

Linear Equations in Two Variables

Question Paper, Set 08

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Maximum marks: 50

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1. Answer all 20 questions. The marks for each question are shown in brackets.
2. Show your working for the 2, 3 and 5 mark questions.
3. The key sheet and worked solutions are at the end of this paper.

1. In $2x - y = 3$, find x when $y = 5$. [1 mark]
2. For $4x + y + 6 = 0$, write y in terms of x and find three solutions by taking $x = -2, 0$ and 2. What is the graph of this equation? [3 marks]
3. For the pair $8x - 3y = 27$ and $4x + 9y = 3$, find $\frac{a_1}{a_2}$ and $\frac{b_1}{b_2}$. [1 mark]
4. For the pair $9x + 8y = 6$ and $x - 5y = -17$, compare $\frac{a_1}{a_2}$ and $\frac{b_1}{b_2}$. Does the pair have a unique solution? What kind of lines are they? [2 marks]
5. Find the value of k for which the pair $5x + y = 9$, $20x + ky = -12$ has no solution. [3 marks]
6. Show that the pair $4x + 6y = -4$ and $8x + 12y = -8$ has infinitely many solutions. [2 marks]
7. From $x - 6y = 3$, write x in terms of y . [1 mark]
8. Substitute $x = 6 - 5y$ in $2x + 3y = 33$ and find y . [2 marks]
9. Solve by the elimination method: $7x + 5y = 32$, $9x - 2y = -1$. [5 marks]
10. For $2x + y + 1 = 0$ and $3x - 2y + 5 = 0$, find $a_1b_2 - a_2b_1$. [1 mark]
11. Solve by the cross multiplication method: $5x - y = 7$, $2x - 5y = -11$. [3 marks]
12. Write $\frac{3x}{4} + \frac{y}{2} = -2$ and $x - \frac{y}{2} = 1$ without fractions. [2 marks]
13. Solve $\frac{5}{x} - \frac{2}{y} = 12$, $\frac{2}{x} - \frac{5}{y} = -12$ by taking $\frac{1}{x} = p$, $\frac{1}{y} = q$. [3 marks]
14. Solve: $\frac{6}{x} - \frac{3}{y} = 19$, $\frac{8}{x} - \frac{3}{y} = 25$. [5 marks]
15. Using $\frac{1}{x} = p$, write $\frac{2}{x} + 5y = 5$ in the form $a_1p + b_1y + c_1 = 0$. [1 mark]
16. For $\frac{5}{x} - 4y = 7$ and $\frac{1}{x} + 4y = 11$, take $\frac{1}{x} = p$ and write $\frac{p}{b_1c_2 - b_2c_1} = \frac{y}{c_1a_2 - c_2a_1} = \frac{1}{a_1b_2 - a_2b_1}$ with numbers. [2 marks]
17. Solve: $\frac{6}{x+1} + \frac{1}{y+2} = 1$, $\frac{2}{x+1} - \frac{3}{y+2} = 2$. [5 marks]
18. Solve: $\frac{3x+2y}{xy} = 5$, $\frac{6x+9y}{xy} = 20$. [5 marks]

19. If $\frac{3}{\sqrt{x}} = \frac{3}{5}$, find x .

[1 mark]

20. A pair was solved by taking $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} = p$ and $\frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} = q$, which gave $p = \frac{1}{3}$ and $q = \frac{1}{5}$. Find x and y . [2 marks]

Key sheet

Q	Answer
1	$x = 4$
2	$y = -6 - 4x$; $(-2, 2)$, $(0, -6)$, $(2, -14)$; a straight line
3	$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = 2$, $\frac{b_1}{b_2} = -\frac{1}{3}$
4	$\frac{a_1}{a_2} \neq \frac{b_1}{b_2}$: a unique solution; intersecting lines
5	$k = 4$
6	Infinitely many solutions (coincident lines)
7	$x = 3 + 6y$
8	$y = -3$
9	$(x, y) = (1, 5)$
10	-7
11	$(x, y) = (2, 3)$
12	$3x + 2y = -8$, $2x - y = 2$
13	$(x, y) = (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4})$
14	$(x, y) = (\frac{1}{3}, -3)$
15	$2p + 5y - 5 = 0$
16	$\frac{p}{72} = \frac{y}{48} = \frac{1}{24}$
17	$(x, y) = (3, -4)$
18	$(x, y) = (\frac{1}{2}, 3)$
19	$x = 25$
20	$x = 9$, $y = 25$

