

5.8: Applications of Quadratic Equations (cont'd)

Note Title

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Ex: Find two consecutive integers whose product is 27 more than 5 times the larger integer.

1st integer: x
(smaller)

2nd integer: $x+1$
(larger)

$$\text{Product} = 5(\text{larger integer}) + 27$$

$$x(x+1) = 5(x+1) + 27$$

$$x^2 + x = 5x + 5 + 27$$

$$x^2 + x = 5x + 32$$

$$x^2 - 4x - 32 = 0$$

-5x-32 -5x -32 (-) opposite signs
difference of 4x

$$(x+4)(x-8) = 0$$

$$x+4=0 \quad \text{or} \quad x-8=0$$

$$x = -4$$

$$x = 8$$

$x = -4$ | 1st integer: $x = -4$
2nd integer: $x+1 = -4+1 = -3$

(The two integers are -4 and -3.)

$x = 8$ | 1st integer: $x = 8$
2nd integer: $x+1 = 8+1 = 9$
(the two integers are 8 and 9).

The pair of integers is either -4, -3 or 8, 9.

Check answers:

-3, -4 | consecutive? Yes

$$\text{Product: } (-3)(-4) = 12$$

$$5 \text{ times larger: } 5(-3) = -15$$

$$27 \text{ more: } -15 + 27 = 12$$

✓
same!
equal!

8, 9 | Consecutive? Yes

$$\text{Product: } 8(9) = 72$$

$$5 \text{ times larger: } 5(9) = 45$$

$$27 \text{ more: } 45 + 27 = 72$$

✓
equal!

Scratchwork

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 \quad 32 \\ \wedge \quad \wedge \\ x \cdot x \quad 1 \cdot 32 \\ \quad \quad 2 \cdot 16 \\ \quad \quad 4 \cdot 8 \\ \quad \quad 8x \end{array}$$

check:

$$\begin{aligned} (x+4)(x-8) \\ = x^2 - 8x + 4x - 32 \\ = x^2 - 4x - 32 \end{aligned}$$

Ex: (5.8 #6)

The product of two consecutive odd integers is 1 less than 4 times their sum. Find the two integers.

1st integer: x

2nd integer: $x+2$

$$\text{Product} = 4(\text{sum}) - 1$$

$$x(x+2) = 4(x+x+2) - 1$$

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

$$x^2 + 2x = 8x + 8 - 1$$

$$x^2 + 2x = 8x + 7$$

$$x^2 - 6x - 7 = 0$$

$$(x - 7)(x + 1) = 0$$

$$x - 7 = 0$$

$$x = 7$$

or

$$x + 1 = 0$$

$$x = -1$$

Check:

$$(x-7)(x+1)$$

$$= x^2 + 1x - 7x - 7$$

$$= x^2 - 6x - 7$$

✓ok

$x=7$ 1st integer: $x=7$

2nd integer: $x+2=7+2=9$

(The two integers are 7 and 9).

$x=-1$ 1st integer: $x=-1$

2nd integer: $x+2=-1+2=1$

(The two integers are -1 and 1).

The pair of integers is 7, 9 or -1, 1.

Check:

7, 9 Consecutive odd integers? Yes

$$\text{Product: } 7(9) = 63$$

$$\text{Sum: } 7+9 = 16$$

$$4 \text{ times sum: } 4(16) = 64$$

$$1 \text{ less: } 63$$

equal!
✓ok

-1, 1 consecutive odd integers? Yes

$$\text{Product: } (-1)(1) = -1$$

$$\text{Sum: } -1+1 = 0$$

$$4 \text{ times sum: } 4(0) = 0$$

$$1 \text{ less: } -1$$

equal
✓ok

6.1: Simplifying Rational Expressions

Recall: Rational Number: can be written as the ratio (fraction, quotient) of 2 integers.

Examples of rational numbers:

$$\frac{2}{5}, -\frac{7}{2}, 2\frac{3}{5}, 5, 0, 0.379, 3.14, 0.\bar{3}, 2.49\overline{17}$$

$\uparrow$ $\frac{13}{5}$ $\uparrow$ $\frac{5}{1}$ $\uparrow$ $\frac{0}{1}$ $\uparrow$ $\frac{379}{1000}$ $\uparrow$ $\frac{314}{100}$ $\uparrow$ $0.3333\ldots = \frac{1}{3}$ $\uparrow$ $2.4917917917\ldots$

Irrational numbers (not rational)

$$\pi, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, e$$

$\uparrow$
circumference
diameter

Rational Expression: can be written as the ratio (quotient, fraction) of 2 polynomials.

