINE THAT PASSES THROUGH THEM. IN GENERAL, SINCE x CAN HAVE ANY VALUE, THERE ARE INFINITE ORDERED PAIRS THAT MAKE THE EQUATION TRUE.

THE PLOT OF THESE ORDERED PAIRS MAKES A STRAIGHT LINE. Figure 2.1

System of linear equations and their solutions

YOU HAVE DISCUSSED SOLUTIONS TO A LINEAR EQUATION IN TWO VARIABLES AND THERE ARE INFINITE SOLUTIONS. NOW YOU WILL SEE THE JOINT CONSIDERATION OF LINEAR EQUATIONS IN TWO VARIABLES.

ACTIVITY 2.5



CONSIDER THE EQUATIONS $x + 1 = 0$ AND $y = -x + 1$.

- 1 DETERMINE THE VALUES OF x AND y FOR EACH EQUATION WHEN $x = -2, -1, 0, 1$ AND 2 .
- 2 PLOT THE ORDERED PAIRS IN THE xy -COORDINATE SYSTEM.
- 3 WHAT DO YOU OBSERVE FROM THE PLOT?
- 4 DISCUSS WHAT THE PAIR (x, y) REPRESENTS.

Definition 2.2

A set of two or more linear equations is called a **system of linear equations**. Systems of two linear equations in two variables are equations that can be represented as

$$\begin{cases} a_1x + b_1y = c_1 \\ a_2x + b_2y = c_2 \end{cases}, \text{ where } a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, c_1 \text{ AND } c_2 \text{ are the parameters of the}$$

system whose specific values characterize the system and $a_1 \neq 0$ or $b_1 \neq 0, a_2 \neq 0$ or $b_2 \neq 0$.

EXAMPLE 2 THE FOLLOWING ARE EXAMPLES OF SYSTEMS OF LINEAR VARIABLES.

$$\text{A } \begin{cases} 2x + 3y = 1 \\ x - 2y = 3 \end{cases} \quad \text{B } \begin{cases} 3x - 2y = 2 \\ 9x - 6y = 5 \end{cases} \quad \text{C } \begin{cases} x + y = 3 \\ 2x + 2y = 6 \end{cases}$$

WE NOW DISCUSS HOW TO SOLVE SYSTEMS OF LINEAR EQUATIONS.

Definition 2.3

A solution to a system of linear equations in two variables means the set of ordered pairs (x, y) that satisfy both equations.

EXAMPLE 3 DETERMINE THE SOLUTION (S) OF THE SYSTEM OF LINEAR EQUATIONS

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 3y = 8 \\ 5x - 2y = 1 \end{cases}$$

SOLUTION: THE SET $\left\{ \left(0, \frac{8}{3}\right), (1, 2), \left(2, \frac{4}{3}\right), \left(3, \frac{2}{3}\right), (4, 0) \right\}$ CONTAINS SOME OF THE SOLUTIONS TO THE LINEAR EQUATION $2x + 3y = 8$.

THE SET $\left\{ \left(0, -\frac{1}{2}\right), (1, 2), \left(2, \frac{9}{2}\right), (3, 7), \left(4, \frac{19}{2}\right) \right\}$ CONTAINS SOME OF THE SOLUTIONS TO THE LINEAR EQUATION $2x - 2y = 1$.

FROM THE DEFINITION GIVEN ABOVE, THE SOLUTION TO THE GIVEN SYSTEM OF TWO LINEAR EQUATIONS SHOULD SATISFY BOTH EQUATIONS $x + y = 2$ AND $2x - 2y = 1$.

THEREFORE, THE SOLUTION IS (1, 2) AND IT SATISFIES BOTH EQUATIONS.

Solution to a system of linear equations in two variables

YOU SAW **EXAMPLE 3** ABOVE THAT A SOLUTION TO A SYSTEM OF TWO LINEAR EQUATIONS IN TWO VARIABLES IS AN ORDERED PAIR THAT SATISFIES BOTH EQUATIONS IN THE SYSTEM. WE OBTAINED IT BY LISTING ALL ORDERED PAIRS THAT SATISFY EACH OF THE COMPONENT EQUATIONS AND SELECTING ONE. BUT IT IS NOT EASY TO LIST SUCH SOLUTIONS. SO WE NEED TO LOOK FOR ANOTHER METHOD TO SOLVING SYSTEMS OF LINEAR EQUATIONS. THESE INCLUDE **the substitution method** AND **elimination method**.

Group Work 2.2



- 1 DRAW THE LINE OF EACH COMPONENT EQUATION OF THE FOLLOWING SYSTEMS.

A $\begin{cases} x + y = 1 \\ 2x - 2y = 4 \end{cases}$	B $\begin{cases} 2x - y = 2 \\ 4x - 2y = 5 \end{cases}$	C $\begin{cases} x + y = 3 \\ 2x + 2y = 6 \end{cases}$
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- 2 DO EACH PAIR OF LINES INTERSECT?
- 3 WHAT CAN YOU CONCLUDE FROM THESE LINES AND THE SOLUTIONS OF EACH SYSTEM?
- 4 IN A CERTAIN AREA, THE UNDERAGE MARRIAGE RATE INCREASES FROM 0.001% IN 1990 TO 0.002% IN 2000. BY CONSIDERING THE YEAR 1990 AS 0, THE LINEAR EQUATION MODEL THE UNDERAGE MARRIAGE RATE.
 - A** WRITE THE EQUATION OF THE STRAIGHT LINE AND DETERMINE THE YEAR IN WHICH THE UNDERAGE MARRIAGE RATE IN THAT AREA IS 0.001% OR BELOW.
 - B** DISCUSS HOW TO MODEL SUCH CASES IN YOUR KEBELE.

When we draw the lines of each of the component equations in a system of two linear equations, we can observe three possibilities.

- 1 THE TWO LINES INTERSECT AT ONE POINT, IN WHICH CASE THE SYSTEM HAS ONE SOLUTION.
- 2 THE TWO LINES ARE PARALLEL AND NEVER INTERSECT. IN THIS CASE, WE SAY THE SYSTEM DOES NOT HAVE A SOLUTION.
- 3 THE TWO LINES COINCIDE (FIT ONE OVER THE OTHER). IN THIS CASE, THERE ARE INFINITE SOLUTIONS.

WE NOW DISCUSS A FEW GRAPHICAL METHODS TO SOLVE A SYSTEM OF EQUATIONS IN TWO VARIABLES. A graphical method, the substitution method, and the elimination method.

Solving system of linear equations by a graphical method

IN THIS METHOD, WE NEED TO DRAW OF EACH COMPONENT USING THE SAME COORDINATE SYSTEM. IF THE LINES INTERSECT, THERE IS A POINT OF INTERSECTION. IF THE LINES ARE PARALLEL, THERE IS NO SOLUTION. IF THE LINES COINCIDE, THEN THERE ARE INFINITE SOLUTIONS TO THE SYSTEM. SINCE EVERY POINT (ORDERED PAIR) ON A LINE SATISFIES BOTH EQUATIONS.

ACTIVITY 2.6

SOLVE EACH SYSTEM BY DRAWING THE GRAPH OF EACH EQUATION.

A $\begin{cases} y = x + 1 \\ y = x + 2 \end{cases}$ **B** $\begin{cases} y = x + 2 \\ y = -x - 2 \end{cases}$ **C** $\begin{cases} x + y = 2 \\ 2x + 2y = 4 \end{cases}$



EXAMPLE 4 SOLVE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SYSTEMS OF EQUATIONS.

A $\begin{cases} 2x - 2y = 4 \\ 3x + 4y = 6 \end{cases}$ **B** $\begin{cases} x + 2y = 4 \\ 3x + 6y = 6 \end{cases}$ **C** $\begin{cases} 3x - y = 5 \\ 6x - 2y = 10 \end{cases}$

SOLUTION:

A FIRST, DRAW THE GRAPH OF EACH EQUATION. IN THE GRAPH, OBSERVE THAT THE TWO LINES ARE INTERSECTING AT (2, 0). THUS, THE SYSTEM OF EQUATIONS HAS A SOLUTION WHICH IS (2, 0).

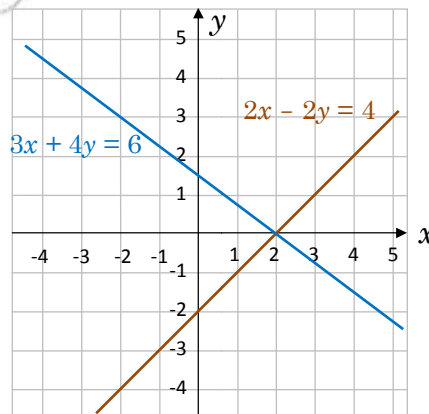


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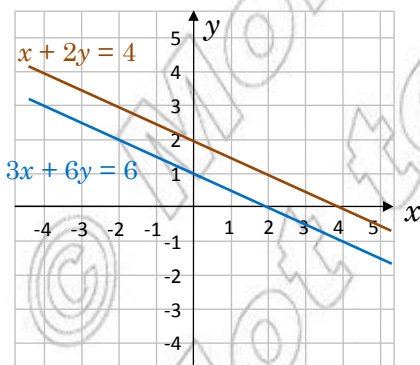


Figure 2.3

B WHEN WE DRAW THE LINE COMPONENT OF EACH EQUATION, WE SEE THAT THE LINES ARE PARALLEL. THIS MEANS THE LINES DO NOT INTERSECT. THUS, THE SYSTEM DOES NOT HAVE A SOLUTION.

C WHEN WE DRAW THE LINE OF EACH COMPONENT EQUATION, WE SEE THAT THE LINES COINCIDE ONE OVER THE OTHER, WHICH SHOWS THAT THE SYSTEM HAS INFINITE SOLUTIONS. THAT IS, ALL POINTS (ORDERED PAIRS) ON THE LINE ARE SOLUTIONS OF THE SYSTEM.

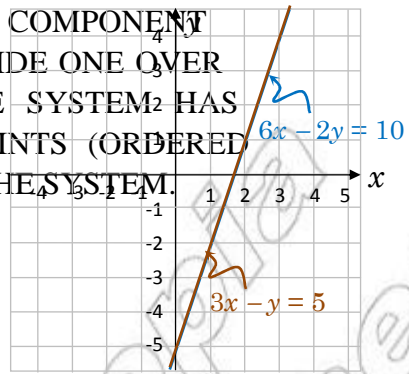


Figure 2.4

Group Work 2.3

FORM A GROUP AND DO THE FOLLOWING.



CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING SYSTEMS OF LINEAR EQUATIONS IN TWO VARIABLES.

A
$$\begin{cases} x+4y=2 \\ 3x-4y=6 \end{cases}$$

B
$$\begin{cases} -x+2y=4 \\ 3x-y=3 \end{cases}$$

- 1 SOLVE EACH BY USING SUBSTITUTION METHOD.
- 2 SOLVE EACH BY USING ELIMINATION METHOD.

Solving systems of linear equations by the substitution method

To solve a system of two linear equations by the substitution method, you follow the following steps.

- 1 TAKE ONE OF THE LINEAR EQUATIONS FROM THE SYSTEM AND EXPRESS ONE OF THE VARIABLES IN TERMS OF THE OTHER.
- 2 SUBSTITUTE YOUR RESULT INTO THE OTHER EQUATION AND SOLVE FOR THE SECOND VARIABLE.
- 3 SUBSTITUTE THIS RESULT INTO ONE OF THE EQUATIONS AND SOLVE FOR THE FIRST VARIABLE.

