

## Equations and inequalities 3B

- 1 a** Rearrange  $x + y = 11$  to give:

$$y = 11 - x$$

Substitute into  $xy = 30$ :

$$x(11 - x) = 30$$

$$11x - x^2 = 30$$

$$0 = x^2 - 11x + 30$$

$$0 = (x - 5)(x - 6)$$

$$x = 5 \text{ or } x = 6$$

Substitute into  $y = 11 - x$ :

$$\text{When } x = 5, y = 11 - 5 = 6$$

$$\text{When } x = 6, y = 11 - 6 = 5$$

Solutions are  $x = 5, y = 6$  or  $x = 6, y = 5$

- b** Rearrange  $2x + y = 1$  to give:

$$y = 1 - 2x$$

Substitute into  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ :

$$x^2 + (1 - 2x)^2 = 1$$

$$x^2 + 1 - 4x + 4x^2 = 1$$

$$5x^2 - 4x = 0$$

$$x(5x - 4) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = \frac{4}{5}$$

Substitute into  $y = 1 - 2x$ :

$$\text{When } x = 0, y = 1$$

$$\text{When } x = \frac{4}{5}, y = 1 - \frac{8}{5} = -\frac{3}{5}$$

Solutions are

$$x = 0, y = 1 \text{ or } x = \frac{4}{5}, y = -\frac{3}{5}$$

- c**  $y = 3x$

Substitute into  $2y^2 - xy = 15$ :

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

$$18x^2 - 3x^2 = 15$$

$$15x^2 = 15$$

$$x^2 = 1$$

$$x = -1 \text{ or } x = 1$$

Substitute into  $y = 3x$ :

$$\text{When } x = -1, y = -3$$

$$\text{When } x = 1, y = 3$$

Solutions are

$$x = -1, y = -3 \text{ or } x = 1, y = 3$$

- d** Rearrange  $3a + b = 8$  to give:

$$b = 8 - 3a$$

Substitute into  $3a^2 + b^2 = 28$ :

$$3a^2 + (8 - 3a)^2 = 28$$

$$3a^2 + 64 - 48a + 9a^2 = 28$$

$$12a^2 - 48a + 36 = 0$$

Divide by 12:

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

$$(a - 1)(a - 3) = 0$$

$$a = 1 \text{ or } a = 3$$

Substitute into  $b = 8 - 3a$ :

$$\text{When } a = 1, b = 8 - 3 = 5$$

$$\text{When } a = 3, b = 8 - 9 = -1$$

Solutions are

$$a = 1, b = 5 \text{ or } a = 3, b = -1.$$

- e** Rearrange  $2u + v = 7$  to give:

$$v = 7 - 2u$$

Substitute into  $uv = 6$ :

$$u(7 - 2u) = 6$$

$$7u - 2u^2 = 6$$

$$0 = 2u^2 - 7u + 6$$

$$0 = (2u - 3)(u - 2)$$

$$u = \frac{3}{2} \text{ or } u = 2$$

Substitute into  $v = 7 - 2u$ :

$$\text{When } u = \frac{3}{2}, v = 7 - 3 = 4$$

$$\text{When } u = 2, v = 7 - 4 = 3$$

Solutions are

$$u = \frac{3}{2}, v = 4 \text{ or } u = 2, v = 3$$

- f** Rearrange  $3x + 2y = 7$  to give:

$$2y = 7 - 3x$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}(7 - 3x)$$

Substitute into  $x^2 + y = 8$ :

$$x^2 + \frac{1}{2}(7 - 3x) = 8$$

Multiply by 2:

$$2x^2 + (7 - 3x) = 16$$

$$2x^2 - 3x - 9 = 0$$

$$(2x + 3)(x - 3) = 0$$

$$x = -\frac{3}{2} \text{ or } x = 3$$

**1 f** Substitute into  $y = \frac{1}{2}(7 - 3x)$ :

$$\text{When } x = -\frac{3}{2}, \quad y = \frac{1}{2}(7 + \frac{9}{2}) = \frac{23}{4}$$

$$\text{When } x = 3, \quad y = \frac{1}{2}(7 - 9) = -1$$

Solutions are

$$x = -1\frac{1}{2}, \quad y = 5\frac{3}{4} \quad \text{or} \quad x = 3, \quad y = -1$$

