

Math Club Worksheet #2 Quadratic Problems:

1. Find all possible values of
- a/b
- if
- $a^2 + 4b^2 = 4ab$

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 + 4b^2 &= 4ab \\ a^2 - 4ab + 4b^2 &= 0 \\ (a - 2b)^2 &= 0 \\ a - 2b &= 0 \\ a &= 2b \\ \frac{a}{b} &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

2. Let
- $f(x) = a^2x^2 + 5ax + 3$
- and
- $f(2) = 2$
- . Find all possible values of the constant "a"

$$\begin{aligned} f(2) &= a^2(4) + 5(a)(2) + 3 = 2 \\ 4a^2 + 10a + 1 &= 0 \\ a &= 4 \quad b = 10 \quad c = 1 \\ a &= \frac{-10 \pm \sqrt{100 - 4(4)}}{2(4)} \\ &= \frac{-10 \pm \sqrt{84}}{8} \end{aligned}$$

3. Find the value of "x" if "x" is positive and
- $x-1$
- is the reciprocal of
- $x + \frac{1}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad a\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= 1 & \begin{matrix} 2 & \times & -3 \\ 1 & & 1 \end{matrix} \\ (x-1)\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right) &= 1 & (2x-3)(x+1) = 0 \\ x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{2} &= 1 & \boxed{x = \frac{3}{2}} \quad x \neq -1 \\ x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{3}{2} &= 0 & \uparrow \\ 2x^2 - x - 3 &= 0 & \end{aligned}$$

4. Let "f" be a function for which
- $f(x/3) = x^2 + x + 1$
- . Find the sum of all the values of "z" for which

$$f(3z) = 7 \quad [\text{amc12}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \text{ NOTE: } f\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) &= \left[3\left(\frac{x}{3}\right)\right]^2 + \left[3\left(\frac{x}{3}\right)\right] + 1 \\ f(n) &= (3n)^2 + (3n) + 1 \\ &= 9n^2 + 3n + 1 \\ f(3z) &= 9(3z)^2 + 3(3z) + 1 \\ &= 81z^2 + 9z + 1 \end{aligned}$$

5. Let "a" and "b" be the roots of the equation $x^2 - mx + 2 = 0$. Suppose that $a + \frac{1}{b}$ and $b + \frac{1}{a}$ are the roots of the equation $x^2 - px + q = 0$. What is the value of "q"?

$$\textcircled{1} x^2 - mx + 2 = (x - a)(x - b)$$

$$= x^2 - (a+b)x + ab.$$

$$\boxed{a+b=m} \quad \boxed{ab=2}$$

$$\textcircled{2} x^2 - px + q = (x - a - \frac{1}{b})(x - b - \frac{1}{a})$$

$$p = a + b + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} \quad q = (a + \frac{1}{b})(b + \frac{1}{a})$$

$$q = ab + \frac{1}{ab} + 2.$$

$$q = 2 + \frac{1}{2} + 2$$

$$\boxed{q = 4.5}$$

6. Find all real solutions to $(x^2 - 5x + 5)^{x^2 - 9x + 20} = 1$

$$\textcircled{1} a^0 = 1$$

$$x^2 - 9x + 20 = 0.$$

$$(x - 4)(x - 5) = 0$$

$$x = 4 \quad x = 5.$$

$$\textcircled{2} (1)^x = 1$$

$$x^2 - 5x + 5 = 1$$

$$x^2 - 5x + 4 = 0$$

$$(x - 4)(x - 1) = 0$$

$$x = 4, x = 1$$

$$\textcircled{3} (-1)^{2x} = 1$$

$$x^2 - 5x + 5 = -1$$

$$x^2 - 5x - 6 = 0.$$

$$(x - 6)(x + 1) = 0.$$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow$$

$$x = 6 \quad x = -1. \checkmark$$

$$6^2 - 9(6) + 20 \quad (-1)^2 + 9 + 20$$

$$\text{EVEN!} \quad \text{EVEN}$$

7. Find all solutions to the system of equations:

$$x^2 + yz = 39$$

$$x - yz = -33$$

$$y + z = 13 \leftarrow 12 \text{ ???}$$

$\textcircled{1}$ Always eliminate one variable

$$\left. \begin{aligned} z &= 13 - y \\ x^2 + y(13 - y) &= 39 \\ x - y(13 - y) &= -33 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\underline{x^2 + x = 6.}$$