EXAMPLE 5 SOLVE THE SYSTEM OF LINEAR EQUATIONS GIVEN BY
$$\begin{cases} 2x-3y=5 \\ 5x+3y=9 \end{cases}$$

SOLUTION:

Step 1 TAKE $2x - 3y = 5$ AND SOLVE FOR y IN TERMS OF x

$2x - 3y = 5$ BECOMES $3y = 2x - 5$

HENCE $y = \frac{2}{3}x - \frac{5}{3}$.

Step 2 SUBSTITUTE $\frac{2}{3}x - \frac{5}{3}$ IN $5x + 3y = 9$ AND SOLVE FOR

$$5x + 3\left(\frac{2}{3}x - \frac{5}{3}\right) = 9$$

$$5x + 2x - 5 = 9$$

$$7x - 5 = 9$$

$$7x = 14$$

$$x = 2$$

Step 3 SUBSTITUTE 2 AGAIN INTO ONE OF THE EQUATIONS AND SOLVE FOR THE REMAINING VARIABLE y

CHOOSING $3y = 5$, WHEN WE SUBSTITUTE, WE GET $2(2) - y = 5$

WHICH BECOMES $4 - y = 5$

$$-3y = 1$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{3}$$

THEREFORE THE SOLUTION IS $\left(2, -\frac{1}{3}\right)$

EXAMPLE 6 SOLVE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SYSTEMS OF LINEAR EQUATIONS.

$$\text{A } \begin{cases} 2x - 4y = 5 \\ -6x + 12y = -15 \end{cases} \quad \text{B } \begin{cases} 2x - y = 1 \\ 3x - 2y = -4 \end{cases} \quad \text{C } \begin{cases} 4x + 3y = 8 \\ -2x - \frac{3}{2}y = -6 \end{cases}$$

SOLUTION:

$$\text{A } \begin{cases} 2x - 4y = 5 \\ -6x + 12y = -15 \end{cases}$$

FROM $2x - 4y = 5$

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

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{5}{4}$$

SUBSTITUTING $\frac{1}{2}x - \frac{5}{4}$ IN $-6x + 12y = -15$, WE GET

$$-6x + 12\left(\frac{1}{2}x - \frac{5}{4}\right) = -15$$

$$-6x + 6x - 15 = -15$$

$$-15 = -15 \text{ WHICH IS ALWAYS TRUE.}$$

THEREFORE, THE SYSTEM HAS INFINITE SOLUTIONS.

$$\mathbf{B} \quad \begin{cases} 2x - y = 1 \\ 3x - 2y = -4 \end{cases}$$

FROM $2x - y = 1$, WE FIND $y = 2x - 1$

SUBSTITUTING $2x - 1$ IN $3x - 2y = -4$

$$3x - 4x + 2 = -4$$

$$-x = -6$$

THEREFORE $x = 6$.

SUBSTITUTING 6 IN $2x - y = 1$ GIVES

$$12 - y = 1$$

$$y = 11$$

SO THE SOLUTION IS $(6, 11)$.

$$\mathbf{C} \quad \begin{cases} 4x + 3y = 8 \\ -2x - \frac{3}{2}y = -6 \end{cases}$$

FROM $4x + 3y = 8$

$$3y = -4x + 8$$

$$y = -\frac{4}{3}x + \frac{8}{3}$$

SUBSTITUTING $-\frac{4}{3}x + \frac{8}{3}$ IN $-2x - \frac{3}{2}y = -6$ GIVES $2x - \frac{3}{2}\left(-\frac{4}{3}x + \frac{8}{3}\right) = -6$

$$-2x + 2x - 4 = -6$$

$$-4 = -6 \text{ WHICH IS ALWAYS FALSE.}$$

THEREFORE, THE SYSTEM HAS NO SOLUTION.

Solving systems of linear equations by the elimination method

To solve a system of two linear equations by the elimination method, you follow the following steps.

- 1 SELECT ONE OF THE VARIABLES AND MAKE THE COEFFICIENTS OF THE VARIABLE EQUAL BUT OPPOSITE IN SIGN IN THE TWO EQUATIONS.
- 2 ADD THE TWO EQUATIONS TO ELIMINATE THE SELECTED VARIABLE AND SOLVE FOR THE RESULTING VARIABLE.
- 3 SUBSTITUTE THIS RESULT AGAIN INTO ONE OF THE EQUATIONS AND SOLVE FOR THE VARIABLE.

EXAMPLE 7 SOLVE THE SYSTEM OF LINEAR EQUATIONS GIVEN BY

$$\begin{cases} 2x - y = 5 \\ 2x + 3y = 9 \end{cases}$$

SOLUTION:

Step 1 SELECT ONE OF THE VARIABLES AND MAKE THE COEFFICIENTS OF y OPPOSITE TO ONE ANOTHER BY MULTIPLYING THE FIRST EQUATION BY 3.

$$\begin{cases} 2x - y = 5 \\ 2x + 3y = 9 \end{cases} \text{ IS EQUIVALENT WITH } \begin{cases} 6x - 3y = 15 \\ 2x + 3y = 9 \end{cases}$$

Step 2 ADD THE TWO EQUATIONS IN THE SYSTEM:

$$\begin{cases} 6x - 3y = 15 \\ 2x + 3y = 9 \end{cases} \text{ GIVING } 6x - 3y + 2x + 3y = 15 + 9 \text{ WHICH BECOMES}$$

$$8x = 24.$$

THEREFORE

Step 3 SUBSTITUTE INTO ONE OF THE ORIGINAL EQUATIONS AND SOLVE FOR CHOOSING $2x = 5$ AND REPLACING GET $2(3) - y = 5$ FROM WHICH

$$-y = 5 - 6$$

$$-y = -1 \text{ WHICH IS THE SAME AS } y$$

THEREFORE THE SOLUTION IS (3, 1).

EXAMPLE 8 SOLVE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SYSTEMS OF LINEAR EQUATIONS.

A $\begin{cases} 7x + 5y = 11 \\ -3x + 3y = -3 \end{cases}$ **B** $\begin{cases} 2x - 4y = 8 \\ x - 2y = 4 \end{cases}$ **C** $\begin{cases} 2x - 7y = 9 \\ -6x + 21y = 6 \end{cases}$

SOLUTION:

A $\begin{cases} 7x + 5y = 11 \\ -3x + 3y = -3 \end{cases}$

MULTIPLY THE FIRST EQUATION BY 3 AND THE SECOND EQUATION BY 7 TO MAKE THE COEFFICIENTS OF THE VARIABLE x

WE GET $\begin{cases} 21x + 15y = 33 \\ -21x + 21y = -21 \end{cases}$

ADDING THE TWO EQUATIONS

$$21x + 15y - 21x + 21y = 33 - 21$$

WHICH BECOMES $36y = 12$

$$y = \frac{1}{3}$$

SUBSTITUTING $\frac{1}{3}$ IN ONE OF THE EQUATIONS, SAY 1, WE GET

$$7x + 5\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = 11$$

$$7x = 11 - \frac{5}{3}$$

$$7x = \frac{28}{3}$$

$$x = \frac{28}{21} = \frac{4}{3}$$

THEREFORE THE SOLUTION $\left(\frac{4}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$ IS

B
$$\begin{cases} 2x - 4y = 8 \\ x - 2y = 4 \end{cases}$$

MULTIPLYING THE SECOND EQUATION BY -2 , WE GET,

$$\begin{cases} 2x - 4y = 8 \\ -2x + 4y = -8 \end{cases}$$

ADDING THE TWO EQUATIONS $2x + 4y = 8 - 8$

WE GET $0 = 0$ WHICH IS ALWAYS TRUE.

THEREFORE, THE SYSTEM HAS INFINITE SOLUTIONS.

C
$$\begin{cases} 2x - 7y = 9 \\ -6x + 21y = 6 \end{cases}$$

MULTIPLY THE FIRST EQUATION BY 3 TO MAKE THE COEFFICIENTS OF THE VARIABLE

WE GET
$$\begin{cases} 6x - 21y = 27 \\ -6x + 21y = 6 \end{cases}$$

ADDING THE TWO EQUATIONS $-6x + 21y = 27 + 6$, WE GET THAT

$0 = 33$ WHICH IS ALWAYS FALSE.

THEREFORE, THE SYSTEM HAS NO SOLUTION.

Solutions of a system of linear equations in two variables and quotients of coefficients

ACTIVITY 2.7



1 DISCUSS THE SOLUTION SET TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SYSTEMS OF LINEAR EQUATIONS

A $\begin{cases} 3x + y = 2 \\ x - 2y = 3 \end{cases}$
 B $\begin{cases} x - 2y = 3 \\ 2x - 4y = 5 \end{cases}$
 C $\begin{cases} 2x + 3y = 1 \\ 4x + 6y = 2 \end{cases}$

2 DIVIDE EACH PAIR OF CORRESPONDING COEFFICIENTS AND QUOTIENTS (SAY FOR $\frac{3}{1}$, $\frac{1}{-2}$, $\frac{2}{3}$) FOR EACH SYSTEM.

3 DISCUSS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE NUMBER OF SOLUTIONS AND THE QUOTIENTS OF COEFFICIENTS.

4 SOLVE THE GIVEN SYSTEM OF TWO LINEAR EQUATIONS IN TWO VARIABLES

$\begin{cases} a_1x + b_1y = c_1 \\ a_2x + b_2y = c_2 \end{cases}$; $a_2, b_2, c_2 \neq 0$ IN TERMS OF THE GIVEN COEFFICIENTS

FROM THE ABOVE ACTIVITY, YOU CAN REACH THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS

1 IF $\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$ THE SYSTEM HAS INFINITE SOLUTIONS. IN THIS CASE, THE SYSTEM IS SAID TO BE **dependent**. THAT SATISFIES ONE OF THE COMPONENT EQUATIONS ALSO SATISFIES THE OTHER.

2 IF $\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} \neq \frac{c_1}{c_2}$ THE SYSTEM HAS NO SOLUTIONS. THIS MEANS THE TWO COMPONENT EQUATIONS DO NOT HAVE A COMMON SOLUTION. IN THIS CASE, THE SYSTEM IS SAID TO BE **inconsistent**.

3 IF $\frac{a_1}{a_2} \neq \frac{b_1}{b_2}$ THE SYSTEM HAS ONE SOLUTION. THIS MEANS THERE IS ONE COMMON SOLUTION. IN THIS CASE, THE SYSTEM IS SAID TO BE **independent**.

EXAMPLE 9 CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING SYSTEMS OF LINEAR EQUATIONS

A $\begin{cases} 2x + 3y = 1 \\ x - 2y = 3 \end{cases}$
 B $\begin{cases} 3x - 2y = 2 \\ 9x - 6y = 5 \end{cases}$
 C $\begin{cases} x + y = 3 \\ 2x + 2y = 6 \end{cases}$

BY CONSIDERING THE RATIO OF THEIR COEFFICIENTS, YOU CAN DETERMINE WHETHER EACH SYSTEM HAS A SOLUTION.