**2 a** Rearrange  $2x + 2y = 7$  to give:

$$2x = 7 - 2y$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2}(7 - 2y)$$

Substitute into  $x^2 - 4y^2 = 8$ :

$$(\frac{1}{2}(7 - 2y))^2 - 4y^2 = 8$$

$$\frac{1}{4}(7 - 2y)^2 - 4y^2 = 8$$

Multiply by 4:

$$(7 - 2y)^2 - 16y^2 = 32$$

$$49 - 28y + 4y^2 - 16y^2 = 32$$

$$0 = 12y^2 + 28y - 17$$

$$0 = (6y + 17)(2y - 1)$$

$$y = -\frac{17}{6} \quad \text{or} \quad y = \frac{1}{2}$$

Substitute into  $x = \frac{1}{2}(7 - 2y)$ :

$$\text{When } y = -\frac{17}{6}, \quad x = \frac{1}{2}(7 + \frac{17}{3}) = \frac{19}{3}$$

$$\text{When } y = \frac{1}{2}, \quad x = \frac{1}{2}(7 - 1) = 3$$

Solutions are

$$x = 6\frac{1}{3}, \quad y = -2\frac{5}{6} \quad \text{or} \quad x = 3, \quad y = \frac{1}{2}$$

**b** Rearrange  $x + y = 9$  to give:

$$x = 9 - y$$

Substitute into  $x^2 - 3xy + 2y^2 = 0$ :

$$(9 - y)^2 - 3y(9 - y) + 2y^2 = 0$$

$$81 - 18y + y^2 - 27y + 3y^2 + 2y^2 = 0$$

$$6y^2 - 45y + 81 = 0$$

Divide by 3:

$$2y^2 - 15y + 27 = 0$$

$$(2y - 9)(y - 3) = 0$$

$$y = \frac{9}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad y = 3$$

Substitute into  $x = 9 - y$ :

$$\text{When } y = \frac{9}{2}, \quad x = 9 - \frac{9}{2} = \frac{9}{2}$$

$$\text{When } y = 3, \quad x = 9 - 3 = 6$$

Solutions are

$$x = 4\frac{1}{2}, \quad y = 4\frac{1}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad x = 6, \quad y = 3$$

**2 c** Rearrange  $5y - 4x = 1$  to give:

$$5y = 4x + 1$$

Substitute  $y = \frac{4}{5}x + \frac{1}{5}$  into

$$x^2 - y^2 + 5x = 41:$$

$$x^2 - (\frac{4}{5}x + \frac{1}{5})^2 + 5x = 41$$

$$x^2 - \frac{16}{25}x^2 - \frac{8}{25}x - \frac{1}{25} + 5x = 41$$

$$25x^2 - 16x^2 - 8x - 1 + 125x = 1025$$

$$9x^2 + 117x - 1026 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 13x - 114 = 0$$

$$(x + 19)(x - 6) = 0$$

So  $x = -19$  or  $x = 6$

Substitute into  $y = \frac{4}{5}x + \frac{1}{5}$

Solutions are  $x = -19, y = -15$

or  $x = 6, y = 5$

**3 a** Rearrange  $x - y = 6$  to give:

$$x = 6 + y$$

Substitute into  $xy = 4$ :

$$y(6 + y) = 4$$

$$6y + y^2 = 4$$

$$y^2 + 6y - 4 = 0$$

Use the quadratic formula.

$$a = 1, b = 6, c = -4$$

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

$$= \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{36 + 16}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{52}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{4 \times 13}}{2}$$

$$= -3 \pm \sqrt{13}$$

Substitute into  $x = 6 + y$ :

$$\text{When } y = -3 - \sqrt{13},$$

$$x = 6 - 3 - \sqrt{13} = 3 - \sqrt{13}$$

$$\text{When } y = -3 + \sqrt{13},$$

$$x = 6 - 3 + \sqrt{13} = 3 + \sqrt{13}$$

Solutions are

$$x = 3 - \sqrt{13}, \quad y = -3 - \sqrt{13}$$

$$\text{or } x = 3 + \sqrt{13}, \quad y = -3 + \sqrt{13}$$

- 3 b** Rearrange  $2x + 3y = 13$  to give:

$$2x = 13 - 3y$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2}(13 - 3y)$$

Substitute into  $x^2 + y^2 = 78$ :