Solutions

1. In $2x - y = 3$, find x when $y = 5$. [1]

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

$$\Rightarrow 2x - 5 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = 3 + 5 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 4$$

Ans: $x = 4$

2. For $4x + y + 6 = 0$, write y in terms of x and find three solutions by taking $x = -2, 0$ and 2 . What is the graph of this equation? [3]

$$4x + y + 6 = 0 \Rightarrow y = -6 - 4x$$

$$x = -2: y = -6 - 4(-2) = 2, \text{ point } (-2, 2)$$

$$x = 0: y = -6 - 4(0) = -6, \text{ point } (0, -6)$$

$$x = 2: y = -6 - 4(2) = -14, \text{ point } (2, -14)$$

All its solutions lie on one straight line, so the graph is a straight line.

Ans: $y = -6 - 4x$; $(-2, 2)$, $(0, -6)$, $(2, -14)$; a straight line

3. For the pair $8x - 3y = 27$ and $4x + 9y = 3$, find $\frac{a_1}{a_2}$ and $\frac{b_1}{b_2}$. [1]

$$\text{Here } a_1 = 8, b_1 = -3, a_2 = 4, b_2 = 9.$$

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{8}{4} = 2, \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{-3}{9} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{Ans: } \frac{a_1}{a_2} = 2, \frac{b_1}{b_2} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

4. For the pair $9x + 8y = 6$ and $x - 5y = -17$, compare $\frac{a_1}{a_2}$ and $\frac{b_1}{b_2}$. Does the pair have a unique solution? What kind of lines are they? [2]

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{9}{1} = 9, \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{8}{-5} = -\frac{8}{5}$$

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} \neq \frac{b_1}{b_2}, \text{ so the lines intersect: a unique solution.}$$

$$\text{Ans: } \frac{a_1}{a_2} \neq \frac{b_1}{b_2}: \text{ a unique solution; intersecting lines}$$

5. Find the value of k for which the pair $5x + y = 9$, $20x + ky = -12$ has no solution. [3]

$$\text{For no solution: } \frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} \neq \frac{c_1}{c_2}$$

$$\frac{1}{k} = \frac{5}{20}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5k = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 4$$

$$\text{Check: } \frac{c_1}{c_2} = \frac{9}{-12} = -\frac{3}{4} \neq \frac{1}{4}, \text{ so the pair has no solution.}$$

$$\text{Ans: } k = 4$$

6. Show that the pair $4x + 6y = -4$ and $8x + 12y = -8$ has infinitely many solutions. [2]

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{4}{8} = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{6}{12} = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{c_1}{c_2} = \frac{-4}{-8} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{c_1}{c_2}, \text{ so the lines coincide: infinitely many solutions.}$$

Ans: Infinitely many solutions (coincident lines)

7. From $x - 6y = 3$, write x in terms of y . [1]

$$x - 6y = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3 + 6y$$

Ans: $x = 3 + 6y$

8. Substitute $x = 6 - 5y$ in $2x + 3y = 33$ and find y . [2]

$$2(6 - 5y) + 3y = 33$$

$$\Rightarrow 12 - 10y + 3y = 33$$

$$\Rightarrow 12 - 7y = 33$$

$$\Rightarrow -7y = 33 - 12$$

$$\Rightarrow -7y = 21$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -3$$

Ans: $y = -3$

9. Solve by the elimination method: $7x + 5y = 32$, $9x - 2y = -1$. [5]

$$7x + 5y = 32 \quad (1)$$

$$9x - 2y = -1 \quad (2)$$

$$(1) \times 9 \Rightarrow 63x + 45y = 288$$

$$(2) \times 7 \Rightarrow 63x - 14y = -7$$

Subtracting, $59y = 295$

$$\Rightarrow y = 5$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow 7x + 5(5) = 32$$

