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:

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow n = 9$$
$$\Rightarrow 3n = 27$$
$$\Rightarrow 3n + 3 = 30$$

The two numbers are:

27,30

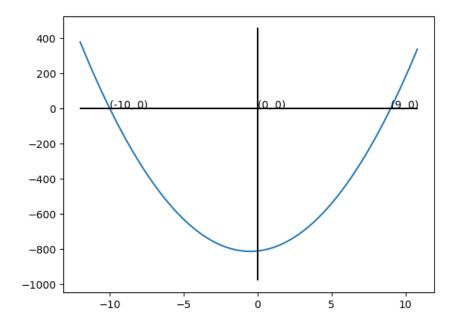


Figure 1: Plot showing the polynomial in $eq^n(1)$

It can be easily verified by observing the plot that the roots of $eq^n(1)$ are 9 and -10.

The output of the program used to find and verify these numbers is:

Figure 2: Output of the python program