A THE RATIO OF THE COEFFICIENTS GIVES $\frac{2}{1} \neq \frac{3}{-2}$

THEREFORE, THE SYSTEM HAS ONE SOLUTION.

B THE RATIO OF THE COEFFICIENTS GIVES $\frac{3}{9} = \frac{-2}{-6} = \frac{2}{5}$

THEREFORE, THE SYSTEM HAS NO SOLUTION.

C THE RATIO OF THE COEFFICIENTS GIVES $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{6}$

THEREFORE, THE SYSTEM HAS INFINITE SOLUTIONS.

Remark: BEFORE TRYING TO SOLVE A SYSTEM OF LINEAR EQUATIONS, IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO CHECK WHETHER THE SYSTEM HAS A SOLUTION OR NOT.

Word problems leading to a system of linear equations

SYSTEMS OF LINEAR EQUATIONS HAVE MANY REAL LIFE APPLICATIONS. WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO CONSTRUCT A MATHEMATICAL MODEL AS A SYSTEM OF LINEAR EQUATIONS. THESE MODELS WILL BE SOLVED BY THE TECHNIQUES DISCUSSED EARLIER. HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES.

Group Work 2.4



1 TESHOME BOUGHT 6 PENCILS AND 2 RUBBER ERASERS. HE PAID A TOTAL OF BIRR 3. MESKEREM ALSO BOUGHT 4 PENCILS AND 3 RUBBER ERASERS. SHE PAID A TOTAL OF BIRR 3.

2 A COMPANY HAS TWO BRANDS OF FERTILIZERS A AND B. TOLOSA BOUGHT 10 QUINTALS OF BRAND A AND 27 QUINTALS OF BRAND B FERTILIZERS AND PAID BIRR 20,000.

TOLOSA A SUCCESSFUL FARM OWNER, BOUGHT 15 QUINTALS OF BRAND A AND 9 QUINTALS OF BRAND B FERTILIZERS FROM THE SAME COMPANY AND PAID A TOTAL OF BIRR 14,250.

I REPRESENT VARIABLES FOR THE COST OF:

A EACH PENCIL AND EACH RUBBER ERASER IN QUESTION 1

B EACH QUINTAL OF FERTILIZER OF BRAND A AND EACH QUINTAL OF FERTILIZER OF BRAND B IN QUESTION 2

II FORMULATE THE MATHEMATICAL EQUATIONS REPRESENTING EACH OF THE SITUATIONS IN QUESTIONS 1 AND 2 AS A SYSTEM OF TWO LINEAR EQUATIONS.

III SOLVE EACH SYSTEM AND DETERMINE THE COST OF,

A EACH PENCIL AND EACH RUBBER ERASER IN QUESTION 1

B EACH QUINTAL OF FERTILIZER OF BRAND A AND EACH QUINTAL OF FERTILIZER OF BRAND B IN QUESTION 2

EXAMPLE 10 A FARMER COLLECTED A TOTAL OF BIRR 11,000 BY SELLING 3 COWS AND 5 SHEEP. ANOTHER FARMER COLLECTED BIRR 7,000 BY SELLING ONE COW AND 10 SHEEP. WHAT IS THE PRICE FOR A COW AND A SHEEP? (ASSUME ALL COWS HAVE THE SAME PRICE AND ALSO THE PRICE OF EVERY SHEEP IS THE SAME).

SOLUTION: LET x REPRESENT THE PRICE OF A COW AND y REPRESENT THE PRICE OF A SHEEP.

FARMER I SOLD 3 COWS AND 5 SHEEP FOR COLLECTING A TOTAL OF BIRR 11,000.

WHICH MEANS, $3x + 5y = 11,000$

FARMER II SOLD 1 COW AND 10 SHEEP FOR COLLECTING A TOTAL OF BIRR 7,000.

WHICH MEANS, $x + 10y = 7,000$

WHEN WE CONSIDER THESE EQUATIONS SIMULTANEOUSLY, WE GET THE FOLLOWING EQUATIONS.

$$\begin{cases} 3x + 5y = 11,000 \\ x + 10y = 7,000 \end{cases}$$

MULTIPLYING THE FIRST EQUATION BY -2 TO MAKE THE COEFFICIENTS OF x OPPOSITE.

$$\begin{cases} -6x - 10y = -22,000 \\ x + 10y = 7,000 \end{cases}$$

ADDING THE EQUATIONS WE GET $-5x = -22,000 + 7,000$

$$-5x = -22,000 + 7,000$$

$$-5x = -15,000$$

$$x = 3,000$$

SUBSTITUTING $3,000$ IN ONE OF THE EQUATIONS, SAY $x + 10y = 7,000$, WE GET,

$$3,000 + 10y = 7,000$$

$$10y = 4,000$$

$$y = 400$$

THEREFORE THE SOLUTION IS $(3000, 400)$ SHOWING THAT THE PRICE FOR A COW IS BIRR 3,000 AND THE PRICE FOR A SHEEP IS BIRR 400.

EXAMPLE 11 SIMON HAS TWIN YOUNGER BROTHERS. THE SUM OF THE AGES OF THE THREE BROTHERS IS 48 AND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HIS AGE AND THE AGE OF EACH OF HIS YOUNGER BROTHERS IS 3. HOW OLD IS SIMON?

SOLUTION: LET x BE THE AGE OF SIMON AND y BE THE AGE OF EACH OF HIS YOUNGER BROTHERS.

THE SUM OF THE AGES OF THE THREE BROTHERS IS 48.

$$\text{SO } x + y + y = 48$$

$$x + 2y = 48.$$

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HIS AGE AND THE AGE OF ONE OF HIS YOUNGER BROTHERS IMPLYING

$$x - y = 3.$$

TO FIND SIMON'S AGE, WE NEED TO SOLVE THE SYSTEM $\begin{cases} x + 2y = 48 \\ x - y = 3 \end{cases}$

MULTIPLYING THE SECOND EQUATION BY 2 TO MAKE THE COEFFICIENTS OF y

$$\begin{cases} x + 2y = 48 \\ 2x - 2y = 6 \end{cases}$$

ADDING THE EQUATIONS, WE GET

$$x + 2x + 2y - 2y = 48 + 6$$

$$3x = 54$$

$$x = \frac{54}{3} = 18$$

THEREFORE, SIMON IS 18 YEARS OLD.

Exercise 2.2

1 WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING ARE LINEAR EQUATIONS IN TWO VARIABLES?

A $5x + 5y = 7$

B $x + 3xy + 2y = 1$

C $x = 2y - 7$

D $y = x^2$

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

2 THE SUM OF TWO NUMBERS IS 64. TWICE THE LARGER NUMBER PLUS FIVE TIMES THE SMALLER NUMBER IS 20. FIND THE TWO NUMBERS.

3 IN A TWO-DIGIT NUMBER, THE SUM OF THE DIGITS IS 14. TWICE THE TENS DIGIT EXCEEDS THE UNITS DIGIT BY ONE. FIND THE NUMBERS.

4 DETERMINE WHETHER EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SYSTEMS OF EQUATIONS HAS ONE SOLUTION, INFINITE SOLUTIONS OR NO SOLUTION.

A $\begin{cases} 3x - y = 7 \\ -3x + 3y = -1 \end{cases}$

B $\begin{cases} 2x + 5y = 12 \\ x - \frac{5}{2}y = 4 \end{cases}$

C $\begin{cases} 3x - y = 7 \\ 2x + 3y = 12 \end{cases}$

D $\begin{cases} 4x - 3y = 6 \\ 2x + 3y = 12 \end{cases}$

5 SOLVE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SYSTEMS OF EQUATIONS BY USING A GRAPHICAL METHOD

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{A} & \begin{cases} 3x+5y-11=0 \\ 4x-2y=4 \end{cases} & \text{B} & \begin{cases} -3x+y=5 \\ 3x-y=5 \end{cases} & \text{C} & \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3}x+y=6 \\ -x-\frac{3}{2}y=12 \end{cases} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{D} & \begin{cases} x-2y=1 \\ 7x+4y=16 \end{cases} & \text{E} & \begin{cases} 0.5x+0.25y=1 \\ x+y=2 \end{cases} \end{array}$$

6 SOLVE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SYSTEMS OF EQUATIONS BY THE SUBSTITUTION METHOD

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{A} & \begin{cases} 2x+7y=14 \\ x+\frac{7}{2}y=4 \end{cases} & \text{B} & \begin{cases} y=x-5 \\ x=y \end{cases} & \text{C} & \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3}x-\frac{1}{3}y=2 \\ -x+\frac{1}{2}y=-3 \end{cases} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{D} & \begin{cases} -2x+2y=3 \\ 7x+4y=17 \end{cases} & \text{E} & \begin{cases} x+3y=1 \\ 2x+5y=2 \end{cases} \end{array}$$

7 SOLVE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SYSTEMS OF EQUATIONS BY THE ELIMINATION METHOD

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{A} & \begin{cases} -3x+y=5 \\ 3x+y=5 \end{cases} & \text{B} & \begin{cases} 4x-3y=6 \\ 2x+3y=12 \end{cases} & \text{C} & \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3}x-\frac{1}{3}y=2 \\ -x+\frac{1}{3}y=-3 \end{cases} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{D} & \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}x-2y=5 \\ 7x+4y=6 \end{cases} & \text{E} & \begin{cases} x+3y=1 \\ 2x+5y=2 \end{cases} \end{array}$$

8 SOLVE

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{A} & \begin{cases} 3x-0.5y=6 \\ -2x+y=4+2y \end{cases} & \text{B} & \begin{cases} \frac{2}{x}+\frac{3}{y}=-2 \\ \frac{4}{x}-\frac{5}{y}=1 \end{cases} \end{array}$$

Hint: LET $a = \frac{1}{x}$ AND $b = \frac{1}{y}$

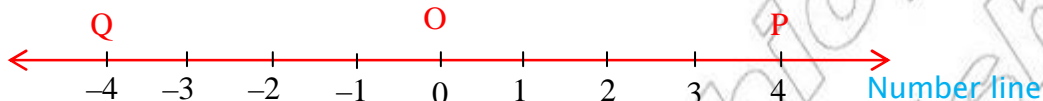
9 FIND b AND c GIVEN THAT THE GRAPH OF $bx + c$ PASSES THROUGH $(3, 14)$ AND $(-4, 7)$.

10 A STUDENT IN A CHEMISTRY LABORATORY HAS ACCESS TO TWO ACID SOLUTIONS. THE FIRST SOLUTION IS 20% ACID AND THE SECOND SOLUTION IS 45% ACID. (THE PERCENTAGE IS BY VOLUME). HOW MANY MILLILITRES OF EACH SOLUTION SHOULD THE STUDENT MIX TO OBTAIN 100 ML OF A 30% ACID SOLUTION?

2.3 EQUATIONS INVOLVING ABSOLUTE VALUE

IN PREVIOUS SECTIONS, YOU WORKED WITH EQUATIONS INVOLVING VARIABLES AS SOME ANY VALUE. BUT SOMETIMES IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO CONSIDER ONLY NON-NEGATIVE VALUES. FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU CONSIDER DISTANCE, IT IS ALWAYS NON-NEGATIVE. THE DISTANCE OF A POINT x IS LOCATED ON THE REAL LINE FROM THE ORIGIN IS A POSITIVE NUMBER.

