

Unit 8 Lesson 3: Rational and Irrational Numbers

1 Algebra Talk: Positive Solutions (Warm up)

Student Task Statement

Find a positive solution to each equation:

$$x^2 = 36$$

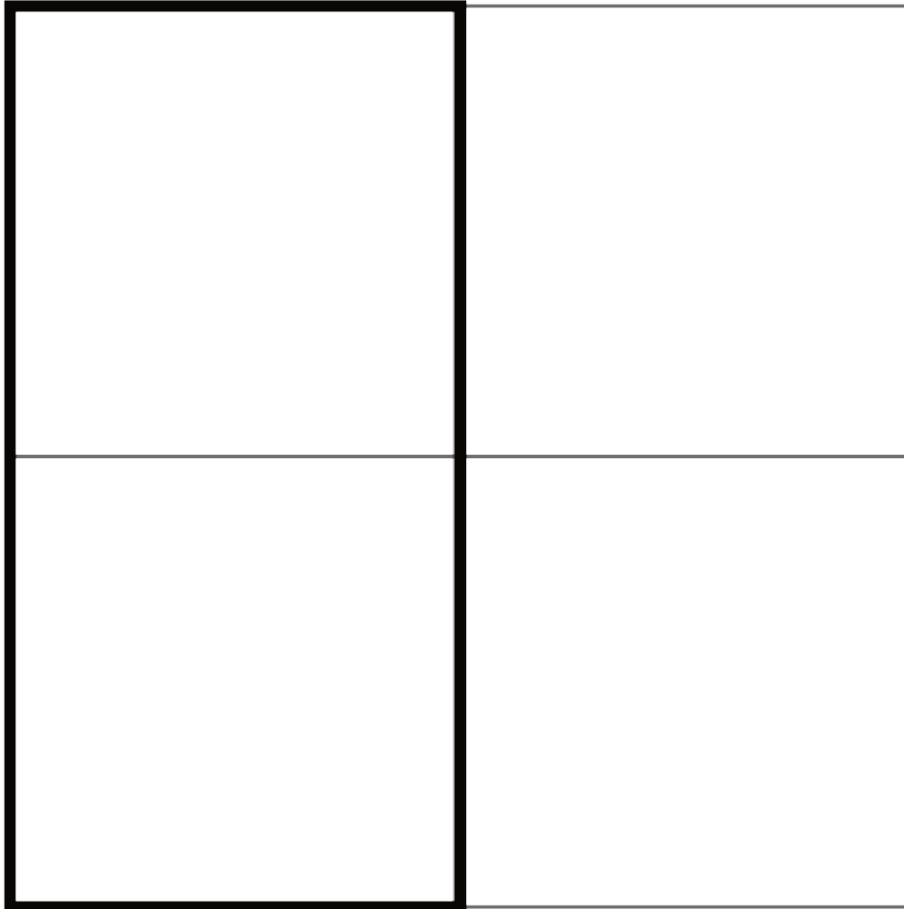
$$x^2 = \frac{9}{4}$$

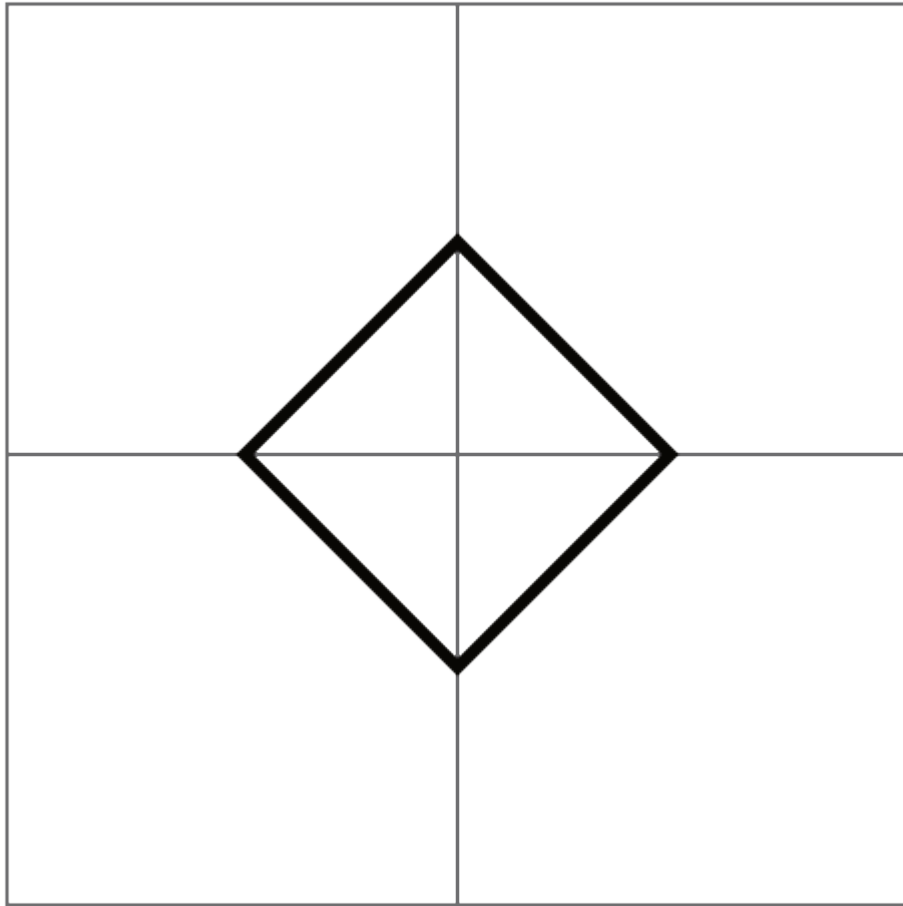
$$x^2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$x^2 = \frac{49}{25}$$

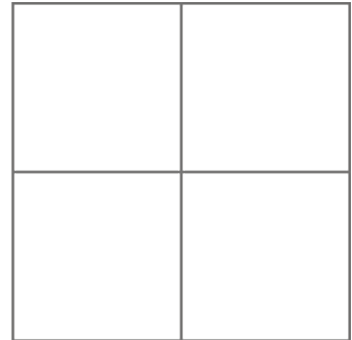
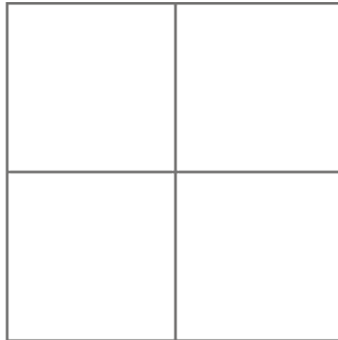
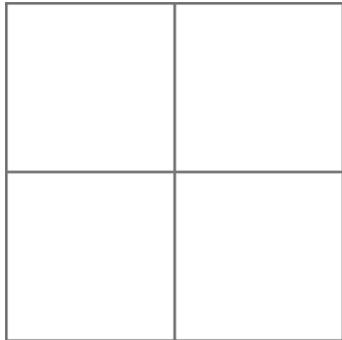
2 Three Squares

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Student Task Statement



1. Draw 3 squares of different sizes with vertices aligned to the vertices of the grid.
2. For each square:
 - a. Label the area.
 - b. Label the side length.
 - c. Write an equation that shows the relationship between the side length and the area.

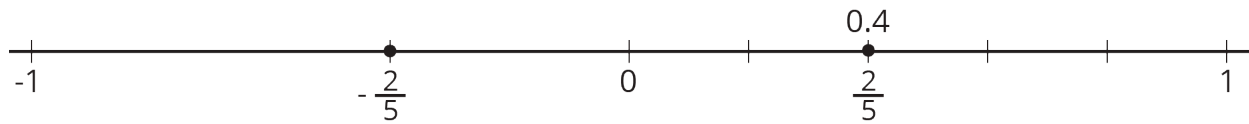
3 Looking for a Solution

Student Task Statement

Are any of these numbers a solution to the equation $x^2 = 2$? Explain your reasoning.

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- $\frac{1}{2}$
- $\frac{3}{2}$
- $\frac{7}{5}$

Activity Synthesis



4 Looking for $\sqrt{2}$

Student Task Statement

A **rational number** is a fraction or its opposite (or any number equivalent to a fraction or its opposite).

1. Find some more rational numbers that are close to $\sqrt{2}$.
2. Can you find a rational number that is exactly $\sqrt{2}$?

Activity Synthesis

