

## NUMBERS

S.NO	FORMULAE
1	$(a + b)(a - b) = a^2 - b^2$
2	$(a + b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + 2ab$
3	$(a - b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab$
4	$(a + b + c)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2(ab + bc + ca)$
5	$a^3 + b^3 = (a + b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$
6	$a^3 - b^3 = (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$
7	$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = (a + b + c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ac)$
8	When $a + b + c = 0$ , then $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc$

### Problems with solutions

1. Three times the first of three consecutive odd integers is 3 more than twice the third. The third integer is:

#### Solution

Let 3 integers be  $x$ ,  $x + 2$  and  $x + 4$ .

$$3x = 2(x + 4) + 3 \quad x = 11.$$

$$\text{Third integer} = x + 4 = 15.$$

2. A two-digit number is such that the product of the digits is 8. When 18 is added to the number, then the digits are reversed. The number is:

#### Solution

Let ten's and unit digit be  $x$  and  $\frac{8}{x}$  respectively.

$$\text{Then, } \left( 10x + \frac{8}{x} \right) + 18 = 10 \times \frac{8}{x} + x$$

$$10x^2 + 8 + 18x = 80 + x^2$$

$$9x^2 + 18x - 72 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 2x - 8 = 0$$

$$(x + 4)(x - 2) = 0$$

$$x = 2.$$

3. The sum of the squares of three numbers is 138, while the sum of their products taken two at a time is 131. Their sum is:

#### Solution

Let the numbers be  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ .

$$\text{Then, } a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 138 \text{ and } (ab + bc + ca) = 131.$$

$$(a + b + c)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2(ab + bc + ca) = 138 + 2 \times 131 = 400.$$

$$(a + b + c) = 400 = 20.$$

4. In a two-digit, if it is known that its unit's digit exceeds its ten's digit by 2 and that the product of the given number and the sum of its digits is equal to 144, then the number is:

**Solution**

Let the ten's digit be  $x$ .

Then, unit's digit =  $x + 2$ .

Number =  $10x + (x + 2) = 11x + 2$ .

Sum of digits =  $x + (x + 2) = 2x + 2$ .

$$(11x + 2)(2x + 2) = 144$$

$$22x^2 + 26x - 140 = 0$$

$$11x^2 + 13x - 70 = 0$$

$$(x - 2)(11x + 35) = 0$$

$$x = 2.$$

Hence, required number =  $11x + 2 = 24$ .

5. Find a positive number which when increased by 17 is equal to 60 times the reciprocal of the number.

**Solution**

Let the number be  $x$ .

$$x + 17 = \frac{60}{x}$$

$$x^2 + 17x - 60 = 0$$

$$(x + 20)(x - 3) = 0$$

$$x = 3.$$