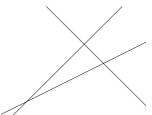


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AIMING HIGH



GRAPHICAL TRIANGLE

What is the area, (in square units) of the triangle formed by the three lines whose equations are:

$$y - x = 6$$
,

$$x - 2y = 3$$
 and

$$x + y = 6$$
?

METHOD 1

Plot the graphs.

Find the coordinates of the vertices of the triangle.

Box in the triangle.

Calculate the areas of all the triangles in the box.

METHOD 2

Plot the graphs.

Find the coordinates of the vertices of the triangle.

Explain how you know the triangle is right angled.

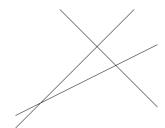
Calculate the lengths of 2 edges of the triangle.

Help

Use axes with x from -20 to +10 and y from -15 to +15 and to plot the lines:

$$y-x=6$$
, $x-2y=3$ and $x+y=6$?

The three lines will look like this.



Imagine a box in the diagram going through the 3 vertices. Use the box to find the area of the triangle made by the 3 lines.



Write out a 'to do' list that you could follow step by step to find the area of the triangle.

Extension

Find the area by a different method.

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