$$\Rightarrow 7x + 25 = 32$$

$$\Rightarrow 7x = 32 - 25$$

$$\Rightarrow 7x = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1$$

$$\therefore (x, y) = (1, 5)$$

Ans: $(x, y) = (1, 5)$

10. For $2x + y + 1 = 0$ and $3x - 2y + 5 = 0$, find $a_1b_2 - a_2b_1$. [1]

$$a_1 = 2, b_1 = 1, a_2 = 3, b_2 = -2$$

$$a_1b_2 - a_2b_1 = (2)(-2) - (3)(1) = -4 - 3 = -7$$

Ans: -7

11. Solve by the cross multiplication method: $5x - y = 7$, $2x - 5y = -11$. [3]

$$5x - y - 7 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$2x - 5y + 11 = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{x}{b_1c_2 - b_2c_1} = \frac{y}{c_1a_2 - c_2a_1} = \frac{1}{a_1b_2 - a_2b_1}$$

$$\frac{x}{-11 - 35} = \frac{y}{-14 - 55} = \frac{1}{-25 + 2}$$

$$\frac{x}{-46} = \frac{y}{-69} = \frac{1}{-23}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-46}{-23}, y = \frac{-69}{-23}$$

$$\therefore (x, y) = (2, 3)$$

Ans: $(x, y) = (2, 3)$

12. Write $\frac{3x}{4} + \frac{y}{2} = -2$ and $x - \frac{y}{2} = 1$ without fractions. [2]

$$\frac{3x}{4} + \frac{y}{2} = -2 \Rightarrow \frac{3x+2y}{4} = -2 \Rightarrow 3x + 2y = -8$$

$$x - \frac{y}{2} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{2x-y}{2} = 1 \Rightarrow 2x - y = 2$$

Ans: $3x + 2y = -8, 2x - y = 2$

13. Solve $\frac{5}{x} - \frac{2}{y} = 12$, $\frac{2}{x} - \frac{5}{y} = -12$ by taking $\frac{1}{x} = p$, $\frac{1}{y} = q$. [3]

Let $\frac{1}{x} = p$ and $\frac{1}{y} = q$.

$$5p - 2q = 12 \quad (1)$$

$$2p - 5q = -12 \quad (2)$$

$$(1) \times 2 \Rightarrow 10p - 4q = 24$$

$$(2) \times 5 \Rightarrow 10p - 25q = -60$$

Subtracting, $21q = 84$

$$\Rightarrow q = 4$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow 2p - 5(4) = -12$$

$$\Rightarrow 2p - 20 = -12$$

$$\Rightarrow 2p = -12 + 20$$

$$\Rightarrow 2p = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow p = 4$$

$$\therefore (p, q) = (4, 4)$$

$$\frac{1}{x} = 4 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{1}{y} = 4 \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\therefore (x, y) = \left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}\right)$$

Ans: $(x, y) = \left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}\right)$

14. Solve: $\frac{6}{x} - \frac{3}{y} = 19$, $\frac{8}{x} - \frac{3}{y} = 25$. [5]

Let $\frac{1}{x} = p$ and $\frac{1}{y} = q$.

$$6p - 3q = 19 \quad (1)$$

$$8p - 3q = 25 \quad (2)$$

$$(1) \times 4 \Rightarrow 24p - 12q = 76$$

$$(2) \times 3 \Rightarrow 24p - 9q = 75$$

Subtracting, $-3q = 1$

$$\Rightarrow q = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow 6p - 3\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) = 19$$

$$\Rightarrow 6p + 1 = 19$$

$$\Rightarrow 6p = 19 - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 6p = 18$$

$$\Rightarrow p = 3$$

$$\therefore (p, q) = \left(3, -\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{x} = 3 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{3}$$

