Maths



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$$x^2 + y^2 = 25$$

Kaia substitutes y = x + 3 into the second equation.

$$x^2 + (x + 3)^2 = 25$$

She then simplifies to this

$$x^2 + x^2 + 9 = 25$$

What has Kaia done wrong?

2. Solve these equations using substitution.

$$x + y = 10$$

 $x^2 + y^2 = 100$

Use your results to predict the solutions of this pair of equations.

$$x + y = 5$$
$$x^2 + y^2 = 25$$

Solve to see if your prediction was correct.



3. Solve these equations giving your answers as mixed numbers where appropriate.

$$x^2 + y^2 = 36$$

$$x + 2y = 6$$

4. Solve these equations leaving your answer in simplified surd form.

$$x^2 + y^2 = 25$$

$$y - x = 3$$

HINT: You may need to use the quadratic formula

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



Answers



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2. Solve these equations using substitution.

$$x + y = 10$$
 $x = 10, y = 0$
 $x^2 + y^2 = 100$ $x = 0, y = 10$

Use your results to predict the solutions of this pair of equations.

$$x + y = 5$$
 $x = 5, y = 0$
 $x^2 + y^2 = 25$ $x = 0, y = 5$

Solve to see if your prediction was correct.



3. Solve these equations giving your answers as mixed numbers where appropriate.

$$x^{2} + y^{2} = 36$$

 $x - 2y = 6$
 $x = 6, y = 0$
 $x = -3\frac{3}{5}, y = -4\frac{4}{5}$

4. Solve these equations leaving your answer in simplified surd form.

$$x^{2} + y^{2} = 25$$

$$y - x = 3 \rightarrow y = x + 3$$

$$x^{2} + (x + 3)^{2} = 25$$

$$x^{2} + x^{2} + 6x + 9 = 25$$

$$2x^{2} + 6x - 16 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{6^{2} - 4 \times 2 \times -16}}{2 \times 2}$$

$$x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{41}}{2}, y = 3 - \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{41}}{2}$$

