

Pair of Linear Equations in Two Variables

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This is Problem-1.1 from Exercise 3.2

1. 10 students of Class X took part in a mathematics quiz. If the number of girls is 4 more than the number of boys, find the number of boys and girls who took part in the quiz.

Solution:

Let number of boys be x and number of girls be y .

$$x + y = 10 \quad (1)$$

$$x + 4 = y \quad (2)$$

The 1st equation is $y - x = 4$

The 2nd equation is $y + x = 10$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$$x = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b \\ a_1 & a_2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 10 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{10 - 4}{1 - (-1)} = \frac{6}{2} = 3 \quad (4)$$

(5)

$$y = \begin{vmatrix} b & a_2 \\ a_1 & a_2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 10 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{4 - (-10)}{1 - (-1)} = \frac{14}{2} = 7 \quad (6)$$

(7)

(8)

Therefore $x=3$ and $y=7$