FROM UNIT ONE, RECALL THAT THE SET OF REAL NUMBERS CAN BE REPRESENTED ON A LINE.



FROM THIS, IT IS POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE THE DISTANCE OF EACH POINT, REPRESENTED BY A NUMBER, LOCATED FAR AWAY FROM THE ORIGIN OR THE POINT REPRESENTING 0.

EXAMPLE 1 LET P AND Q BE POINTS ON A NUMBER LINE WITH COORDINATES 4 AND -4 RESPECTIVELY. HOW FAR ARE THE POINTS P AND Q FROM THE ORIGIN?

SOLUTION: THE DISTANCE OF P AND Q FROM THE ORIGIN IS THE SAME ON THE REAL LINE.

Note: IF x IS A POINT ON A NUMBER LINE WITH COORDINATE x , THEN THE DISTANCE OF x FROM THE ORIGIN IS CALLED ABSOLUTE VALUE OF x AND IS DENOTED BY $|x|$.

EXAMPLE 2 THE POINTS REPRESENTED BY NUMBERS 2 AND -2 ARE LOCATED ON THE NUMBER LINE AT AN EQUAL DISTANCE FROM THE ORIGIN. HENCE,

EXAMPLE 3 FIND THE ABSOLUTE VALUE OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING.

A -5 **B** 7 **C** -0.5

SOLUTION:

A $|-5| = 5$ **B** $|7| = 7$ **C** $|-0.5| = 0.5$

INGENERAL, THE DEFINITION OF AN ABSOLUTE VALUE IS GIVEN AS FOLLOWS.

Definition 2.4

The absolute value of a number x , denoted by $|x|$, is defined as follows.

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x & \text{IF } x \geq 0 \\ -x & \text{IF } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

EXAMPLE 4 USING THE DEFINITION, DETERMINE THE ABSOLUTE VALUE OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING.

A 3 **B** -2 **C** -0.4

SOLUTION:

- A** SINCE $3 > 0$, $|3| = 3$ **B** SINCE $-2 < 0$, $|-2| = -(-2) = 2$
C $-0.4 < 0$, AND THUS $|-0.4| = -(-0.4) = 0.4$

Note: 1 FOR ANY REAL NUMBER x , $|-x| = |x|$.

2 FOR ANY REAL NUMBER x , $|x|$ IS ALWAYS NON-NEGATIVE.

WE CONSIDERED ABSOLUTE VALUE AS A DISTANCE (OR REPRESENT POINT NUMBER) FROM THE ORIGIN, OR THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE LOCATION OF THE NUMBER AND THE ORIGIN. ALSO POSSIBLE TO CONSIDER THE DISTANCE BETWEEN ANY OTHER TWO POINTS ON THE

EXAMPLE 5 FIND THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE POINTS REPRESENTED BY NUMBERS 3 AND 9.

SOLUTION: THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE POINTS REPRESENTED BY NUMBERS 3 AND 9 IS

$$|3 - 9| = |-6| = 6 \text{ OR } |9 - 3| = |6| = 6$$

THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE LOCATION OF ANY TWO REAL NUMBERS x AND y IS $|x - y|$.

NOTE THAT $|y - x| = |y - x|$.

EXAMPLE 6 $|5 - 3| = |2| = 2$ OR $|3 - 5| = |-2| = 2$ ∴

EXAMPLE 7 EVALUATE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING.

- A** $|2 - 5|$ **B** $|-3 - 4|$ **C** $|8 - 3|$ **D** $|2 - (-5)|$

SOLUTION:

- A** $|2 - 5| = |-3| = 3$ **B** $|-3 - 4| = |-7| = 7$
C $|8 - 3| = |5| = 5$ **D** $|2 - (-5)| = |2 + 5| = |7| = 7$

NEXT, WE WILL DISCUSS EQUATIONS THAT INVOLVE ABSOLUTE VALUES AND THE PREVIOUSLY, WE SAW $|x| = 3$. SO FOR THE EQUATION $|x| = 3$, IT IS APPARENT THAT OR $x = -3$.

Note: FOR ANY NON-NEGATIVE NUMBER a ,

$$|x| = a \text{ MEANS } x = a \text{ OR } x = -a.$$

EXAMPLE 8

- A** $|x - 2| = 3$ MEANS $x - 2 = 3$ OR $x - 2 = -3$
 $x = 5$ OR $x = -1$
B $|x + 4| = 5$ MEANS $x + 4 = 5$ OR $x + 4 = -5$
 $x = 1$ OR $x = -9$

THIS CONCEPT OF ABSOLUTE VALUE IS ESSENTIAL IN SOLVING VARIOUS PROBLEMS. HERE WE WILL DISCUSS HOW WE CAN SOLVE EQUATIONS INVOLVING ABSOLUTE VALUES.

EXAMPLE 9 SOLVE $|2x - 3| = 5$

SOLUTION: FOLLOWING THE DEFINITION 5 MEANS $2x - 3 = 5$ OR $2x - 3 = -5$,
SOLVING THESE LINEAR EQUATIONS,

EXAMPLE 10 DETERMINE THE VALUE OF THE VARIABLE OF THE FOLLOWING ABSOLUTE
VALUE EQUATIONS.

A $|x| = 4$ **B** $|x - 1| = 5$ **C** $|-2x + 3| = 4$

D $|x| = -5$ **E** $|2x + 3| = -3$

SOLUTION:

A $|x| = 4$ MEANS $x = 4$ OR $x = -4$

B $|x - 1| = 5$ MEANS $x - 1 = 5$ OR $x - 1 = -5$

THEREFORE $x = 6$ OR $x = -4$.

C $|-2x + 3| = 4$ MEANS $-2x + 3 = 4$ OR $-2x + 3 = -4$
 $-2x = 1$ OR $-2x = -7$

THEREFORE $x = \frac{-1}{2}$ OR $x = \frac{7}{2}$

D SINCE $|x|$ IS ALWAYS NON-NEGATIVE, HAS NO SOLUTION.

E SINCE $|x|$ IS ALWAYS NON-NEGATIVE, $= -3$ HAS NO SOLUTION.

Note: FOR ANY REAL NUMBER $|a|$ MEANS a OR $-a$.

EXAMPLE 11 SOLVE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING EQUATIONS.

A $|x - 1| = |2x + 1|$ **B** $|3x + 2| = |2x - 1|$

SOLUTION: A $|x - 1| = |2x + 1|$ MEANS $x - 1 = 2x + 1$ OR $x - 1 = -(2x + 1)$

$x - 2x = 1 + 1$ OR $x + 2x = -1 + 1$

$-x = 2$ OR $3x = 0$

THEREFORE $x = -2$ OR $x = 0$.

B $|3x + 2| = |2x - 1|$ MEANS $3x + 2 = 2x - 1$ OR $3x + 2 = -(2x - 1)$

$3x - 2x = -1 - 2$ OR $3x + 2x = 1 - 2$

$x = -3$ OR $5x = -1$

THEREFORE $x = -3$ OR $x = -\frac{1}{5}$

EXAMPLE 12 SOLVE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING EQUATIONS.

A $|x - 1| = |x + 1|$ **B** $|2x + 2| = |2x - 1|$

SOLUTION:

A $|x - 1| = |x + 1|$ MEANS $-1 = x + 1$ OR $-1 = -(x + 1)$
 $x - x = 1 + 1$ OR $x + x = -1 + 1$
 $0 = 2$ OR $2x = 0$

BUT $0 = 2$ IS IMPOSSIBLE.
 THEREFORE

B $|2x + 2| = |2x - 1|$ MEANS $2 + 2 = 2x - 1$ OR $2x + 2 = -(2x - 1)$
 $2x - 2x = -1 - 2$ OR $2x + 2x = 1 - 2$
 $0 = -3$, OR $4x = -1$.

BUT $0 = -3$ IS NOT POSSIBLE.
 THEREFORE $-\frac{1}{4}$.

Properties of absolute value

FOR ANY REAL NUMBERS

- 1 $x \leq |x|$.
- 2 $|xy| = |x||y|$.
- 3 $\sqrt{x^2} = |x|$.
- 4 $|x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$ (THIS IS CALLED **triangle inequality**).
A IF x AND y ARE BOTH NON-POSITIVE OR BOTH NON-NEGATIVE,
B IF ONE OF x OR y IS POSITIVE AND THE OTHER IS NEGATIVE
- 5 IF $y \neq 0$ THEN $\frac{|x|}{|y|} = \left| \frac{x}{y} \right|$
- 6 $-|x| \leq x \leq |x|$.

Exercise 2.3

- 1 EVALUATE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING.
A $|2 - (-3)|$ **B** $|-4 + 9|$ **C** $|-5 - 2|$ **D** $|8| - |3 - 7|$
- 2 SOLVE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING EQUATIONS.
A $|x - 5| = -5$ **B** $|x - 5| = 5$ **C** $|-(2x - 3)| = 7$
D $|3 - 4x| = 8$ **E** $|x - (3 + 2x)| = 6$ **F** $|12 - (x + 7)| = 3$

3 SOLVE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING EQUATIONS.

A $|5 - x| = |3x - 7|$

B $|3x - 2| = |3x - 7|$

C $|5 - 4x| = |7 + 3x|$

D $|3x + 4| - |x + 7| = 0$

E $|7 - (x + 3)| + |3x - 3| = 0$

4 SOLVE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING EQUATIONS.

A $|x - 3| + |x - 3| = 9$

B $|3x + 2| - |x - 3| = 5$

C $|(2x - 3)| + |x| = 12$

D $|4x - 2| = 8 + |x - 3|$

E $|5x - (1 - 2x)| - |3 - 2x| = 8$

F $|12 - (x + 7)| + |x - 3| = 3$

Hint: HERE, FOR $|x + a| + |x + b| = c$, NOTICE THAT $|x + a|$ TAKES EITHER a OR $-(x + a)$ AND ALSO $|x + b|$ TAKES EITHER b OR $-(x + b)$, DEPENDING ON WHETHER THEY ARE GREATER THAN 0 OR LESS THAN 0. THEREFORE, YOU NEED TO CONSIDER FOUR CASES TO SOLVE SUCH PROBLEMS!

5 VERIFY EACH OF THE FOLLOWING.

A $|y - x| \leq |x| + |y|$ WHEN $x = -2$ AND $y = 3$.

B $\sqrt{(3x - 7)^2} = |3x - 7|$, WHEN $x = 5$.

2.4 QUADRATIC EQUATIONS

RECALL THAT FOR REAL NUMBERS EQUATION THAT CAN BE REDUCED TO THE FORM

$ax + b = 0$, WHERE $a \neq 0$ IS CALLED **Linear equation**.

FOLLOWING THE SAME ANALOGY, FOR REAL NUMBERS EQUATION THAT CAN BE REDUCED TO THE FORM

$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, WHERE $a \neq 0$ IS CALLED **Quadratic equation**.

$x^2 + 3x - 2 = 0$, $2x^2 - 5x = 3$, $3x^2 - 6x = 0$, $(x + 3)(x + 2) = 7$ ETC, ARE EXAMPLES OF QUADRATIC EQUATIONS.

IN THIS SECTION, YOU WILL STUDY SOLVING QUADRATIC EQUATIONS. YOU WILL DISCUSS APPROACHES TO SOLVE QUADRATIC EQUATIONS, **Method of Factorization**, THE **method of completing the square**, AND THE **General formula**. BEFORE YOU PROCEED TO SOLVE QUADRATIC EQUATIONS, YOU WILL FIRST DISCUSS THE CONCEPT OF FACTORIZATION.