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}(13 - 3y)\right)^2 + y^2 = 78$$

$$\frac{1}{4}(13 - 3y)^2 + y^2 = 78$$

Multiply by 4:

$$(13 - 3y)^2 + 4y^2 = 312$$

$$169 - 78y + 9y^2 + 4y^2 = 312$$

$$13y^2 - 78y - 143 = 0$$

Divide by 13:

$$y^2 - 6y - 11 = 0$$

Use the quadratic formula.

$$a = 1, b = -6, c = -11$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{(b^2 - 4ac)}}{2a} \\ &= \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{(36 + 44)}}{2} \\ &= \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{80}}{2} \\ &= \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{16 \times 5}}{2} \\ &= \frac{6 \pm 4\sqrt{5}}{2} \\ &= 3 \pm 2\sqrt{5} \end{aligned}$$

Substitute into  $x = \frac{1}{2}(13 - 3y)$ :

When  $y = 3 - 2\sqrt{5}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{1}{2}(13 - 3(3 - 2\sqrt{5})) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(13 - 9 + 6\sqrt{5}) \\ &= 2 + 3\sqrt{5} \end{aligned}$$

When  $y = 3 + 2\sqrt{5}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{1}{2}(13 - 3(3 + 2\sqrt{5})) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(13 - 9 - 6\sqrt{5}) \\ &= 2 - 3\sqrt{5} \end{aligned}$$

Solutions are

$$x = 2 - 3\sqrt{5}, y = 3 + 2\sqrt{5}$$

$$\text{or } x = 2 + 3\sqrt{5}, y = 3 - 2\sqrt{5}$$

- 4** Rearrange  $x + y = 3$  to give:

$$y = 3 - x$$

Substitute into  $x^2 - 3y = 1$ .

$$x^2 - 3(3 - x) = 1$$

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

$$(x + 5)(x - 2) = 0$$

So  $x = -5$  or  $x = 2$

Solutions are  $x = -5, y = 8$  or  $x = 2$  and  $y = 1$

- 5 a**  $3x^2 + x(2 - 4x) + 11 = 0$

$$3x^2 + 2x - 4x^2 + 11 = 0$$

$$-x^2 + 2x + 11 = 0$$

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

- b** Using the quadratic formula,

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

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 44}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{48}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{16 \times 3}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{2 \pm 4\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$x = 1 \pm 2\sqrt{3}$$

Substitute into  $y = 2 - 4x$ :

$$x = 1 + 2\sqrt{3}, y = -2 - 8\sqrt{3}$$

$$\text{or } x = 1 - 2\sqrt{3}, y = -2 + 8\sqrt{3}$$

- 6 a** At the point  $(1, p)$ ,  $x = 1$  and  $y = p$ .

Substituting these values into the first equation gives:

$$p = k - 5 \quad (1)$$

Substituting these values into the second equation gives:

$$4 - p = 6 \quad (2)$$

$$p = -2$$

$$\text{When } p = -2, k = 3$$

$$k = 3, p = -2$$

- b** Substitute for  $k$  into  $y = kx - 5$ :

$$y = 3x - 5$$

Substitute into  $4x^2 - xy = 6$ :

$$4x^2 - x(3x - 5) = 6$$

$$4x^2 - 3x^2 + 5x - 6 = 0$$

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

$$(x - 1)(x + 6) = 0$$

**6 b**  $x = 1$  or  $x = -6$

When  $x = -6$ ,  $y = -23$  and  $x = 1$ ,  $y = -2$

The solutions are  $x = -6$ ,  $y = -23$   
or  $x = 1$ ,  $y = -2$

### Challenge

Rearrange  $y - x = k$  into  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ :

$$y = x + k$$

$$x^2 + (x + k)^2 = 4$$

$$x^2 + x^2 + 2kx + k^2 - 4 = 0$$

$$2x^2 + 2kx + k^2 - 4 = 0$$

Using the discriminant for one pair of  
solutions,

$$b^2 - 4ac = 0$$

$$(2k)^2 - 4(2)(k^2 - 4) = 0$$

$$4k^2 - 8k^2 + 32 = 0$$

$$-4k^2 = -32$$

$$k^2 = 8$$

$$k = \pm\sqrt{8}$$

$$= \pm\sqrt{4 \times 2}$$

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