NUMBER

Order of operations

BIDMAS (also taught as BODMAS)

1

B - Brackets

Work out anything inside brackets first.

2

I - Indices

Next, powers (indices) and roots.

3

DM - Division and multiplication

Then work from left to right, whichever comes first.

4

AS - Addition and subtraction

Finally, work from left to right, whichever comes first.

Example: 2 + 3 x 4 = 2 + 12 = 14, not 20.