Expressions

EXPRESSIONS ARE COMBINATIONS OF VARIOUS REPRESENTED AREA PRODUCT OF VARIABLES OR NUMBERS AND VARIABLES.

EXAMPLE 1 $x^2 + 2x$, $2x^2 + 4x + 2$, $(x + 1)x^2 + 6x$, ETC. ARE EXPRESSIONS.

x^2 AND 2 ARE THE TERMS IN $x^2 + 2x$ AND x^2 , $4x$, AND 2 ARE THE TERMS IN $2x^2 + 4x + 2$.

Factorizing expressions

ACTIVITY 2.8



1 MULTIPLY EACH ONE FOLLOW.

A $x(x + 9)$ B $(x + 3)(x - 3)$ C $(x + 2)(x + 3)$

2 HOW WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO GO BACK FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING.

A $x^2 - 9$ B $x^2 + 9x$ C $x^2 + 5x + 6$

FACTORIZING AN EXPRESSION IS IT AS A PRODUCT OF ITS SIMPLE

EXAMPLE 2 FACTORIZE $2x^2 - 9x$.

SOLUTION: THE TWO TERMS IN THIS EXPRESSION, $2x^2$ AND $-9x$, HAVE AS A COMMON FACTOR x . SO $2x^2 - 9x$ CAN BE FACTORIZED AS

$$\text{SO } 2x^2 - 9x = x(2x - 9).$$

EXAMPLE 3 FACTORIZE $4x^2 + 12x$.

SOLUTION: $4x^2 + 12x = (4x)x + 3(4x) = (4x)(x + 3)$

EXAMPLE 4 FACTORIZE $(2x - 1)(3x) + 2(2x - 1)$.

SOLUTION: $(2x - 1)(3x) + 2(2x - 1) = (2x - 1)(3x + 2)$ SINCE $(2x - 1)$ IS A COMMON FACTOR.

Factorizing the difference of two squares

IF WE MULTIPLY $(x + 2)$ AND $(x - 2)$, WE SEE THAT $(x + 2)(x - 2) = x^2 - 4 = x^2 - 2^2$.

ACTIVITY 2.9



1 WHAT IS $25 - 25^2$? HOW WOULD YOU COMPUTE IT?

2 WHAT IS $200 - 100^2$?

IN GENERAL,

$$x^2 - a^2 = (x - a)(x + a).$$

EXAMPLE 5 FACTORIZE $x^2 - 9$.

SOLUTION: $x^2 - 9 = x^2 - 3^2 = (x - 3)(x + 3)$

EXAMPLE 6 FACTORIZE $4x^2 - 16$.

SOLUTION: $4x^2 - 16 = (2x)^2 - 16 = (2x)^2 - 4^2 = (2x - 4)(2x + 4)$

Factorizing trinomials

YOU SAW HOW TO FACTORIZE EXPRESSIONS THAT FACTOR SOME. YOU ALSO SAW FACTORIZING THE DIFFERENCE OF TWO SQUARES. NOW YOU WILL SEE HOW TO FACTORIZE $ax^2 + bx + c$ BY GROUPING TERMS, IF YOU ARE ABLE TO FIND TWO NUMBERS $p + q = b$ AND $pq = ac$.

EXAMPLE 7 FACTORIZE $x^2 + 5x + 6$.

SOLUTION: TWO NUMBERS WHOSE SUM IS 5 AND PRODUCT 6 ARE 2 AND 3.

INSTEAD OF 5

$$x^2 + 5x + 6 = x^2 + (2x + 3x) + 6 \text{ BECAUSE } 2 + 3 = 5.$$

$$= (x^2 + 2x) + (3x + 6) \quad (\text{grouping into two parts})$$

$$= x(x + 2) + 3(x + 2) \dots \quad (\text{factorizing each part})$$

$$= (x + 2)(x + 3) \text{ BECAUSE } (x + 2) \text{ IS A COMMON FACTOR.}$$

EXAMPLE 8 FACTORIZE $x^2 + 4x + 4$.

SOLUTION: TWO NUMBERS WHOSE SUM IS 4 AND PRODUCT 4 ARE 2 AND 2. INSTEAD OF 4

$$x^2 + 4x + 4 = x^2 + (2x + 2x) + 4 \text{ BECAUSE } 2 + 2 = 4$$

$$= (x^2 + 2x) + (2x + 4) \dots (\text{grouping})$$

$$= x(x + 2) + 2(x + 2) \dots (\text{take out the common factor for each group})$$

$$= (x + 2)(x + 2) = (x + 2)^2.$$

SUCH EXPRESSIONS ARE PERFECT SQUARES.

EXAMPLE 9 FACTORIZE $3x^2 - 14x - 5$.

SOLUTION: DO YOU HAVE NUMBERS WHOSE SUM IS -14 AND WHOSE PRODUCT -15 $-15 + 1 = -14$ AND $-15 \times 1 = -15$. THIS MEANS YOU CAN USE -15 AND 1 FOR GROUPING, GIVING

$$3x^2 - 14x - 5 = 3x^2 - 15x + x - 5$$

$$= (3x^2 - 15x) + (x - 5)$$

$$= 3x(x - 5) + 1(x - 5)$$

$$= (3x + 1)(x - 5)$$

SO $3x^2 - 14x - 5 = (3x+1)(x-5)$.

ACTIVITY 2.10



FACTORIZE EACH OF FOLLOW.

A $2x^2 + 10x + 12$ **B** $2x^2 - x - 21$ **C** $5x^2 + 14x + 9$

Solving quadratic equations using the method of factorization

LET $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ BE A QUADRATIC EQUATION AND LET THE QUADRATIC BE EXPRESSIBLE AS A PRODUCT OF TWO LINEAR EXPRESSIONS $(dx + e)$ AND $(fx + g)$ WHERE d, e, f, g ARE REAL NUMBERS SUCH THAT $d \neq 0$.

THEN $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ BECOMES

$$(dx + e)(fx + g) = 0$$

SO $dx + e = 0$ OR $fx + g = 0$ WHICH GIVES $x = \frac{-e}{d}$ OR $x = \frac{-g}{f}$.

THEREFORE $\frac{-e}{d}$ AND $\frac{-g}{f}$ ARE POSSIBLE ROOTS OF THE QUADRATIC EQUATION $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$.

FOR EXAMPLE, THE EQUATION $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$ CAN BE EXPRESSED AS:

$$\begin{aligned} (x - 2)(x - 3) &= 0 \\ x - 2 = 0 \text{ OR } x - 3 &= 0 \\ x = 2 \text{ OR } x &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

THEREFORE SOLUTIONS OF THE EQUATION $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$ ARE $x = 2$ AND $x = 3$.

In order to solve a quadratic equation by factorization, go through the following steps:

- I CLEAR ALL FRACTIONS AND SQUARE
- II WRITE THE EQUATION IN $p(x) = 0$.
- III FACTORIZE THE LEFT HAND SIDE INTO A PRODUCT OF TWO LINEAR EXPRESSIONS
- IV USE THE zero-product rule TO SOLVE THE RESULTING QUADRATIC EQUATION

Zero-product rule: IF a AND b ARE TWO NUMBERS OR EXPRESSIONS SUCH THAT $ab = 0$, THEN EITHER $a = 0$ OR $b = 0$ OR BOTH $a = 0$ AND $b = 0$.

EXAMPLE 10 SOLVE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUADRATIC EQUATIONS.

A $4x^2 - 16 = 0$

B $x^2 + 9x + 8 = 0$

C $2x^2 - 6x + 7 = 3$

SOLUTION:

A $4x^2 - 16 = 0$ IS THE SAME AS $2x^2 - 4^2 = 0$
 $(2x - 4)(2x + 4) = 0$
 $(2x - 4) = 0$ OR $(2x + 4) = 0$

THEREFORE, $x = 2$ OR $x = -2$.

B $x^2 + 9x + 8 = 0$
 $x^2 + x + 8x + 8 = 0$
 $(x^2 + x) + (8x + 8) = 0$
 $x(x + 1) + 8(x + 1) = 0$
 $(x + 1)(x + 8) = 0$
 $(x + 1) = 0$ OR $(x + 8) = 0$

THEREFORE, $x = -1$ OR $x = -8$.

C $2x^2 - 6x + 7 = 3$ IS THE SAME AS $2x^2 - 6x + 4 = 0$
 $2x^2 - 6x + 4 = 0$ CAN BE EXPRESSED AS
 $2x^2 - 2x - 4x + 4 = 0$; (-2 AND -4 HAS SUM = -6 AND PRODUCT = 8).
 $(2x^2 - 2x) - (4x - 4) = 0$
 $2x(x - 1) - 4(x - 1) = 0$
 $(2x - 4)(x - 1) = 0$
 $(2x - 4) = 0$ OR $(x - 1) = 0$

THEREFORE, $x = 2$ OR $x = 1$.

Exercise 2.4

1 SOLVE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING EQUATIONS.

A $(x - 3)(x + 4) = 0$

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

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

D $2x^2 - 8 = 0$

E $5x^2 = 6x$

F $x^2 - 2x - 12 = 7x - 12$

G $-x^2 - 4 = 0$

H $2x^2 + 8 = 0$

2 SOLVE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING EQUATIONS.

- A** $x^2 - 6x + 5 = 0$ **B** $3x^2 - 2x - 5 = 0$ **C** $x^2 + 7x = 18$
D $-x^2 = 8x - 9$ **E** $5y^2 - 6y + 1 = 0$ **F** $3z^2 + 10z = 8$

3 FIND THE SOLUTION SET OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING.

- A** $2x^2 + \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{1}{4} = 0$ **B** $x^2 = -2.5x + \frac{25}{16}$
C $-(6 + 2x^2) + 8x = 0$

Solving quadratic equations by completing the square

Group Work 2.5



CONSIDERING $x^2 + 5x - 4 = 0$, FORM A GROUP AND DO THE FOLLOWING:

- 1** DIVIDE EACH COEFFICIENT BY 2.
- 2** SHIFT THE CONSTANT TERM TO THE RIGHT HAND SIDE (RHS).
- 3** ADD THE SQUARE OF HALF OF THE MIDDLE TERM TO BOTH SIDES.
- 4** DO WE HAVE ANY PERFECT SQUARE? WHY OR WHY NOT?
- 5** DO YOU OBSERVE THAT $\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{57}{16}$?
- 6** DISCUSS THE SOLUTION.

IN MANY CASES, IT IS NOT CONVENIENT TO SOLVE A QUADRATIC EQUATION BY FACTORIZATION METHOD. FOR EXAMPLE, CONSIDER THE EQUATION $x^2 + 8x + 4 = 0$. IF YOU WANT TO FACTORIZE THE LEFT HAND SIDE OF THE EQUATION, I.E., THE POLYNOMIAL, USING THE METHOD OF SPLITTING THE MIDDLE TERM, YOU NEED TO FIND TWO INTEGERS WHOSE SUM IS 8 AND PRODUCT IS 4. BUT THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE. IN SUCH CASES, AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD AS DEMONSTRATED IS MORE CONVENIENT.

$$x^2 + 8x + 4 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 8x = -4$$

$$x^2 + 8x + (4)^2 = -4 + (4)^2 \quad \left(\text{ADDING } \left(\frac{1}{2} \text{ COEFFICIENT}\right)^2 \text{ OF } x \text{ ON BOTH SIDES} \right)$$

$$(x + 4)^2 = -4 + 16 = 12$$

$$(x^2 + 8x + 16 = (x + 4)^2)$$

$$x + 4 = \pm \sqrt{12}$$

(TAKING SQUARE ROOT OF BOTH SIDES)

THEFORE $x = -4 + \sqrt{12}$ AND $x = -4 - \sqrt{12}$ ARE THE REQUIRED SOLUTIONS.

