

Simultaneous Equations:

Steps:

1. Choose a variable to eliminate e.g. 'y'
2. Multiply one or both equations to make no. in front of y the same
3. Multiply the 2nd equation by -1, if necessary, to make signs in front of 'y' different.
4. Add the two equations to eliminate 'y' and solve for 'x'.
5. Put x back into one of the equations to find y.

Example: Solve the equations below:

$$A: 2x - 3y = 7$$

$$B: 3x + 2y = 4$$

$$Ax2: 4x - 6y = 14 \quad (\text{mult by 2 to get 6 in front of } y)$$

$$Bx3: 9x + 6y = 12 \quad (\text{mult by 3 to get 6 in front of } y)$$

$$13x = 26 \quad (\text{adding both equations together})$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{26}{13} \quad (\text{dividing both sides by 13})$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2$$

Putting x into A:

$$A: 2x - 3y = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(2) - 3y = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 - 3y = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow -3y = 7 - 4$$

$$\Rightarrow -3y = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{3}{-3} \quad (\text{dividing both sides by } -3)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -1$$