

1.2 Squares and Square Roots – Notes

How can we determine if a number is a SQUARE NUMBER?

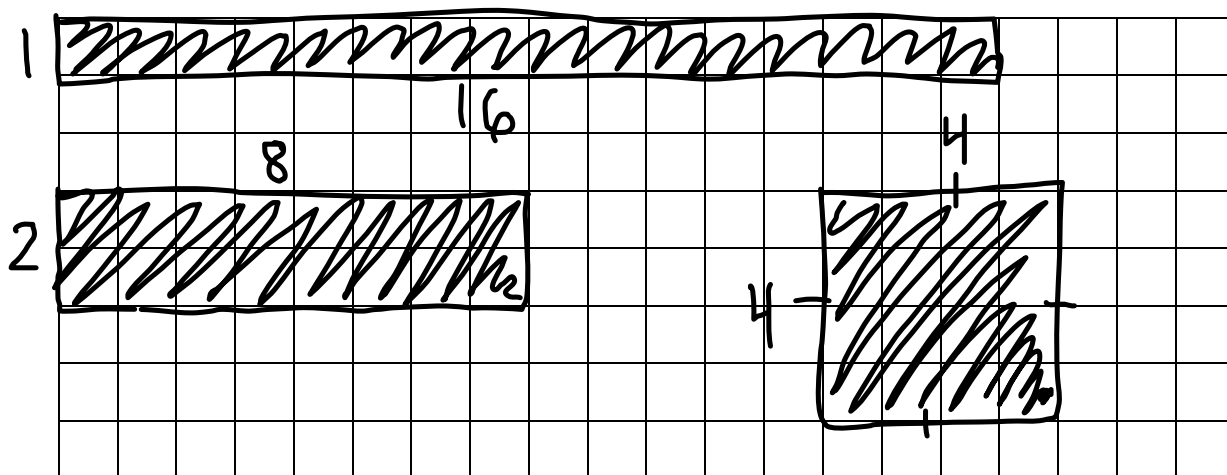
1. Find a division sentence for a number so that the quotient is equal to the divisor, the number is a square number.

$$49 \div 7 = 7$$

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dividend divisor quotient

2. We can also use factoring.
 Factors of a number occur in pairs.
 These are the dimensions of a rectangle.



Sixteen has 5 factors:

Since there is an odd number of factors, one rectangle is a square.

The square has a side length of 4 units.

We say that 4 is a square root of 16.

We write: $\sqrt{16} = 4$

When we multiply a number by itself, we Square the number.

Squaring and taking the square root are inverse operations. That is, they undo each other.

$$4^2 = 4 \times 4 \\ = 16$$

$$\sqrt{16} = \sqrt{4 \times 4} \\ = \sqrt{4^2} \\ = 4$$

Examples:

1. Find the square of each number.

a) 5^2

$$= 5 \times 5$$

$$= 25$$

b) 15^2

$$= 15 \times 15$$

$$= 225$$

c) 20^2

$$= 20 \times 20$$

$$= 400$$

2. Find the square root of each number.

a) $\sqrt{64} = \sqrt{8 \times 8}$

$$= \sqrt{8^2}$$

$$= 8$$

b) $\sqrt{100}$

$$= \sqrt{10 \times 10}$$

$$= \sqrt{10^2}$$

$$= 10$$

c) $\sqrt{1} = \sqrt{1 \times 1}$

$$= \sqrt{1^2}$$

$$= 1$$

3. Find the number whose square root is:

a) $9^2 = 81$

b) $5^2 = 25$

c) $7^2 = 49$

→ means multiply the # by itself

→ a # which when multiplied by itself, results in

a given number

ex: 5 is the square root of 25.

working backwards

$$\sqrt{?} = 9$$

ob inverse operation (squaring)