

Ch 1 word problems  
↳ each eq<sup>n</sup> is linear

Ch (before this)  
↳ max/min  
→ vertex

Ch 6 (now)  
↳ quadratics

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Section 6.5 - Word Problems

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STEPS

- ① let statements
- ② create 2 equations
- ③ substitute → goal: eq<sup>n</sup> with 1 variable
- ④ Solve by
  - a) factoring
  - b) Quadratic formula
- ⑤ Write a ∴ statement

- ① The sum of two positive numbers is 12. If their product is 35, find the numbers.

let  $x$  represent num 1

$$\textcircled{1} x + y = 12 \rightarrow x = 12 - y$$

let  $y$  represent num 2

$$\textcircled{2} xy = 35$$

sub  $x$  into  $\textcircled{2}$

sub  $y$  into  $\textcircled{1}$

$$y(12 - y) = 35$$

$$x = 7$$

check that BOTH answers are VALID

$$12y - y^2 = 35$$

$$-y^2 + 12y - 35 = 0$$

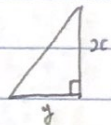
$$y^2 - 12y + 35 = 0$$

$$(y - 7)(y - 5) = 0$$

$$y = 5, 7$$

∴ The numbers are 5 & 7

- hypotenuse ② The hyp of a right angled triangle is 10m. One of the other sides is 2m longer than the third side. Find the length of all three sides.



let  $x$  represent the first side (m)

let  $y$  represent the second side (m)

$$\textcircled{1} y = x + 2$$

sub  $y$  into  $\textcircled{2}$

$$x = 6$$

$$\textcircled{2} x^2 + y^2 = 100$$

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

Sub  $x$  into  $\textcircled{1}$

$$x^2 + x^2 + 4x + 4 = 100$$

$$y = 8$$

$$2x^2 + 4x - 96 = 0$$

$$\because x > 0 \therefore$$

$$x \neq 8$$

$$2(x^2 + 2x - 48) = 0$$

∴ The three sides are 6, 8, 10

$$2(x + 8)(x - 6) = 0$$

$$x = -8, 6$$

100 = 10<sup>2</sup>  
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\* only 6 is valid, can't be negative

③ The area of a rectangular field is  $2275 \text{ m}^2$ . The field is enclosed by  $200 \text{ m}$  of fencing. What are the dimensions of the field?

let  $l$  represent the length

①  $lw = 2275$

let  $w$  represent the width

②  $2l + 2w = 200 \rightarrow l + w = 100 \rightarrow l = 100 - w$  ③

Sub 1 into ①

$$w(100 - w) = 2275$$

$$100w - w^2 = 2275$$

$$w^2 - 100w + 2275 = 0$$

factorable  
but...

$$w = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$w = \frac{100 \pm \sqrt{10000 - 4(2275)}}{2}$$

$$w = \frac{100 \pm \sqrt{10000 - 9100}}{2}$$

$$w = \frac{100 \pm \sqrt{900}}{2}$$

$$w = \frac{100 \pm 30}{2}$$

$$w = 50 \pm 15$$

sub  $w$  into ③ check!

$$l = 100 - 35$$

$$l = 65$$

$\therefore$  The dimensions are

$$35 \text{ m} \times 65 \text{ m}$$

$$w_1 = 35$$

$$w_2 = 65$$

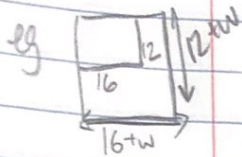


# Homework: WORD PROBLEMS (row 99)

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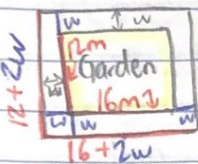
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picture frames  
↳ matt



eg. A garden measuring  $12m \times 16m$  is to have a pathway installed around it. The pathway is of equal width all the way around. The new total area will be  $285m^2$ . What is the width of the pathway?

let  $w$  represent the width of the pathway (m)



$$A = 285m^2$$

$$\textcircled{1} 285 = (16+2w)(12+2w)$$

one eq<sup>n</sup>  
exp.

$$285 = 192 + 56w + 4w^2$$

$$0 = 4w^2 + 56w - 93$$

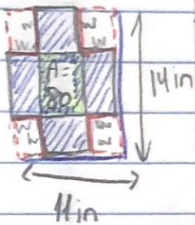
set to zero  
factor

$$0 = (2w - 3)(2w + 31)$$

$$w = \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{31}{2}$$

$\therefore -\frac{31}{2}$  is negative  $\therefore w = \frac{3}{2}$

$\therefore$  The width of the pathway is 1.5m.



eg You have to make an open topped box with a base area of  $80in^2$ . You will be taking a  $11in \times 14in$  piece of cardboard and cutting equal size squares from each corner, scoring the edges and folding up the box. What should be the dimensions of the squares you cut? Approx your answer.

let  $w$  represent  
the width of  
the squares  
(in)

$$\textcircled{1} 80 = (11-2w)(14-2w)$$

$$80 = 4w^2 - 50w + 154$$

$$0 = 4w^2 - 50w + 74$$

$$0 = 2(2w^2 - 25w + 37)$$

$$w = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$w = \frac{25 \pm \sqrt{625 - 4(2)(37)}}{4}$$

$$w = \frac{25 \pm \sqrt{625 - 296}}{4}$$

$\therefore 2w_1 > 11$   
 $\therefore$  Impossible

$$w = \frac{25 \pm \sqrt{329}}{4}$$

$$w \approx \frac{25 \pm 18.1}{4}$$

$\therefore$  the dim of the squares are 1.74in  $\times$  1.74in.

$$w_2 \approx \frac{25 - 18.1}{4}$$

CANT BE THIS ONE SINCE PAPER IS 11in  $\times$  14in (not enough paper)

$$\approx 1.74$$

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