

Heathfield Community College A Level Maths and Further Maths Summer work

Instructions

- Work on A4 lined paper
- Write out the question and show all your working.
- You need to do a minimum of 3 questions from each exercise to demonstrate understanding.
- You must show all working
- You must mark your own work from the answers provided.
- When you have finished you must fill in the check list.

Advice

You might find a GCSE higher tier textbook helpful. If any section causes problems the “www.mymaths.co.uk” website is very useful. The booster sections “GCSE booster 6 and 7” and “GCSE booster 8 and 9” especially good.

Calculators

You will **need** get the Casio fx991 EX Classwiz plus calculator (or equivalent), as it has statistical tables in it you will need in A level Maths – these are not in the Formulae Booklet.



CHECK LIST

TOPIC		I AM FINE ON THIS TOPIC	I NEED TO DO SOME MORE PRACTICE	I MUST GET HELP AT THE BEGINNING OF TERM
Surds				
Factorising	Difference of 2 Squares			
	$x^2 + bx + c$			
	$ax^2 + bx + c$			
Completing the square				
Solving Quadratic Equations	Factorising			
	Formula			
Linear Simultaneous Equations				
Non-Linear Simultaneous Equations				

SURDS

Rationalising the Denominator

Examples

$$1. \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3}} \quad \text{i.e., multiply top and bottom by } \sqrt{3}$$
$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

$$2. \quad \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2}}$$
$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4 \times 2}$$
$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8}$$

Exercise 1

Rationalise the denominators:

$$1. \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$2. \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{7}}$$

$$3. \quad \frac{7}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$4. \quad \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{3}}$$

$$5. \quad \frac{\sqrt{8}}{\sqrt{32}}$$

$$6. \quad \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{45}}$$

$$7. \quad \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{21}}$$

$$8. \quad \frac{\sqrt{11}}{\sqrt{132}}$$

FACTORISING

Difference of Two Squares

Example 1

Factorise $x^2 - 9$

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

Example 2

Factorise $9x^2 - 16$

$$\begin{aligned} 9x^2 - 16 &= (3x)^2 - (4)^2 \\ &= (3x - 4)(3x + 4) \end{aligned}$$

Example 3

Factorise $8x^2 - 2$

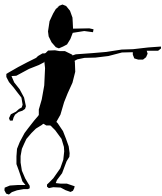
$8x^2$ and 2 are not perfect squares, but 2 is a common factor of the expression.

$$8x^2 - 2 = 2(4x^2 - 1)$$

$4x^2 - 1 = (2x)^2 - 1^2$ which is the difference of two squares

$$\therefore 8x^2 - 2 = 2(2x - 1)(2x + 1)$$

(Note: If a quadratic has a common factor, always take out the common factor before factorising the quadratic into two brackets.)



Exercise 2

Factorise:

1. $x^2 - 1$

4. $4x^2 - 9$

7. $49 - x^2$

10. $2x^2 - 8$

2. $x^2 - 16$

5. $9x^2 - 1$

8. $36 - 25x^2$

11. $9x^2 - 36$

3. $x^2 - 25$

6. $16x^2 - 25$

9. $25 - 49x^2$

12. $12x^2 - 75$

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Factorising Quadratic Expressions

When the coefficient of x^2 is unity

Example 1

Factorise $x^2 + 5x + 6$

Reversing the process of multiplying out brackets, we can see that

$$x^2 + 5x + 6 = (x + ?)(x + ?)$$

and 6 must factorise as 6×1 or 3×2 .

The key to factorising the quadratic expression is the x term.

$5x$ is the sum of two x terms and the coefficients of these two terms must be the factors of 6.

$$3 \times 2 = 6 \text{ and } 3x + 2x = 5x$$

$$\therefore x^2 + 5x + 6 = (x + 3)(x + 2)$$

Example 2

Factorise $x^2 - x - 6$

The factors of -6 , when added together, must equal the coefficient of x , which is -1 .

The factors of -6 are -6×1 , 6×-1 , -3×2 , 3×-2 .

