

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:**

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

$$\Rightarrow 9n(n + 1) = 810$$

$$\Rightarrow n(n + 1) = 90$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 + n - 90 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (n + 10)(n - 9) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n = -10 \quad \text{or} \quad n = 9$$

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

$$\Rightarrow n = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow 3n = 27$$

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

The two numbers are:

27, 30

Plot of $eq^n(1)$ is:

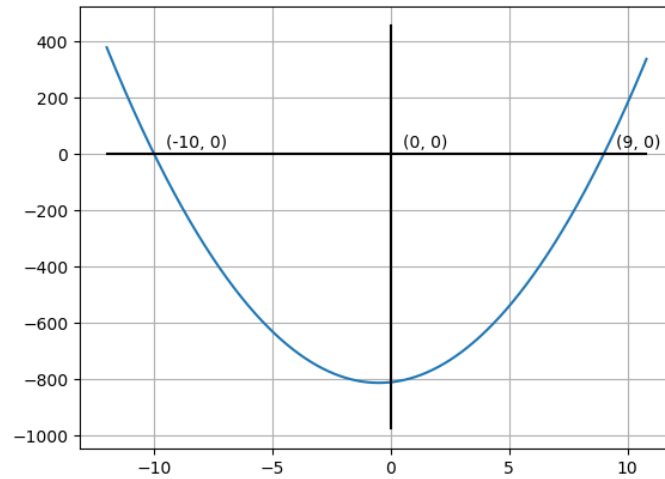


Figure 1: Plot showing the polynomial in $eq^n(1)$

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:

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$ python find_nums.py
The consecutive natural numbers n1 and n2 s.t.
n1 % 3 == 0 and n2 % 3 == 0 and n1*n2 == 810 are:
n1=27 n2=30
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Figure 2: Output of the python program