

## 4.2: Consecutive/Sum Of Two Numbers Problems

Consecutive Integers: Integers that follow each other in order. They have a difference of 1 between every two numbers. In a set of consecutive integers, the mean and the median are equal. If  $n$  is an integer, then  $n$ ,  $n+1$ , and  $n+2$  would be consecutive integers.

Ex 1) The sum of three consecutive integers is 120. Find the numbers.

1 <sup>st</sup> number	2 <sup>nd</sup> number	3 <sup>rd</sup> number	sum
$x$	$x+1$	$x+2$	120

$$x+x+1+x+2=120$$

$$3x=117$$

$$x=39$$

$\therefore$  The numbers are 39, 40, 41

Ex 2) I am thinking of two consecutive odd numbers such that three times the larger minus twice the smaller is nineteen. Let  $x$  and  $x+2$  represent the 2 numbers.

$$3(x+2) - 2(x) = 19$$

$$3x+6 - 2x = 19$$

$$x=13$$

$\therefore$  The numbers are 13 and 15.

Ex 3) The sum of two numbers is 39. Twice the first plus 3 times the second number is 101. Find the numbers.

Let  $x$  represent the first number  
 $\therefore 39-x$  represents the second number.

$$2x + 3(39-x) = 101$$

$$2x + 117 - 3x = 101$$

$$-x = -16$$

$$x = 16$$

$\therefore$  The numbers are 16 and 23.