

Ch - 3 linear equations in two variables

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This is problem 5 of exercise 3.2

1. Half the perimeter of a rectangular garden whose length is 4m more than its width, is 36m. Find the dimensions of the garden.

Solution:

Length = y

Width = x

Also length = 4+x

Half perimeter of rectangle = l+b

Therefore the equations can be written as :

$$x + y = 36 \quad (1)$$

$$x - y = -4 \quad (2)$$

$$(3)$$

$$x = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{b} & \mathbf{a}_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 \end{vmatrix}} \quad (4)$$

$$(5)$$

$$y = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{b} & \mathbf{a}_1 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 \end{vmatrix}} \quad (6)$$

$$(7)$$

$$x = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 36 & 1 \\ -4 & -1 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{(36)(-1) - (-4)(1)}{(1)(-1) - (1)(1)} = 16 \quad (8)$$

$$\text{and} \quad (9)$$

$$y = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 36 & 1 \\ -4 & 1 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{(36)(-1) - (-4)(1)}{(1)(-1) - (1)(1)} = 20 \quad (10)$$

$$(11)$$

Hence, the dimensions of the rectangular garden are
length = 20m
width = 16m