



Note that the curve crosses

the x-axis at only one point

this indicates that the other two

roots must be imaginary

Let us approximate the rational

root shown in figure 5. When $x=1$,

$y=-1$, and when $x=2$, $y=7$. The

real root must lie between $x=1$

and $x=2$. Furthermore it lies

closer to $x=1$ than to $x=2$

Let us try $x=1.2$ since the y value corresponding

to the former is closer to 0. If we let $x=1.2$, $y=-0.972$, and

if $x=1.3$, $y=1.237$. Thus the real root is slightly greater

than 1.2. If greater accuracy is desired, we let x take on

values such as $x=1.21$ and so on and compare to corresponding

values of y .

Problems - Algebra

1) Write a formula for the following functional relationships

a) Number of dollars D earned in x hours at y dollars per

hour. $D = xy$ $D = (7)(37) = \$259$

b) The value V in cents of x quarters and y dimes.

$V = 25x + 10y$ $x=1, y=3 \Rightarrow V=65$

c) The perimeter P of a square whose side is S .

$P = 4S$ $S=1, P=4$

2) Using $D = rt$ how long does it take to go 180 miles at 30 miles per hour? At x miles per hour?

$D = rt$ $180 = 30t$ $t(h) = \frac{180}{30} = 6h$

$180(mi) = 30(mi/h) \cdot t(h)$ $t(h) = \frac{180}{x}$

3) Solve the following equations:

a) $x^2 + 2x - 15 = 0$ $x(x+2) = +15$

$(x+1)(2x-15)$

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$(x+3)(x-5)$

$x^2 - 5x + 3x - 15$

$x^2 - 2x - 15 = +4x$

$2x = 2x - 2x + x^2 + 2x - 15 = 0$

$x^2 + 2x = 2(x+2) - 15 = 0$

$x(x+2) = +15$

$x+2 = \frac{15}{x}$

$x = \frac{15}{x} - 2$

$x^2 = 15 - 2x$

$x = \sqrt{15 - 2x}$

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