Only $-3 + 2 = -1$

$$\therefore x^2 - x - 6 = (x - 3)(x + 2)$$

Example 3

Factorise $x^2 + 6x$

This is a much simpler quadratic expression to factorise than the standard type because it has a common factor which is x .

$$x^2 + 6x = x(x + 6)$$

Exercise 3

Factorise the following:

1. $x^2 + 8x + 7$

7. $x^2 - 2x - 15$

13. $6x^2 - 3x$

2. $x^2 + 7x + 10$

8. $x^2 - 6x + 9$

14. $x^2 - 5x - 6$

3. $x^2 + x - 6$

9. $2x^2 + 6x$

15. $x^2 - 6x - 16$

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

10. $x^2 - 4x - 12$

16. $x - 2x^2$

5. $x^2 - 7x$

11. $x^2 - 7x + 12$

17. $x^2 + 12x + 36$

6. $x^2 + 2x - 8$

12. $x^2 + 11x - 12$

18. $x^2 - 8x + 16$

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When the coefficient of x^2 is not unity

Example

Factorise $2x^2 + 11x + 12$

The method previously used must be adapted to take into account the coefficient 2.

As 2 will only factorise as 2×1 , it can be seen that

$$2x^2 + 11x + 12 = (2x + a)(x + b)$$

As before, $a \times b = 12$, but now we require

$$a + 2b = 11 \quad (\text{not } a + b \text{ as before})$$

Factors of 12 are $a \times b = 1 \times 12$ and $a + 2b = 1 + 24 = 25$

$$2 \times 6 = 2 + 12 = 14$$

$$3 \times 4 = 3 + 8 = 11$$

$$4 \times 3 = 4 + 6 = 10$$

etc.

$$\therefore 2x^2 + 11x + 12 = (2x + 3)(x + 4)$$

Alternatively list all possible solutions and select the one which 'works'.

$$(2x + 1)(x + 12) = 2x^2 + 25x + 12$$

$$(2x + 2)(x + 6) = 2x^2 + 14x + 12$$

$$(2x + 3)(x + 4) = 2x^2 + 11x + 12$$

Exercise 4

Factorise:

1. $2x^2 + 5x + 2$

7. $3x^2 - 8x + 4$

2. $2x^2 + 7x + 6$

8. $3x^2 - 13x - 10$

3. $2x^2 + 9x - 5$

9. $2x^2 - 11x + 12$

4. $2x^2 - 13x - 7$

10. $3x^2 + 20x + 12$

5. $3x^2 + 8x + 5$

11. $3x^2 - 22x - 16$

6. $3x^2 - 6x - 9$

12. $2x^2 - 3x - 14$

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COMPLETING THE SQUARE

Some expressions can be factorised as $(x + a)^2$ or $(x - a)^2$

e.g. $x^2 + 6x + 9 = (x + 3)^2$ - check that you agree!!

$$x^2 - 10x + 25 = (x - 5)^2$$

These expressions are called perfect squares.

For expressions which are not perfect squares, we 'complete the square', which means adjusting the constant term:

Example 1

Express $x^2 + 6x + 11$ in the completed square form $(x + a)^2 + b$.

Firstly, halve the coefficient of the x term for inside the bracket:

so we have $(x + 3)^2$

If we multiply out, this gives $x^2 + 6x + 9$ so we need to add 2 to obtain $x^2 + 6x + 11$.

So $x^2 + 6x + 11 = (x + 3)^2 + 2$

Example 2

Express $x^2 - 10x + 13$ in the completed square form $(x - a)^2 + b$.

Again, halve the coefficient of the x term to give $(x - 5)^2$

If we multiply out, this gives $x^2 - 10x + 25$ so we need to subtract 12 to obtain $x^2 - 10x + 13$.

So $x^2 - 10x + 13 = (x - 5)^2 - 12$

In general terms, the formula for completing the square for $x^2 + px + q$ is:

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{2}p\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}p\right)^2 + q$$

Exercise 5

Write the following in completed square form:

