

自然数 $m, n$ の方程式

$$m^2 - n^2 = 12$$



次の等式を満たす自然数 $m, n$ の組を全て答えよ。

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解答

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

$$12 = 2^2 \cdot 3$$

$$n > 0$$

$$2n > 0$$

$$n > -n$$

$$m + n > m - n$$

$$\begin{cases} m + n = 12, 6, 4 \\ m - n = 1, 2, 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\implies (m, n) = \left(\frac{13}{2}, \frac{11}{2}\right), (4, 2), \left(\frac{7}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\implies (m, n) = (4, 2)$$

結論

$$\{(m, n) \in \mathbb{N}^2 \mid m^2 - n^2 = 12\} = \{(4, 2)\}$$