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

$$\therefore (x, y) = \left(\frac{1}{3}, -3\right)$$

Ans: $(x, y) = \left(\frac{1}{3}, -3\right)$

15. Using $\frac{1}{x} = p$, write $\frac{2}{x} + 5y = 5$ in the form $a_1p + b_1y + c_1 = 0$. [1]

Put $\frac{1}{x} = p$: $2p + 5y = 5$

$$\Rightarrow 2p + 5y - 5 = 0$$

Ans: $2p + 5y - 5 = 0$

16. For $\frac{5}{x} - 4y = 7$ and $\frac{1}{x} + 4y = 11$, take $\frac{1}{x} = p$ and write $\frac{p}{b_1c_2 - b_2c_1} = \frac{y}{c_1a_2 - c_2a_1} = \frac{1}{a_1b_2 - a_2b_1}$ with numbers. [2]

Let $\frac{1}{x} = p$.

$$5p - 4y - 7 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$p + 4y - 11 = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{p}{b_1c_2 - b_2c_1} = \frac{y}{c_1a_2 - c_2a_1} = \frac{1}{a_1b_2 - a_2b_1}$$

$$\frac{p}{44 - 28} = \frac{y}{-7 - 55} = \frac{1}{20 - 4}$$

$$\frac{p}{72} = \frac{y}{48} = \frac{1}{24}$$

Ans: $\frac{p}{72} = \frac{y}{48} = \frac{1}{24}$

17. Solve: $\frac{6}{x+1} + \frac{1}{y+2} = 1$, $\frac{2}{x+1} - \frac{3}{y+2} = 2$. [5]

Let $\frac{1}{x+1} = p$ and $\frac{1}{y+2} = q$.

$$6p + q = 1 \quad (1)$$

$$2p - 3q = 2 \quad (2)$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow q = 1 - 6p$$

Substitute in (2): $2p - 3(1 - 6p) = 2$

$$\Rightarrow 2p - 3 + 18p = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 20p - 3 = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 20p = 2 + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 20p = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow p = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow q = 1 - 6\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore (p, q) = \left(\frac{1}{4}, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{x+1} = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow x + 1 = 4 \Rightarrow x = 3$$

$$\frac{1}{y+2} = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow y + 2 = -2 \Rightarrow y = -4$$

$$\therefore (x, y) = (3, -4)$$

Ans: $(x, y) = (3, -4)$

18. Solve: $\frac{3x+2y}{xy} = 5$, $\frac{6x+9y}{xy} = 20$. [5]

$$\frac{3x+2y}{xy} = 5 \Rightarrow \frac{3}{y} + \frac{2}{x} = 5$$

$$\frac{6x+9y}{xy} = 20 \Rightarrow \frac{6}{y} + \frac{9}{x} = 20$$

Let $\frac{1}{x} = p$ and $\frac{1}{y} = q$.

$$2p + 3q = 5 \quad (1)$$

$$9p + 6q = 20 \quad (2)$$

$$(1) \times 9 \Rightarrow 18p + 27q = 45$$

$$(2) \times 2 \Rightarrow 18p + 12q = 40$$

Subtracting, $15q = 5$

$$\Rightarrow q = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow 2p + 3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 2p + 1 = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 2p = 5 - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2p = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow p = 2$$

$$\therefore (p, q) = \left(2, \frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{x} = 2 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

$$\therefore (x, y) = \left(\frac{1}{2}, 3\right)$$

Ans: $(x, y) = \left(\frac{1}{2}, 3\right)$

19. If $\frac{3}{\sqrt{x}} = \frac{3}{5}$, find x . [1]

$$\frac{3}{\sqrt{x}} = \frac{3}{5} \Rightarrow \sqrt{x} = 3 \times \frac{5}{3} = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 5^2 = 25$$

Ans: $x = 25$

20. A pair was solved by taking $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} = p$ and $\frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} = q$, which gave $p = \frac{1}{3}$ and $q = \frac{1}{5}$. Find x and y . [2]

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \sqrt{x} = 3 \Rightarrow x = 9$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} = \frac{1}{5} \Rightarrow \sqrt{y} = 5 \Rightarrow y = 25$$

Ans: $x = 9, y = 25$