1. $x^2 + 8x + 7$

6. $x^2 - 2x - 15$

11. $x^2 - 3x$

2. $x^2 + 6x + 10$

7. $x^2 - 10x + 9$

12. $x^2 + 12x + 100$

3. $x^2 + 2x - 6$

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

13. $x^2 - 6x - 16$

4. $x^2 - 4x + 6$

9. $x^2 - 4x - 12$

14. $x^2 + 5x + 7$

5. $x^2 - 8x$

10. $x^2 - 8x + 11$

15. $x^2 + 11x + 30$

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SOLVING QUADRATIC EQUATIONS

1. By Factorising

Example 1

Solve the equation $x^2 - 5x - 14 = 0$

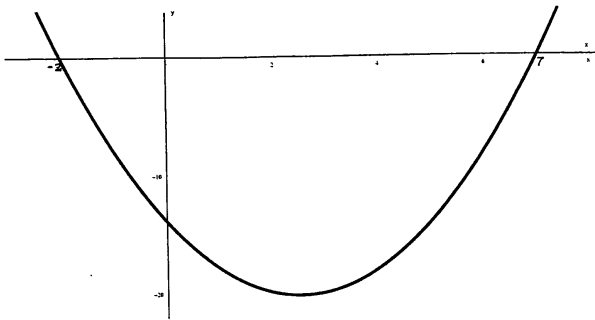
Factorising gives: $x^2 - 5x - 14 = 0$
 $(x - 7)(x + 2) = 0$

\therefore either $(x - 7) = 0$ or $(x + 2) = 0$

\therefore either $x = 7$ or $x = -2$

\therefore The solution is $x = 7$ or -2

This can be shown graphically:



Note: A quadratic equation always has *two* possible solutions. If the quadratic is a perfect square, the two solutions will be the same and they are called repeated roots.

Example 2

Solve the equation $2x^2 - 5x + 3 = 0$

Factorising gives: $2x^2 - 5x + 3 = 0$
 $(2x - 3)(x - 1) = 0$

so either $(2x - 3) = 0$ or $x - 1 = 0$

$$2x = 3$$

$$\therefore x = 1\frac{1}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad x = 1$$

Exercise 6

Solve the following equations:

1. $x^2 - 5x + 4 = 0$

5. $2x^2 + 7x + 3 = 0$

9. $3x^2 - 20x + 12 = 0$

2. $x^2 + 11x + 28 = 0$

6. $x^2 + 3x = 0$

10. $2x^2 + 3x - 14 = 0$

3. $x^2 - 49 = 0$

7. $3x^2 - 2x - 8 = 0$

11. $2x^2 - 2x - 40 = 0$

4. $x^2 + 6x + 9 = 0$

8. $5x^2 - 2x = 0$

12. $6x^2 + 3x - 3 = 0$

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2. Using the Formula

To solve $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

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

Example 1

Solve $x^2 + 3x + 1 = 0$

Compare $x^2 + 3x + 1 = 0$
with $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

Then $a = +1$, $b = +3$, $c = +1$
and substituting for a , b and c in the formula gives

$$x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9 - 4 \times 1 \times 1}}{2 \times 1}$$

$$x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

AS you can't use a calculator in C1, answers must be left in surd form

Example 2

Solve $2x^2 - 3x - 1 = 0$

In this equation, $a = 2$, $b = -3$, $c = -1$ and substituting in the formula gives:

$$x = \frac{+3 \pm \sqrt{9 - 4 \times 2 \times (-1)}}{2 \times 2}$$

$$x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{17}}{4}$$

Exercise 7

Solve the following equations using the quadratic formula.

