

NICE EQUATIONS AND APPS TO TEACH MATH ONLINE

Solve $\log_2 x + \log_2 (x + 1) = 1$

Solutions: $x=1$ (-2 is an extraneous.)



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SYSTEM OF LINEAR EQUATIONS

For any system of linear equations

$$\begin{cases} ax + by + cz = r \\ dx + ey + fz = s \\ gx + hy + jz = t \end{cases}$$

Using the set of integers (x, y, z) with given coefficients, calculate r, s, t .

Then we can have an integer solution (x, y, z) .

[System of Linear Equation Bank](#)

RATIONAL EQUATIONS

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x-a} = \frac{1}{b} \quad \rightarrow \quad x^2 - (a + 2b)x + ab = 0$$

$$x = \frac{2b+a \pm D}{2}, \text{ where } D = \sqrt{(2b+a)^2 - 4ab} = \sqrt{a^2 + 4b^2}$$

For any integers a and b , x is an integer if and only if $a^2 + 4b^2$ is a perfect square number, or $(a, 2b, D)$ a Pythagorean triple.

So let $a = 2n + 1$ and $b = n(n + 1)$, then $D = 2n^2 + 2n + 1$ is an integer .
Thus $2b + a \pm D$ is an even number since a and D are the same parity.

Therefore, $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x-a} = \frac{1}{b}$ has integer solutions $x=2n^2+4n+1$ and $x = n$,
where $a = 2n + 1$ and $b = n(n + 1)$, for some integer n .

[Rational Equation Bank](#)

RADICAL EQUATIONS

Form 1: $\sqrt{x - a} = x - b \rightarrow x^2 - (2b+1)x + a + b^2 = 0$

Solution: $x = \frac{2b+1 \pm D}{2}$ where $D = \sqrt{(2b - 1)^2 - 4a - 4b^2}$

Or $D = \sqrt{1 - 4(a - b)} \rightarrow D^2 = 1 - 4(a - b)$

If $(1 - 4(a - b))$ is a perfect square, then **D** is an odd number.

For any integer **b** and **n**, let $D = 2n - 1$ and $a = \frac{1 - D^2}{4} + b$

then $\sqrt{x - a} = x - b$ has integer solutions: $x = b + n$ and $x = b - n + 1$.
Note that if $x < b$, then x is an extraneous.

RADICAL EQUATIONS

Form 2: $\sqrt{cx - a} = x - b \rightarrow x^2 - (2b+c)x + a + b^2 = 0$

Solution: $x = \frac{2b+c \pm D}{2}$ where $D = \sqrt{(2b + c)^2 - 4a - 4b^2}$

Or $D = \sqrt{c^2 - 4a + 4bc}$. Again **c** and **D** are the same parity.

So if $D = c - 2n$ and $a = \frac{4bc + c^2 - D^2}{4} = bc + cn - n^2$, then $\sqrt{cx - a} = x - b$ has integer solutions: $x = b + n$ and $x = b + c + n$.

Again, if $x < b$, then x is an extraneous.

RADICAL EQUATIONS

In summary, for any integers **b**, **n** and **c**.

If $a = bc + cn - n^2$, then

$$\sqrt{cx - a} = x - b \implies x = b + n \text{ and } x = b + c + n$$

In general, $\sqrt{cx - a} = ex - b$ has integer solutions $x = p + q$ and $x = p$ for $b = pe$, $a = pqe^2$ and $c = qe^2$

Note that if $x < b$, then x is an extraneous.

[Radical Equation Bank](#)

LOGARITHMIC EQUATIONS

Form 1: $\log_c(x - a) + \log_c(x - b) = 1$

$$x^2 - (a + b)x + ab - c = 0$$

$$x = \frac{a+b \pm D}{2} \text{ where } D = \sqrt{(a + b)^2 - 4(ab - c)} = \sqrt{(a - b)^2 + 4c}$$

Use the Pythagorean triple formula,

$$a - b = (2n + 1) \text{ and } 4c = 4n^2(n+1)^2,$$

or $b = a - 2n - 1$, $c = n^2(n+1)^2$ for any integer $n > 0$,

then $D = 2n^2 + 2n + 1$.

Thus, x has two integer solutions $x = a + n^2$ and $x = a - (n+1)^2$.

