

Simultaneous Equations

Steps to solve Simultaneous Equations		Keywords for translating into algebraic expressions	Operation Or symbol
1) 'Cross multiply' co-efficients of y if they are not the same 2) Add/ Subtract equations to attain an equation with one unknown. 3) Solve for x . 4) Substitute the value of x into any one of the original equations and then solve for y .		More, sum, and, add, total	+
		Difference, less	-
		Twice, triple, product	×
		Divide, shared among,	÷
		is, result	=
Sign	Add/ Subtract Equations		
Same ($\begin{matrix} - & \text{or} & + \\ - & & + \end{matrix}$)	SUBTRACT(-)		
Different ($\begin{matrix} - & \text{or} & + \\ + & & - \end{matrix}$)	ADD (+)		

Solve the following pairs of simultaneous equations

1) $3a - 2b = 12$

$2a + b = 1$

3) $2x + y = 7$

$x - 2y = 1$

2) $3x - 2y = 19$

$2x + 3y = 4$

4) $3x - 2y = 10$

$2x + 5y = 13$

- 5) One packet of biscuit cost $\$x$ and one cup of ice cream costs $\$y$.

One packet of biscuits and two cups of ice cream cost $\$8.00$, while three packets of biscuits and one cup of ice cream cost $\$9.00$.

- i) Write a pair of simultaneous equations in x and y to represent the given information above.
- ii) Solve the equations obtained in (i) above to find the cost of one packet of biscuits and the cost of one cup of ice cream.

- 6) A candy store packages lollipops and toffees in bags for sale where a lollipop weighs x grams and a toffee weighs y grams.

5 lollipops and 12 toffees have a mass of 61 grams

10 lollipops and 13 toffees have a mass of 89 grams

- (i) If the mass of one lollipop is x grams and the mass of one toffee is y grams, write two equations in x and y to represent the above information.
- (ii) Calculate the mass of
- a) ONE lollipop
- b) ONE toffee