1. $2x^2 + 2x - 3 = 0$

5. $x^2 + 6x - 10 = 0$

9. $2x^2 + 5x = 6$

2. $2x^2 + 4x + 1 = 0$

6. $x^2 - 7x + 9 = 0$

10. $3x^2 - 10x = -5$

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

7. $4x^2 - 8x - 16 = 0$

11. $x(x + 2) = 5$

4. $3x^2 - x - 1 = 0$

8. $3x^2 - 6x + 2 = 0$

12. $x(x - 3) = -1$

Solving Simultaneous Equations

1. Linear

Example

Solve the equations

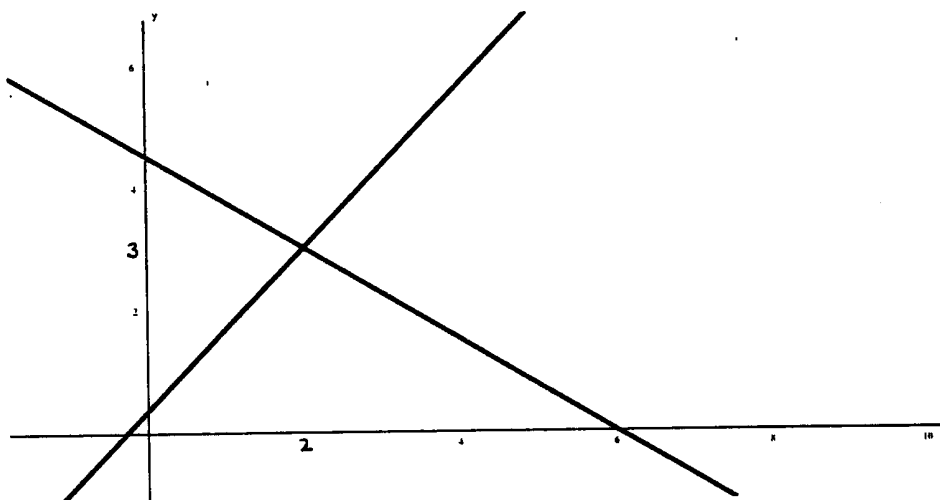
$$3x + 4y = 18 \quad (1)$$

$$4x - 3y = -1 \quad (2)$$

Neither x nor y has the same coefficient in each equation, so this needs to be remedied first.

Method	Working
i) Decide which variable is to be eliminated.	Eliminate y
ii) Multiply one or both equations so that this variable has the same coefficient in each equation (not counting the signs).	Multiply equation (1) by 3 and equation (2) by 4 $9x + 12y = 54$ $16x - 12y = -4$
iii) Add or subtract the equations, depending on the signs of the variable to be eliminated.	As the coefficients of y have opposite signs, add the equations: $9x + 12y = 54$ $16x - 12y = -4$ <hr/> $25x = 50$
iv) Solve for the remaining variable.	$x = 2$
v) Substitute into one of the original equations to find the eliminated variable and hence the complete solution.	Substitute $x = 2$ into (1) $3 \times 2 + 4y = 18$ $4y = 12$ $y = 3$ Solution is $x = 2, y = 3$
vi) Substitute into the other original equation to check the solution.	Substitute into (2) LHS = $4 \times 2 - 3 \times 3$ $= 8 - 9$ $= -1 = \text{RHS}$

You can see this on the following graph:



Exercise 8

Solve the following pairs of simultaneous equations:

1.
$$\begin{aligned} 2x + y &= 8 \\ x + y &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

2.
$$\begin{aligned} x + 3y &= 12 \\ x &= y + 10 \end{aligned}$$

3.
$$\begin{aligned} x + y &= 12 \\ x - y &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

4.
$$\begin{aligned} 3x - 2y &= 9 \\ x + 2y &= 15 \end{aligned}$$

5.
$$\begin{aligned} x + 3y &= 6 \\ 2x + y &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

6.
$$\begin{aligned} 4x + 2y &= 10 \\ 3x + 5y &= 11 \end{aligned}$$

7.
$$\begin{aligned} 3x + 2y &= 18 \\ 4x - y &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

8.
$$\begin{aligned} 2x - 3y &= 10 \\ 3x + 4y &= 15 \end{aligned}$$

9.
$$\begin{aligned} x - y &= -1 \\ 2x + 3y &= 28 \end{aligned}$$

10.
$$\begin{aligned} 7x + y &= 9 \\ 3x + y &= -3 \end{aligned}$$

11.
$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 5y &= 15\frac{1}{2} \\ 3x - 4y &= -5\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