Examples of Rational Expressions

$$\frac{x^2+4}{x^3-8}, \frac{x^2+x+24}{x^2-9}, \frac{1}{x^2-2x-8}, \underbrace{x^{-1}+y^{-1}}_{\frac{1}{x}+\frac{1}{y}}$$

Not Rational Expressions

$$\frac{\sqrt{x^2+4}}{x^3-8}, 3x^2-2x+1, 3^x$$

To simplify a rational expression, we factor the numerator and denominator, then reduce the fraction by "canceling out" factors that appear in both the numerator and denominator.

Ex: Simplify.

$$\frac{16}{36} = \frac{\cancel{4} \cdot 4}{\cancel{4} \cdot 9} = \frac{4}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{9} = 1 \cdot \frac{4}{9} = \boxed{\frac{4}{9}}$$

Ex: Simplify.

$$\frac{\cancel{2}^3 4 x^4 y^3}{\cancel{3}^4 2 x^5 y} = \boxed{\frac{3 y^2}{4 x}}$$

Ex: Simplify.

$$\frac{x^2 + 8x + 15}{x^2 + 5x + 6} = \frac{\cancel{(x+3)}(x+5)}{(x+2)\cancel{(x+3)}}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{x+5}{x+2}}$$

Restrictions: (denominator cannot be 0)

$$x \neq -2$$

$$x \neq -3$$

Scratchwork

$$x^2 + 8x + 15 \quad \text{is same}$$

$$(x+3)(x+5)$$

check

$$x^2 + 5x + 3x + 15$$

$$x^2 + 8x + 15$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 15 \\ \wedge \\ 1 \cdot 15 \\ \hline 3 \cdot 5 \end{array}$$

$$x^2 + 5x + 6$$

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

chk:

$$x^2 + 3x + 2x + 6$$

$$= x^2 + 5x + 6 \checkmark$$

Ex: Simplify.

$$\frac{x-3}{x^2 - 7x + 12} = \frac{\cancel{x-3}}{(\cancel{x-3})(x-4)} = \boxed{\frac{1}{x-4}}$$

Restrictions: $x \neq 3$
 $x \neq 4$

Ex: Simplify.

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

$$= \frac{1}{-1(x+2)} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{x+2}}$$

Recommended Method

Previous example (another way)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{x-2}{4-x^2} &= \frac{x-2}{(2+x)(2-x)} = \frac{x-2}{(2+x)(-1)(-2+x)} \\ &= \frac{\cancel{x-2}}{-1(x+2)\cancel{(x-2)}} = \frac{1}{-1(x+2)} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{x+2}}\end{aligned}$$

6.2: Multiplying and Dividing Rational Expressions

Ex: $\frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{4}{5} = \boxed{\frac{8}{15}}$

Ex: $\frac{16}{15} \cdot \frac{21}{32} = \frac{\cancel{16}^4}{15} \cdot \frac{\cancel{21}_3}{\cancel{32}_2} = \boxed{\frac{7}{10}}$

Ex: Simplify.

$$\begin{aligned}&\frac{x^2+2x}{x^2-4} \cdot \frac{x^2-4x+4}{x^2-x} \\ &= \frac{\cancel{x}(x+2)}{(x+2)\cancel{(x-2)}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{(x-2)}(x-2)}{\cancel{x}(x-1)} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{x-2}{x-1}}\end{aligned}$$

[Factor numerators & denominators]

Ex: $\frac{x^2-7x+12}{x^2-25} \div \frac{x^2-3x}{x+5}$

$$= \frac{x^2-7x+12}{x^2-25} \cdot \frac{x+5}{x^2-3x}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{(x-3)}(x-4)}{(\cancel{x+5})(x-5)} \cdot \frac{\cancel{x+5}}{\cancel{x}(x-3)}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{x-4}{x(x-5)}}$$

[convert to multiplication]
(reciprocal)]