THIS METHOD IS KNOWN AS THE METHOD OF COMPLETING THE SQUARE

In general, go through the following steps in order to solve a quadratic equation by the method of completing the square:

- I WRITE THE GIVEN QUADRATIC EQUATION IN THE STANDARD FORM
- II MAKE THE COEFFICIENT OF x^2 1, IF IT IS NOT.
- III SHIFT THE CONSTANT TERM TO R.H.S.(RIGHT HAND SIDE)
- IV ADD $\left(\frac{1}{2} \text{ COEFFICIENT OF } x\right)^2$ ON BOTH SIDES.
- V EXPRESS L.H.S.(LEFT HAND SIDE) AS THE PERFECT SQUARE BINOMIAL EXPRESSION AND SIMPLIFY THE R.H.S.
- VI TAKE SQUARE ROOT OF BOTH THE SIDES.
- VII OBTAIN THE VALUES BY SHIFTING THE CONSTANT TERM FROM L.H.S. TO R.H.S.

Note: THE NUMBER WE NEED TO ADD (OR SUBTRACT) TO GET A PERFECT SQUARE IS DETERMINED BY USING THE FOLLOWING PRODUCT FORMULAS:

$$x^2 + 2ax + a^2 = (x + a)^2$$

$$x^2 - 2ax + a^2 = (x - a)^2$$

NOTE THAT THE LAST TERM ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE FORMULA IS THE SQUARE OF THE half of the coefficient of x AND THE COEFFICIENTS OF SO, WE SHOULD ADD (OR SUBTRACT) A SUITABLE NUMBER TO GET THIS FORM.

EXAMPLE 11 SOLVE $x^2 + 5x - 3 = 0$.

SOLUTION: NOTE THAT $\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{25}{4}$.

HENCE, WE ADD THIS NUMBER TO GET A PERFECT SQUARE.

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

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

$$x^2 + 5x + \frac{25}{4} = 3 + \frac{25}{4}$$

$$x^2 + 5x + \frac{25}{4} = \frac{37}{4}; \quad \left(x^2 + 5x + \frac{25}{4} \text{ IS A PERFECT SQUARE}\right)$$

$$\left(x + \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{37}{4}$$

$$\left(x + \frac{5}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{37}{4}} \quad \text{OR} \quad \left(x + \frac{5}{2}\right) = -\sqrt{\frac{37}{4}}$$

$$x = -\frac{5}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{37}{4}} \quad \text{OR} \quad x = -\frac{5}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{37}{4}}$$

$$\text{THEREFORE } x = \frac{-5 + \sqrt{37}}{2} \quad \text{OR} \quad x = \frac{-5 - \sqrt{37}}{2}.$$

EXAMPLE 12 SOLVE $x^2 + 12x + 6 = 0$.

SOLUTION: FIRST DIVIDE ALL TERMS BY 3 SO THAT THE COEFFICIENT OF

$$3x^2 + 12x + 6 = 0 \text{ BECOMES } x^2 + 4x + 2 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 4x = -2 \quad (\text{Shifting the constant term to the right side})$$

$$x^2 + 4x + 4 = -2 + 4 \quad (\text{half of 4 is 2 and its square is 4})$$

$$(x + 2)^2 = 2 \quad (x^2 + 4x + 4 = (x + 2)^2, \text{ a perfect square})$$

$$(x + 2) = \pm\sqrt{2}$$

$$x = -2 \pm\sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{THEREFORE } x = -2 - \sqrt{2} \quad \text{OR} \quad x = -2 + \sqrt{2}$$

EXAMPLE 13 SOLVE $x^2 + 12x + 15 = 0$.

SOLUTION: FIRST DIVIDE ALL TERMS BY 3 SO THAT THE COEFFICIENT OF

$$3x^2 + 12x + 15 = 0 \text{ BECOMES } x^2 + 4x + 5 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 4x = -5 \quad (\text{Shifting the constant term to the right side})$$

$$x^2 + 4x + 4 = -5 + 4 \quad (\text{half of 4 is 2 and its square is 4})$$

$$(x + 2)^2 = -1 \quad (x^2 + 4x + 4 = (x + 2)^2, \text{ a perfect square})$$

$$(x + 2) = \pm\sqrt{-1}$$

SINCE $\sqrt{-1}$ IS NOT A REAL NUMBER, WE CONCLUDE THAT THE QUADRATIC EQUATION DOES NOT HAVE A REAL SOLUTION.

EXAMPLE 14 SOLVE $x^2 + 4x + 2 = 0$.

SOLUTION: $2x^2 + 4x + 2 = 0$ BECOMES

$$x^2 + 2x + 1 = 0 \quad (\text{Dividing all terms by 2})$$

$$(x + 1)^2 = 0 \quad (x^2 + 2x + 1 = (x + 1)^2 \text{ is a perfect square})$$

$$(x + 1) = 0$$

THEREFORE $x = -1$ IS THE ONLY SOLUTION.

Exercise 2.5

- 1** SOLVE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUADRATIC EQUATIONS BY COMPLETING THE SQUARE.
- A** $x^2 - 6x + 10 = 0$ **B** $x^2 - 12x + 20 = 0$ **C** $2x^2 - x - 6 = 0$
D $2x^2 + 3x - 2 = 0$ **E** $3x^2 - 6x + 12 = 0$ **F** $x^2 - x + 1 = 0$
- 2** FIND THE SOLUTION SET FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING EQUATIONS.
- A** $20x^2 + 10x - 8 = 0$ **B** $x^2 - 8x + 15 = 0$ **C** $6x^2 - x - 2 = 0$
D $14x^2 + 43x + 20 = 0$ **E** $x^2 + 11x + 30 = 0$ **F** $2x^2 + 8x - 1 = 0$
- 3** REDUCE THESE EQUATIONS INTO THE FORM $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ AND SOLVE.
- A** $x^2 = 5x + 7$ **B** $3x^2 - 8x = 15 - 2x + 2x^2$
C $x(x - 6) = 6x^2 - x - 2$ **D** $8x^2 + 9x + 2 = 3(2x^2 + 6x) + 2(x - 1)$
E $x^2 + 11x + 30 = 2 + 11x(x + 3)$

Solving quadratic equations using the quadratic formula

FOLLOWING THE METHOD OF COMPLETING THE SQUARE, WE DERIVED A GENERAL FORMULA THAT CAN SERVE FOR CHECKING THE EXISTENCE OF A SOLUTION TO A QUADRATIC EQUATION. SOLVING QUADRATIC EQUATIONS.

TO DERIVE THE GENERAL FORMULA FOR SOLVING $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, WE PROCEED USING THE METHOD OF COMPLETING THE SQUARE.

THE FOLLOWING WORK WILL HELP YOU TO FIND THE SOLUTION FORMULA OF THE QUADRATIC EQUATION $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, $a \neq 0$, BY USING THE COMPLETING THE SQUARE METHOD.

Group Work 2.6



CONSIDER $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, $a \neq 0$

- 1** FIRST DIVIDE EACH TERM BY a
- 2** SHIFT THE CONSTANT TERM RIGHT.
- 3** ADD THE SQUARE OF HALF OF THE MIDDLE TERM TO BOTH SIDE
- 4** DO YOU HAVE A PERFECT SQUARE?
- 5** SOLVE FOR x USING COMPLETING THE SQUARE.
- 6** DO YOU OBSERVE THAT $\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$?
- 7** WHAT WILL BE THE ROOTS OF THE QUADRATIC EQUATION

FOR A GENERAL QUADRATIC EQUATION $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, $a \neq 0$, BY APPLYING THE METHOD OF COMPLETING THE SQUARE, CONCLUDE THAT THE ROOTS ARE $\frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ AND

$$r_2 = \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}.$$

THEREFORE THE SOLUTION $\left\{ \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}, \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \right\}$.

FROM THE ABOVE DISCUSS WHAT DO YOU OBSERVE ABOUT $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$?

ACTIVITY 2.11



IN $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$, DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE CASES FOR WHEN,

- A** $b^2 - 4ac > 0$ **B** $b^2 - 4ac = 0$ **C** $b^2 - 4ac < 0$

Note: IF ANY QUADRATIC EQUATION $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, $a \neq 0$ HAS A SOLUTION, THE

SOLUTION IS DETERMINED BY $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ AND

1 IF $b^2 - 4ac > 0$, THEN $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ REPRESENTS TWO NUMBERS, NAMELY

$$x = \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \text{ AND } x = \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}.$$

THEREFORE THE EQUATION HAS TWO

2 IF $b^2 - 4ac = 0$ THEN $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-b}{2a}$ IS THE ONLY SOLUTION

THEREFORE THE EQUATION HAS ONLY ONE

3 IF $b^2 - 4ac < 0$, THEN $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ IS NOT DEFINED IN

THEREFORE THE EQUATION DOES NOT HAVE ANY

THE EXPRESSION $b^2 - 4ac$ IS CALLED THE **Discriminant** OR **discriminator**. IT HELPS TO DETERMINE THE EXISTENCE OF SOLUTIONS.

EXAMPLE 15 USING THE DISCRIMINANT, CHECK TO SEE IF THE FOLLOWING EQUATION HAS SOLUTIONS AND SOLVE IF THERE IS A SOLUTION.

- A** $3x^2 - 5x + 2 = 0$ **B** $x^2 - 8x + 16 = 0$ **C** $-2x^2 - 4x - 9 = 0$

SOLUTION:

A $3x^2 - 5x + 2 = 0; a = 3, b = -5$ AND $c = 2$.

SO $b^2 - 4ac = (-5)^2 - 4(3)(2) = 1 > 0$

THEREFORE, THE EQUATION $3x^2 - 5x + 2 = 0$ HAS TWO SOLUTIONS.

USING THE QUADRATIC SOLUTION FORMULA, $\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

$$x = \frac{-(-5) - \sqrt{(-5)^2 - 4(3)(2)}}{2(3)} \text{ OR } x = \frac{-(-5) + \sqrt{(-5)^2 - 4(3)(2)}}{2(3)}$$

$$x = \frac{5 - \sqrt{25 - 24}}{6} \text{ OR } x = \frac{5 + \sqrt{25 - 24}}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{5 - \sqrt{1}}{6} \text{ OR } x = \frac{5 + \sqrt{1}}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{5 - 1}{6} \text{ OR } x = \frac{5 + 1}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{4}{6} \text{ OR } x = \frac{6}{6}$$

THEREFORE $\frac{2}{3}$ OR $x = 1$

B IN $x^2 - 8x + 16 = 0, a = 1, b = -8$ AND $c = 16$

SO $b^2 - 4ac = (-8)^2 - 4(1)(16) = 0$

THEREFORE, THE EQUATION $x^2 - 8x + 16 = 0$ HAS ONLY ONE SOLUTION.