12.
$$\begin{aligned} 6x + 5y &= -17 \\ 3x + 2y &= -8 \end{aligned}$$

2. One Linear One Non-Linear

Using Substitution method

Example 1

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

$$5x - y + 5 = 0$$

Stage 1: Make x or y the subject of the linear equation

i.e., $5x - y + 5 = 0$

$$\therefore y = 5x + 5$$

It's easier to make y the subject here

Stage 2: Substitute this rearranged equation into the other one

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

$$\therefore 5x + 5 = 2x^2 + 5x - 3$$

Stage 3: Rearrange and solve the quadratic

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

$$0 = x^2 - 4$$

$$0 = (x - 2)(x + 2)$$

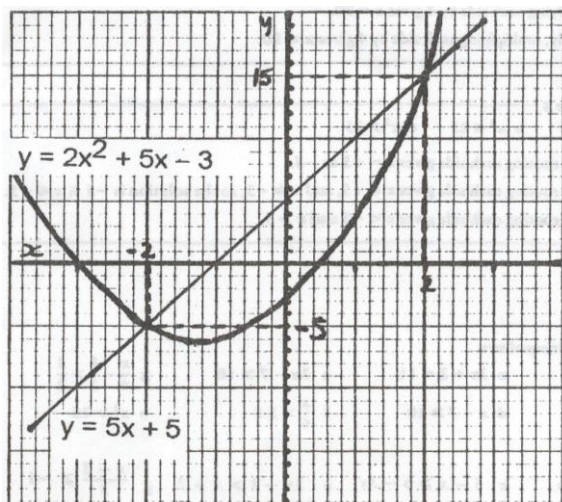
$$\therefore x = 2 \text{ or } x = -2$$

Stage 4: Find the corresponding values of y using the simplest equation

$$x = 2 \quad y = 5 \times 2 + 5 = 15$$

$$x = -2 \quad y = 5 \times -2 + 5 = -5$$

You can see this on the following graph.



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Example 2

Solve simultaneously $y - x = 2$ (1)
 $x^2 + y^2 = 10$ (2)

$y - x = 2$ is the linear equation so re-write as $y = x + 2$

Now substitute for y in the non-linear equation

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 + (x + 2)^2 &= 10 && \text{which is a quadratic in } x \text{ only} \\x^2 + x^2 + 4x + 4 &= 10 \\2x^2 + 4x - 6 &= 0 \\x^2 + 2x - 3 &= 0 \\(x + 3)(x - 1) &= 0 && \text{so } x = -3 \text{ or } 1\end{aligned}$$

Substitute $x = -3$ in (1) $y + 3 = 2$ therefore $y = -1$

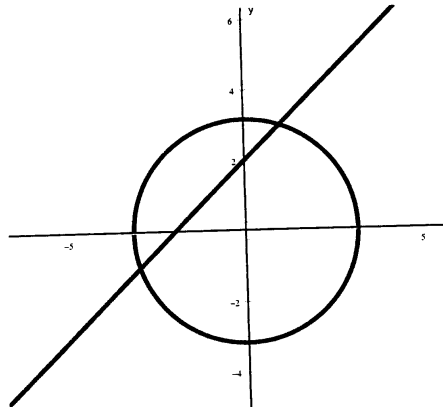
Substitute $x = 1$ in (1) $y - 1 = 2$ therefore $y = 3$

So the solutions are $x = -3, y = -1$ or $x = 1, y = 3$

CHECK: in equation (2):

$$(-3)^2 + (-1)^2 = 9 + 1 = 10$$

$$1^2 + 3^2 = 1 + 9 = 10$$



Exercise 9

Solve the simultaneous equations:

1. $x + y = 1$
 $16x^2 + y^2 = 65$

3. $y - x = 2$
 $2x^2 + 3xy + y^2 = 8$

5. $x + y = 9$
 $x^2 - 3xy + 2y^2 = 0$

7. $y = x^2 + 3$
 $y = 4x$

9. $x + 2y = -3$
 $x^2 - 2x + 3y^2 = 11$

2. $2x + y = 1$
 $x^2 + y^2 = 1$

4. $x - 2y = 7$
 $x^2 + 4y^2 = 37$

6. $x = 2y$
 $x^2 + 3xy = 10$

8. $u - v = 3$
 $u^2 + v^2 = 89$

10. $y - x = 4$
 $2x^2 + xy + y^2 = 8$

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ANSWERS

Exercise 1

1. $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ 2. $\frac{\sqrt{7}}{7}$ 3. $\frac{7\sqrt{5}}{5}$ 4. $\frac{\sqrt{6}}{9}$ 5. $\frac{1}{2}$ 6. $\frac{1}{3}$
7. $\frac{\sqrt{7}}{7}$ 8. $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$

Exercise 2

1. $(x-1)(x+1)$	5. $(3x-1)(3x+1)$	9. $(5-7x)(5+7x)$
2. $(x-4)(x+4)$	6. $(4x-5)(4x+5)$	10. $2(x-2)(x+2)$
3. $(x-5)(x+5)$	7. $(7-x)(7+x)$	11. $9(x-2)(x+2)$
4. $(2x-3)(2x+3)$	8. $(6-5x)(6+5x)$	12. $3(2x-5)(2x+5)$

