Supplemental Calculus

This is a collection of activities for Supplemental Calculus.

Functions and Graphs

1.1 Functions

Every square has both a perimeter p and an area A. In other words, there is a relationship between the set of perimeters of squares and the set of areas of squares. Is this relationship a function?

Exercise 1 If
$$p = 20$$
, then $A = \boxed{25}$.

Hint: What is the side length of a square with this perimeter?

Exercise 2 If
$$A = 36$$
 then $p = \boxed{24}$

Hint: What is the side length?

Solution If the area is 36, then the side length must be 6, since $6 \times 6 = 36$. The perimeter is 4 times the side length, so the perimeter is 24.

This is the end of the activity. Really.

Manipulating Expressions

1.2 Factoring

When we factor, we break up an expression into its parts, such that when you multiply all the parts together, you get the expression. That is, we are decomposing the expression into its "factors" – parts with respect to multiplication.

Learning outcomes:

What does it mean to factor? To get a feel for this, we will try some simple number factoring problems.

Problem 4 What is the smallest factor of 45? 3

Which is not a factor of 54?

Multiple Choice:

- (a) 3
- (b) 5 ✓
- (c) 9