AI1110 Assignment 1

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Q11 (b)

The product of two consecutive natural numbers which are multiples of 3 is equal to 810. Find the two numbers.

Solution

Let the two consecutive natural numbers which are multiples of 3 be 3n and $3n+3 \quad \exists \, n \in \mathbb{N}$

According to the question:

$$3n(3n+3) = 810$$

 $\Rightarrow 9n(n+1) = 810$
 $\Rightarrow n(n+1) = 90$
 $\Rightarrow n^2 + n - 90 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (n+10)(n-9) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow n = -10$ or $n = 9$

discarding n = -10 as $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\Rightarrow n = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow 3n = 27$$

$$\Rightarrow 3n + 3 = 30$$
The two numbers are:

27,30