Exercise 3

1. $(x+1)(x+7)$	7. $(x+3)(x-5)$	13. $3x(2x-1)$
2. $(x+2)(x+5)$	8. $(x-3)(x-3)$	14. $(x-6)(x+1)$
3. $(x-2)(x+3)$	9. $2x(x+3)$	15. $(x-8)(x+2)$
4. $(x-2)(x-3)$	10. $(x-6)(x+2)$	16. $x(1-2x)$
5. $x(x-7)$	11. $(x-3)(x-4)$	17. $(x+6)(x+6)$
6. $(x+4)(x-2)$	12. $(x+12)(x-1)$	18. $(x-4)(x-4)$

Exercise 4

1. $(2x+1)(x+2)$	5. $(3x+5)(x+1)$	9. $(2x-3)(x-4)$
2. $(2x+3)(x+2)$	6. $3(x+1)(x-3)$	10. $(3x+2)(x+6)$
3. $(2x-1)(x+5)$	7. $(3x-2)(x-2)$	11. $(3x+2)(x-8)$
4. $(2x+1)(x-7)$	8. $(3x+2)(x-5)$	12. $(2x-7)(x+2)$

Exercise 5

1. $(x+4)^2 - 9$	6. $(x-1)^2 - 16$	11. $\left(x - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{9}{4}$
2. $(x+3)^2 + 1$	7. $(x-5)^2 - 16$	12. $(x+6)^2 + 64$
3. $(x+1)^2 - 7$	8. $(x+3)^2 - 14$	13. $(x-3)^2 - 25$
4. $(x-2)^2 + 2$	9. $(x-2)^2 - 16$	14. $\left(x + \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{3}{4}$
5. $(x-4)^2 - 16$	10. $(x-4)^2 - 5$	15. $\left(x + \frac{11}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{4}$

Exercise 6

1. $x = 4$ or 1	5. $x = -3$ or $-1/2$	9. $x = 2/3$ or 6
2. $x = -7$ or -4	6. $= 0$ or -3	10. $x = -7/2$ or 2
3. $x = 7$ or -7	7. $x = -4/3$ or 2	11. $x = 5$ or -4
4. $x = -3$ or -3	8. $x = 0$ or $2/5$	12. $x = 1/2$ or -1

Exercise 7

1. $\frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{28}}{4} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{7}}{2}$ note: can cancel by 2
2. $\frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{2}}{2}$
3. $-1 \pm \sqrt{3}$
4. $\frac{1 \pm \sqrt{13}}{6}$
5. $-3 \pm \sqrt{19}$
6. $\frac{7 \pm \sqrt{13}}{2}$
7. $1 \pm \sqrt{5}$
8. $\frac{3 \pm \sqrt{3}}{3}$
9. $\frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{73}}{4}$
10. $\frac{5 \pm \sqrt{10}}{3}$
11. $-1 \pm \sqrt{6}$
12. $\frac{3 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$

Exercise 8

1. $x = 2$ $y = 4$	5. $x = 3$ $y = 1$	9. $x = 5$ $y = 6$
2. $x = 9$ $y = 1$	6. $x = 2$ $y = 1$	10. $x = 3$ $y = -12$
3. $x = 7$ $y = 5$	7. $x = 2$ $y = 6$	11. $x = 1 1/2$ $y = 2 1/2$
4. $x = 6$ $y = 4 1/2$	8. $x = 5$ $y = 0$	12. $x = -2$ $y = -1$

Exercise 9

1. $(2, -1), (-32/17, 49/17)$	5. $(6, 3), (4 1/2, 4 1/2)$	9. $(1, -2), (-2^3/7, -2^2/7)$
2. $(0, 1), (4/5, -3/5)$	6. $(2, 1), (-2, -1)$	10. $(-1, 3), (-2, 2)$
3. $(-2, 0), (1/3, 7/3)$	7. $(3, 12), (1, 4)$	
4. $(1, -3), (6, -1/2)$	8. $(8, +5), (-5, -8)$	