

**Section 5.3**

**Exercise 21:** Bhaskara, 1150. What number divided by 6 leaves a remainder of 5, divided by 5 leaves a remainder of 4, divided by 4 leaves a remainder of 3, and divided by 3 leaves a remainder of 2?

$$N \equiv 5 \pmod{6},$$

$$N \equiv 4 \pmod{5},$$

$$N \equiv 3 \pmod{4},$$

$$N \equiv 2 \pmod{3}.$$

**Solution:**

To solve this problem we must first compute the product  $M$ , of the moduli  $m_i$ ,

$$M = 6 * 5 * 4 * 3 = 360.$$

The next step involves computing all  $M_i$  such that

$$M_i = \frac{M}{m_i}.$$

Therefore we get the following,

$$M_1 = \frac{360}{6} = 60,$$

$$M_2 = \frac{360}{5} = 72,$$

$$M_3 = \frac{360}{4} = 90,$$

$$M_4 = \frac{360}{3} = 120.$$

Now we reduce each  $M_i \pmod{m_i}$ , so find a  $P_i$  such that,

$$M_i = P_i \pmod{m_i}.$$

Doing that we get,

$$60 \equiv 0 \pmod{6}.$$

$$72 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}.$$

$$90 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}.$$

$$120 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}.$$

Now we need to find one for each  $P_i$  so solving for some  $x_i$  that gives,

$$P_i x_i \equiv 1 \pmod{m_i}.$$

Doing this we get,

$$(0)(1) \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$$

$$(2)(4) \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

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## Section 5.5

**Exercise 1:** Solve the following quadratic equations with the arithmetic method of completing the square.

1.  $x^2 + 12x = 64$

**Solution:**

First note that this is a type 4 problem with the form  $ax^2 + bx = c$ . We complete the square by noting that,

$$(x + 6)^2 = x^2 + 12x + 36.$$

So adding 36 to both sides we get that,

$$x^2 + 12x + 36 = 64 + 36,$$

$$(x + 6)^2 = 100,$$

$$(x + 6)^2 = 10^2.$$

Therefore  $x = 4, -12$ .

2.  $3x^2 + 10x = 32$

**Solution:**

From the hint let's multiply both sides of the equation by 3 and simplify the form of our equation with a substitution of  $y = 3x$ ,

$$3x^2 + 10x = 32,$$

$$3(3x^2 + 10x) = 3(32),$$

$$9x^2 + 30x = 96,$$

$$(3x)^2 + 10(3x) = 96,$$

$$(y)^2 + 10(y) = 96.$$

Now our problem is a type 4 problem with the form  $ax^2 + bx = 2$ . We complete the square by noting that,

$$(y + 5)^2 = y^2 + 10y + 25.$$

So adding 25 to both sides,

$$y^2 + 10y + 25 = 96 + 25,$$

$$(y + 5)^2 = 121,$$

$$(y + 5)^2 = (11)^2.$$

Thus we get that  $y = 6, -16$  and since  $y = 3x$  we get that  $x = 2, \frac{-16}{3}$

**Exercise 7:** 1. Show that the cubic equation  $x^3 + b^2c = b^2x$  can be solved by finding the intersection of the parabola  $x^2 = by$  and the hyperbola  $y^2 + cx = x^2$ .

**Solution:**

We can show that the intersection of  $x^2 = by$  and  $y^2 + cx = x^2$  gives  $x^3 + b^2c = b^2x$  through algebra. First solve the first equation for  $y$ ,

$$y = \frac{x^2}{b}.$$

Now substituting into the second equation and doing some algebra to get the third equation.

$$\left(\frac{x^2}{b}\right)^2 + cx = x^2,$$

$$\frac{x^4}{b^2} + cx = x^2,$$

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$$\frac{x^3}{b^2} + c = x,$$

$$x^3 + b^2c = b^2x.$$

Therefore where the two conic sections intersect we get the solution to the cubic.

2. Show that the cubic equation  $x^3 + c = ax^2$  can be solved by finding the intersection of the parabola  $y^2 + cx = ac$  and the rectangular hyperbola  $xy = c$ .

**Solution:**

Again we can show this through algebra. Solving the rectangular hyperbola for  $y$ ,

$$y = \frac{c}{x}.$$

Substituting into the parabola and doing some algebra to get the cubic,

$$\begin{aligned} y^2 + cx &= ac, \\ \left(\frac{c}{x}\right)^2 + cx &= ac, \\ \frac{c^2}{x^2} + cx &= ac, \\ c^2 + cx^3 &= acx^2, \\ c + x^3 &= ax^2, \\ x^3 + c &= ax^2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus where the two conic sections intersect we get the solution to the cubic.

**Additional Problems**

**Exercise 1:**

**Exercise 2:**

**Reflection**

- 1.
- 2.