Since $x = a + n^2 > a > b$, it is always a solution.

However, $x = a - (n+1)^2$ is an extraneous.

LOGARITHMIC EQUATIONS

Form 2: $\log_c(x - a) + \log_c(x - b) = 2$

$$x^2 - (a + b)x + ab - c^2 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{a+b \pm D}{2} \text{ where } D = \sqrt{(a + b)^2 - 4(ab - c^2)}$$

$D^2 = (a+b)^2 - 4(ab - c^2) = (a-b)^2 + 4c^2$. It is a Pythagorean triple!

So let $(a - b) = 2n + 1$, or $a = b + 2n + 1$ and $c = n(n+1)$, then $D = 2n^2 + 2n + 1$ for any integer $n > 0$.

Thus $\log_c(x - a) + \log_c(x - b) = 2$ has integer solutions

$$x = \frac{a+b+D}{2} = b + (n + 1)^2 \text{ and}$$

$$x = \frac{a+b-D}{2} = b - n^2 \text{ is an extraneous}$$

INTEGER TRIANGLES

Given a triangle with the integer lengths, find an angle with measurement in integer degrees.

The measure of one angle is either 60° , 120° or 90°

Use the Law of Cosine to calculate on Excel.

Integer Triangles

EIGENVALUES – 2X2 MATRICES

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \text{ for } a, b, c, d \text{ are integers.}$$

Characteristics equation $\lambda^2 - (a+d)\lambda + ad - bc = 0$

$$\lambda = \frac{a + d \pm \sqrt{(a + d)^2 - 4ad + 4bc}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{a + d \pm \sqrt{(a - d)^2 + 4bc}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{a+d \pm D}{2}, \text{ for } D = \sqrt{(a - d)^2 + 4bc}$$

EIGENVALUES

$$D = \sqrt{(a - d)^2 + 4bc}$$

Again, $(a-d, 4bc, D)$ is a Pythagorean triple. Thus, we can set

$$a - d = 2n + 1 \text{ or } a = d + 2n + 1 \text{ and } 4bc = 4n^2(n+1)^2, \text{ or } b = n^2, c = (n+1)^2$$

So if $d = a - 2n - 1, b = n^2, c = (n+1)^2$ for any integer n , then A has two integer eigenvalues of the form $a + n^2$ and $a - (n+1)^2$.

Theorem : *For any integers a and n , the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$*

Or $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & n^2 \\ (n+1)^2 & a - (2n+1) \end{pmatrix}$ has integer eigenvalues

$a + n^2$ and $a - (n+1)^2$.

If $a = -n^2$ or $a = (n+1)^2$, then A has a zero eigenvalue.

EIGENVALUES - 3X3 MATRICES

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} s & t & r \\ p & a & b \\ q & c & d \end{pmatrix} \text{ for } \mathbf{all \textit{entries}} \text{ are integers.}$$

Form 1: $p = q = 0$

Then the 3x3 matrix above becomes $B = \begin{pmatrix} s & t & r \\ 0 & a & b \\ 0 & c & d \end{pmatrix}$ for *all entries* are integers.

Its characteristics equation is $(s - \lambda) (\lambda^2 - (a+d)\lambda + ad - cb) = 0$.

Thus, the eigenvalues are s and $a + 2n^2$ and $a - 2(n+1)^2$

$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} t + r \\ a + b - s \\ a + b - s \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} rc - tb \\ b(s - a + c) \\ -c(s - a + c) \end{pmatrix}$ are the corresponding eigenvectors of matrix B.

EIGENVALUES– 3X3 MATRICES

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} s & t & r \\ p & a & b \\ q & c & d \end{pmatrix} \text{ for } \mathbf{all \ entries} \text{ are integers.}$$

Form 2: $t = b = q = c = 0$

Then the 3x3 matrix above becomes $C = \begin{pmatrix} s & 0 & t \\ p & a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$ for *all entries* are integers.

Its characteristics equation is $(s - \lambda)(a - \lambda)(d - \lambda) = 0$.

Thus the eigenvalues are s , a , and d .

So one set of integer eigenvectors of matrix C could be

$$\begin{pmatrix} s - a \\ p \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} t(d - a) \\ pt \\ (d - a)(d - s) \end{pmatrix}$$

Integer Eigenvalues

Integer Solutions

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