USING THE QUADRATIC SOLUTION FORMULA, $\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-b}{2a}$

$$x = \frac{-(-8)}{2(1)} = 4$$

THEREFORE THE SOLUTION IS

C IN $-2x^2 - 4x - 9 = 0, a = -2, b = -4$ AND $c = -9$

SO $b^2 - 4ac = (-4)^2 - 4(-2)(-9) = -56 < 0$

THEREFORE THE EQUATION $-2x^2 - 4x - 9 = 0$ DOES NOT HAVE ANY REAL SOLUTION.

Exercise 2.6

1 SOLVE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUADRATIC EQUATIONS USING THE QUADRATIC SOLUTION FORMULA.

- A** $x^2 + 8x + 15 = 0$ **B** $3x^2 - 12x + 2 = 0$ **C** $4x^2 - 4x - 1 = 0$
D $x^2 + 3x - 2 = 0$ **E** $5x^2 + 15x + 45 = 0$ **F** $3x^2 - 4x - 2 = 0$

2 FIND THE SOLUTION SET FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUADRATIC EQUATIONS.

- A** $x^2 + 6x + 8 = 0$ **B** $9 + 30x + 25x^2 = 0$ **C** $9x^2 + 15 - 3x = 0$
D $4x^2 - 36x + 81 = 0$ **E** $x^2 + 2x + 8 = 0$ **F** $2x^2 + 8x + 1 = 0$

3 REDUCE THE EQUATIONS INTO THE FORM $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ AND SOLVE.

- A** $3x^2 = 5x + 7 - x^2$ **B** $x^2 = 8 + 2x + 2x^2$
C $x^2 - 2(x - 6) = 6 - x$ **D** $x^2 - 4 + x(1 + 6x) + 2(x - 1) = 4x - 3$
E $4 - 8x^2 + 6x = 2x(x + 3) + 2x$

4 A SCHOOL COMMUNITY HAD PLANNED TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS PER CLASS ROOM BY CONSTRUCTING ADDITIONAL CLASS ROOMS. HOWEVER, THE RESULT WAS 10 MORE THAN THEY PLANNED. IF THERE ARE 1200 GRADE 9 STUDENTS, DETERMINE THE CURRENT NUMBER OF CLASS ROOMS AND THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS PER CLASS.

The relationship between the coefficients of a quadratic equation and its roots

YOU HAVE LEARNED HOW TO SOLVE QUADRATIC EQUATIONS. THE SOLUTIONS TO A QUADRATIC EQUATION ARE SOMETIMES CALLED **roots**. THE GENERAL QUADRATIC EQUATION

$ax^2 + bx + c = 0, a \neq 0$ HAS ROOTS (SOLUTIONS)

$$r_1 = \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \text{ AND } r_2 = \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

ACTIVITY 2.12

1 IF $r_1 = \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ AND $r_2 = \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ ARE ROOTS OF

QUADRATIC EQUATION $ax^2 + bx + c = 0, a \neq 0$ THEN

- A** FIND THE SUM OF THE ROOTS ($r_1 + r_2$).
B FIND THE PRODUCT OF THE ROOTS ($r_1 r_2$).



- 2** WHAT RELATIONSHIP DO YOU OBSERVE BETWEEN THE SUM AND PRODUCT OF THE ROOTS WITH RESPECT TO THE QUOTIENTS OF THE COEFFICIENTS, NAMELY $\frac{-b}{a}$ AND $\frac{c}{a}$?
- 3** TEST YOUR ANSWER ON THE QUADRATIC EQUATION 2

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SUM AND PRODUCT OF THE ROOTS OF A QUADRATIC EQUATION AND ITS COEFFICIENTS IS STATED BELOW AND IT IS CALLED **Viète's theorem**.

Theorem 2.1 Viète's theorem

If the roots of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, $a \neq 0$ are $r_1 = \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ and $r_2 = \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$, then $r_1 + r_2 = \frac{-b}{a}$ and $r_1 \times r_2 = \frac{c}{a}$

YOU CAN CHECK VIÈTE'S THEOREM AS FOLLOWS:

THE ROOTS OF $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ ARE

$$r_1 = \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \text{ AND } r_2 = \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

THEIR SUM IS $r_1 + r_2 = \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} + \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

$$= \frac{(-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}) + (-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac})}{2a} = \frac{-2b}{2a} = \frac{-b}{a}$$

AND THEIR PRODUCT IS $r_1 \times r_2 = \left(\frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \right) \left(\frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \right)$

$$= \left(\frac{b^2 - (b^2 - 4ac)}{(2a)^2} \right) = \left(\frac{4ac}{4a^2} \right) = \frac{c}{a}$$

SO THE SUM OF THE ROOTS IS $\frac{-b}{a}$ AND THE PRODUCT OF THE ROOTS IS $\frac{c}{a}$.

EXAMPLE 16 IF $3x^2 + 8x + 5 = 0$, THEN FIND

- A** THE SUM OF ITS ROOTS. **B** THE PRODUCT OF ITS ROOTS.

SOLUTION: IN $3x^2 + 8x + 5 = 0$, $a = 3$, $b = 8$ AND $c = 5$.

SUM OF THE ROOTS IS $\frac{-b}{a} = \frac{-8}{3}$ AND THE PRODUCT OF THE ROOTS IS $\frac{c}{a} = \frac{5}{3}$

Exercise 2.7

- 1 DETERMINE THE SUM OF THE ROOTS OF THE FOLLOWING EQUATIONS SOLVING THEM.
A $x^2 - 9x + 1 = 0$ **B** $4x^2 + 11x - 4 = 0$ **C** $-3x^2 - 9x - 16 = 0$
- 2 DETERMINE THE PRODUCT OF THE ROOTS OF THE FOLLOWING EQUATIONS SOLVING THEM.
A $-x^2 + 2x + 9 = 0$ **B** $2x^2 + 7x - 3 = 0$ **C** $-3x^2 + 8x + 1 = 0$
- 3 IF THE SUM OF THE ROOTS OF THE EQUATION IS 7, THEN WHAT IS THE VALUE OF k ?
- 4 IF THE PRODUCT OF THE ROOTS OF THE EQUATIONS 1, THEN WHAT IS THE VALUE OF k ?
- 5 IF ONE OF THE ROOTS OF THE EQUATION EXCEEDS THE OTHER BY 2, THEN FIND THE ROOTS AND DETERMINE THE VALUE OF k .
- 6 DETERMINE THE VALUE OF k SUCH THAT THE EQUATION $x^2 + kx - 1 = 0$ HAS EXACTLY ONE REAL ROOT.

Word problems leading to quadratic equations

QUADRATIC EQUATIONS CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY USED FOR SOLVING PROBLEMS RELATED TO OUR DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES.

The following working rule could be useful in solving such problems.

- Step 1** READ THE GIVEN PROBLEM CAREFULLY AND IDENTIFY THE UNKNOWN QUANTITY.
- Step 2** DEFINE THE UNKNOWN QUANTITY AS THE VARIABLE.
- Step 3** USING THE VARIABLE TRANSLATE THE GIVEN PROBLEM INTO A MATHEMATICAL STATEMENT, I.E., A QUADRATIC EQUATION.
- Step 4** SOLVE THE QUADRATIC EQUATION THUS FORMED.
- Step 5** INTERPRET THE SOLUTION OF THE QUADRATIC EQUATION. THE RESULT OBTAINED SHOULD BE TRANSLATED INTO THE LANGUAGE OF THE GIVEN PROBLEM.

Remark:

- I** AT TIMES IT MAY HAPPEN THAT, OUT OF THE TWO ROOTS OF A QUADRATIC EQUATION, ONLY ONE HAS A MEANING FOR THE PROBLEM. IN SUCH CASES, THE OTHER ROOT, WHICH DOES NOT SATISFY THE CONDITIONS OF THE GIVEN PROBLEM, MUST BE REJECTED.
- II** IN CASE THERE IS A PROBLEM INVOLVING TWO UNKNOWN QUANTITIES, WE DEFINE ONLY ONE OF THEM AS THE VARIABLE. THE OTHER UNKNOWN QUANTITY CAN ALWAYS BE EXPRESSED IN TERMS OF THE VARIABLE USING THE CONDITION(S) GIVEN IN THE PROBLEM.

EXAMPLE 17 THE SUM OF TWO NUMBERS IS 11 AND THEIR PRODUCT IS 28.

SOLUTION: LET x AND y BE THE NUMBERS.

YOU ARE GIVEN TWO CONDITIONS AND $y = 28$

FROM $y = 28$ YOU CAN EXPRESS x IN TERMS OF y GIVING $x = \frac{28}{y}$

REPLACE $x = \frac{28}{y}$ IN $x + y = 11$ TO GET $\frac{28}{y} + y = 11$

NOW PROCEED TO SOLVE FROM $\frac{28}{y} + y = 11$ WHICH BECOMES

$$\frac{x^2 + 28}{x} = 11$$

$$x^2 + 28 = 11x$$

$$x^2 - 11x + 28 = 0, \text{ WHICH IS A QUADRATIC EQUATION.}$$

THEN SOLVING THIS QUADRATIC EQUATION, YOU GET

IF $x = 4$ THEN FROM $y = 11$ YOU GET $4 + y = 11 \Rightarrow y = 7$

IF $x = 7$ THEN FROM $y = 11$ YOU GET $7 + y = 11 \Rightarrow y = 4$

THEREFORE, THE NUMBERS ARE 4 AND 7.

EXAMPLE 18 TWO DIFFERENT SQUARES HAVE A TOTAL AREA OF 274 CM² AND THE SUM OF THEIR PERIMETERS IS 88 CM. FIND THE LENGTHS OF THE SIDES OF THE SQUARES.

SOLUTION: LET THE SQUARES BE AS GIVEN BELOW.

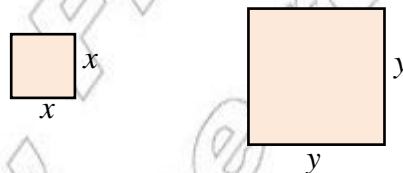


Figure 2.5

RECALL, THE AREA OF THE SMALLER SQUARE IS x^2 AND THE AREA OF THE BIGGER SQUARE IS y^2 . THE PERIMETER OF THE SMALLER SQUARE IS $4x$ AND THE PERIMETER OF THE BIGGER SQUARE IS $4y$.

SO THE TOTAL AREA IS 274 AND THE SUM OF THEIR PERIMETERS IS 88

FROM $4x + 4y = 88$ YOU SOLVE FOR y AND GET $y = 22 - x$.

SUBSTITUTE $22 - x$ IN $x^2 + y^2 = 274$ AND GET $x^2 + (22 - x)^2 = 274$.

THIS EQUATION IS $x^2 + 84 - 44x + x^2 = 274$ WHICH BECOMES THE QUADRATIC EQUATION $2x^2 - 44x + 210 = 0$.

SOLVING THIS QUADRATIC EQUATION, YOU GET

THEREFORE, THE SIDE OF THE SMALLER SQUARE IS 7 CM AND THE SIDE OF THE BIG IS 15 CM.