$$x^2 + x - 6 = 0.$$

$$(x + 3)(x - 2) = 0$$

$$x = -3 \quad x = 2.$$

$$\textcircled{2} x = z.$$

$$4 + yz = 39$$

$$yz = 35.$$

$$y(13 - y) = 35$$

$$0 = y^2 - 13y + 35$$

8. Find the roots of $x^2 + \left(a - \frac{1}{a}\right)x - 1 = 0$ in terms of "a"

$$(x + a)\left(x - \frac{1}{a}\right) = 0$$

$$x = -a \quad x = +\frac{1}{a}$$

9. Find the solutions to $(x^4 - 11x^3 + 24x^2) - (4x^2 - 44x + 96) = 0$

$$\textcircled{1} x^2(x^2 - 11x + 24) - 4(x^2 - 11x + 24) = 0$$

$$(x^2 - 4)(x^2 - 11x + 24) = 0$$

$$(x+2)(x-2)(x-3)(x-8) = 0$$

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$$x = -2, 2, 3, 8 \dots$$

10. If $\frac{x^2 - bx}{ax - c} = \frac{m-1}{m+1}$ has solutions for "x" such that each solution is the negative of the other, then find "m" in terms of "a" and "b". [AHSME]

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$$(x^2 - bx)(m+1) = (m-1)(ax - c)$$

$$\cancel{mx^2} - mbx + \cancel{x^2} - bx = amx - ax - cm + c$$

$$(m+1)x^2 - mbx - bx - amx + ax = -cm + c$$

$$(m+1)x^2 - (mb + b + am - a)x + cm - c = 0$$

② THE SOLUTIONS ARE NEGATIVE OF EACH OTHER. $\therefore r_1 + r_2 = 0$.
Sum of roots is zero.

$$mb + b + am - a = 0$$

$$m(a+b) = a-b$$

$$\boxed{m = \frac{a-b}{a+b}} \dots$$

11. Find constants "a" and "b" such that $b - a$ is as small a possible, and the entire graph of the equation

$$y = \frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2} \text{ lies within } a < y \leq b$$

① No vertical asymptotes. $(1+x^2)$

$$y = \frac{-x^2+1}{1+x^2} = -\left(1 - \frac{2}{x^2+1}\right)$$

$$= -\left(\frac{x^2-1}{x^2+1}\right) = -1 + \frac{2}{x^2+1}$$

$$= -\left(\frac{x^2+1-2}{x^2+1}\right)$$

$$= -\left(\frac{x^2+1}{x^2+1} - \frac{2}{x^2+1}\right)$$

② let $x=0$.

$$y = -1 + \frac{2}{1} = -$$

$$y = 1$$

let $x = 10,000$.

$$y = -1 + \frac{2}{100,000}$$

$$= -1$$

$$\therefore -1 < y \leq 1$$

$$\boxed{b-a=2}$$

12. Prove that if $\frac{a+b}{a} = \frac{b}{a+b}$ then "a" and "b" can't both be real numbers

$$(a+b)(a+b) = ab$$

$$a^2 + 2ab + b^2 = ab$$

$$a^2 + ab + b^2 = 0$$

$$a=1 \quad b=b \quad c=b^2$$

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

$$a = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{-3b^2}}{2}$$

imaginary

$a^2 ??$

13. Let "m" and "n" be the roots of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$. Prove that if $m^2 + n^2 = 1$, then $2ac = b^2 - c^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad ax^2 + bx + c &= a(x-m)(x-n) \\ &= a(x^2 - mx - nx + mn) \\ &= ax^2 - (am + an)x + amn \\ &= ax^2 + bx + c \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{c}{a} &= 0 = (x-m)(x-n) \\ &= x^2 - (m+n)x + mn \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad -\frac{b}{a} = m+n \quad \frac{c}{a} = mn$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad am + an = -b \quad amn = c$$

$$a(m+n)^2 = -b^2$$

$$a^2(m^2 + 2mn + n^2) = b^2$$

$$a^2(m^2 + n^2) + a \cdot 2 \cdot amn = b^2$$

$$a^2 + 2ac = b^2$$

$$\frac{b^2}{a^2} = m^2 + 2mn + n^2$$

$$\frac{b^2}{a^2} = m^2 + \frac{2c}{a} + n^2$$

$$\frac{b^2}{a^2} = 1 + \frac{2c}{a}$$

$$\frac{b^2}{a^2} = \frac{a+2c}{a}$$

$$\frac{b^2}{a^2} = \frac{a^2 + 2ac}{a^2}$$

$$\boxed{b^2 - a^2 = 2ac}$$