Exercise 2.8

- 1 THE AREA OF A RECTANGLE IS 36 cm^2 . IF ONE SIDE EXCEEDS THE OTHER BY 5 CM, FIND THE DIMENSIONS OF THE RECTANGLE.
- 2 THE PERIMETER OF AN EQUILATERAL TRIANGLE IS NUMERICALLY EQUAL TO ITS AREA. FIND THE LENGTH OF ONE SIDE OF THE EQUILATERAL TRIANGLE.
- 3 DIVIDE 29 INTO TWO PARTS SO THAT THE SUM OF THE SQUARES OF THE PARTS IS 220. FIND THE VALUE OF EACH PART.
- 4 THE SUM OF THE SQUARES OF TWO CONSECUTIVE NATURAL NUMBERS IS 313. FIND THE NUMBERS.
- 5 A PIECE OF CLOTH COSTS BIRR 200. IF IT WAS 2 M LONGER, AND THE COST PER METRE OF CLOTH WAS BIRR 2 LESS, THE COST OF THE PIECE WOULD BE UNCHANGED. HOW LONG IS THE PIECE AND WHAT IS ITS COST PER METRE?
- 6 BIRR 6,500 WERE DIVIDED EQUALLY AMONG A CERTAIN NUMBER OF PERSONS. IF THERE HAD BEEN 15 MORE PERSONS, EACH WOULD HAVE GOT BIRR 30 LESS. FIND THE NUMBER OF PERSONS.
- 7 A PERSON ON TOUR HAS BIRR 360 FOR HIS DAILY EXPENSES. IF FOR 4 DAYS, HE HAS TO CUT DOWN HIS DAILY EXPENSE BY BIRR 3. FIND THE DURATION OF THE TOUR.
- 8 IN A FLIGHT OF 600 KM, AN AIRCRAFT WAS SLOWED DOWN DUE TO BAD WEATHER. ITS SPEED FOR THE TRIP WAS REDUCED TO 200 KM/HR AND IT TOOK 3 HOURS AND 30 MINUTES. FIND THE DURATION OF THE ORIGINAL FLIGHT.
- 9 AN EXPRESS TRAIN MAKES A RUN OF 240 KM AT A CERTAIN SPEED. IF ITS SPEED IS 12 KM/HR LESS IT TAKES AN HOUR LONGER TO COVER THE SAME DISTANCE. FIND THE SPEED OF THE EXPRESS TRAIN.



Key Terms

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| absolute value | exponents | quadratic equations |
| completing the square | factorization | quadratic formula |
| discriminant | graphical method | radicals |
| elimination method | linear equations | substitution method |



Summary

- 1 EQUATIONS ARE EQUALITY OF 1
- 2 FOR $a > 0$, $a^x = a^y$, IF AND ONLY $x = y$.
- 3 AN EQUATION OF THE FORM $ax + by = e$, WHERE a AND b ARE ARBITRARY CONSTANTS $a \neq 0$, $b \neq 0$ IS CALLED **Linear equation** IN TWO VARIABLES AND ITS SOLUTION IS (INFINITE POINTS)
- 4 A SYSTEM OF LINEAR EQUATIONS IS A SET OF TWO OR MORE LINEAR EQUATIONS IN TWO VARIABLES CAN BE REPRESENTED BY

$$\begin{cases} a_1x + b_1y = c_1 \\ a_2x + b_2y = c_2 \end{cases}$$
- 5 A SOLUTION TO A SYSTEM OF LINEAR EQUATION IN TWO VARIABLES IS A PAIR (x, y) THAT SATISFY BOTH THE LINE
 - A $\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$ IMPLIES THE SYSTEM HAS INFINITE SOLUTIONS
 - B $\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} \neq \frac{c_1}{c_2}$ IMPLIES THE SYSTEM HAS NO SOLUTION
 - C $\frac{a_1}{a_2} \neq \frac{b_1}{b_2}$ IMPLIES THE SYSTEM HAS ONE SOLUTION
- 6 GEOMETRICALLY
 - A IF TWO LINES INTERSECT AT ONE POINT, THE SYSTEM HAS ONE SOLUTION
 - B IF TWO LINES ARE PARALLEL, AND NEVER INTERSECT, THEY DO NOT HAVE A SOLUTION.
 - C IF THE TWO LINES COINCIDE (FIT ONE ON THE OTHER), THE SYSTEM HAS INFINITE SOLUTIONS.
- 7 A SYSTEM OF LINEAR EQUATION IN TWO VARIABLES CAN BE SOLVED BY ANY OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS: **graphically**, **substitution** OR **elimination**
- 8 FOR ANY REAL NUMBER x , $|x| = |-x|$.
- 9 FOR ANY REAL NUMBER x , $|x|$ IS ALWAYS NON-NEGATIVE.
- 10 FOR ANY NON-NEGATIVE NUMBER a ($a \geq 0$); $|x| = a$ MEANS $x = a$ OR $x = -a$.
- 11 FOR ANY NON-NEGATIVE NUMBER a ($a \geq 0$); $|x| = |a|$ MEANS $x = a$ OR $x = -a$.
- 12 FOR REAL NUMBERS a, b, c AND $a \neq 0$, ANY EQUATION THAT CAN BE REDUCED TO THE FORM $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ IS CALLED **quadratic equation**.
- 13 WRITING AN EXPRESSION AS A PRODUCT OF ITS SIMPLEST **factorizing**.

14 FOR REAL NUMBERS a, b AND c , TO SOLVE $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, WHERE $a \neq 0$, THE FOLLOWING METHODS CAN BE USED: FACTORIZATION, COMPLETING THE SQUARE, OR THE QUADRATIC FORMULA.

15 IF THE ROOTS OF $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ ARE $x_1 = \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ AND $x_2 = \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ THEN $x_1 + x_2 = -\frac{b}{a}$ AND $x_1 \times x_2 = \frac{c}{a}$.

? Review Exercises on Unit 2

1 SOLVE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING.

- A** $(x - 3)^3 = 27$ **B** $(2x + 1)^2 = 16$ **C** $9^{3x} = 81$
D $\sqrt[3]{(2x)^3} = 14$ **E** $(x - 3)^3 = 27(2x - 1)^3$

2 SOLVE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING LINEAR EQUATIONS.

- A** $2(3x - 2) = 3 - x$ **B** $4(3 - 2x) = 2(3x - 2)$
C $(3x - 2) - 3(2x + 1) = 4(4x - 3)$ **D** $4 - 3x = 2\left(1 - \frac{3}{2}x\right)$
E $2(1 - 4x) = -4\left(-\frac{1}{2} + 2x\right)$

3 WITHOUT SOLVING, DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF SOLUTIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING SYSTEMS OF LINEAR EQUATIONS.

- A** $\begin{cases} 3x - 4y = 5 \\ 2x + 3y = 3 \end{cases}$ **B** $\begin{cases} 6x + 9y = 7 \\ 2x + 3y = 13 \end{cases}$ **C** $\begin{cases} -x + 4y = 7 \\ 2x - 8y = -14 \end{cases}$

4 APPLYING ALL THE METHODS FOR SOLVING SYSTEMS OF LINEAR EQUATIONS, SOLVE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING.

- A** $\begin{cases} -2x - 3y = 5 \\ 2x + 3y = -5 \end{cases}$ **B** $\begin{cases} \frac{3}{2}x = 5 - 2y \\ x - 3y = 5 \end{cases}$ **C** $\begin{cases} 0.3x - 0.4y = 1 \\ 0.2x + y = 3 \end{cases}$

5 SOLVE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING EQUATIONS. SOLVE IN MORE THAN ONE WAY IF AB

- A** $|2x - 3| = 3$ **B** $3|x - 1| = 7$ **C** $\left|\frac{1}{2} - 3x\right| = \frac{7}{2}$
D $|x + 7| = -1$ **E** $|2 - 0.2x| = 5$ **F** $|2x - 3| = 3|1 - 2x|$
G $|x - 5| = |3 + 2x|$ **H** $|2x - 4| = 2|2 - x|$ **I** $|x + 12| - 2|3x - 1| = 0$
J $|5x - 12| + |x + 2| = 8$ **K** $3|x - 7| + 2|1 - 3x| = 5$

6 FACTORIZE THE FOLLOWING EXPRESSIONS.

- A** $x^2 - 16x$ **B** $4x^2 + 16x + 12$ **C** $1 - 4x^2$
D $12x + 48x^2$ **E** $x^2 + 11x - 42$

7 SOLVE THE FOLLOWING QUADRATIC EQUATIONS.

- A** $x^2 - 16x = -64$ **B** $2x^2 + 8x - 8 = 0$
C $4x - 3x^2 - 9 = 10x$ **D** $x^2 + 15x + 31 = 2x - 11$
E $7x^2 + x - 5 = 0$

8 BY COMPUTING THE DISCRIMINANT FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING, DETERMINE HOW MANY SOLUTIONS THE EQUATION HAS.

- A** $x^2 - 16x + 24 = 0$ **B** $2x^2 + 8x - 12 = 0$
C $-4x^2 - x - 2 = 0$ **D** $3x^2 - 6x + 3 = 0$

9 IF TWO ROOTS OF A QUADRATIC EQUATION ARE $2 + \sqrt{3}$ AND $2 - \sqrt{3}$, DETERMINE THE QUADRATIC EQUATION.

10 IF THE SUM OF TWO NUMBERS IS 13 AND THEIR PRODUCT IS 42, DETERMINE THE NUMBERS.

11 ALMAZ HAS TAKEN TWO TESTS. HER AVERAGE SCORE IS 75 AND THE PRODUCT OF HER SCORES IS 45. WHAT DID SHE SCORE IN EACH TEST?

12 IF a AND b ARE ROOTS OF $x^2 + 2 = 0$, THEN FIND

- A** $a + b$ **B** ab **C** $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}$
D $\frac{1}{a+2} + \frac{1}{b+2}$ **E** $a^2 + b^2$ **F** $a^3 - b^3$

13 DETERMINE THE VALUE OF p AND q FOR WHICH $(-4, -3)$ WILL BE SOLUTION OF THE SYSTEM

$$\begin{cases} px + qy = -26 \\ qx - py = 7 \end{cases}$$

14 AN OBJECT IS THROWN VERTICALLY UPWARD FROM THE GROUND WITH AN INITIAL SPEED OF v_0 FT/SEC. ITS HEIGHT (FEET) AFTER t SECONDS IS GIVEN BY

$$h = -16t^2 + v_0t + h_0.$$

GIVEN THIS, IF IT IS THROWN VERTICALLY UPWARD FROM THE GROUND WITH AN INITIAL SPEED OF 64 FT/SEC,

- A** AT WHAT TIME WILL THE HEIGHT OF THE BALL BE 63 FT? (TWO ANSWERS)
B HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE FOR THE BALL TO REACH 63 FT?

15 DETERMINE THE VALUES OF k FOR WHICH THE QUADRATIC EQUATION $kx^2 - 42kx + 1 = 0$ CAN HAVE EXACTLY ONE SOLUTION.

16 THE SPEED OF A BOAT IN STILL WATER IS 15 KM/H. IT TAKES 4 HOURS MORE TO TRAVEL 63 KM AGAINST THE CURRENT OF A RIVER THAN IT NEEDS TO TRAVEL DOWNSTREAM. DETERMINE THE SPEED OF THE CURRENT OF THE RIVER.