

Hi, I'm Greg. I'm a NYC tutor! I love helping students. I tutor many subjects, assist with homework help, etc. I mainly specialize in specialized tests.

As it turns out, I haven't been able to get to do as many livestreams as I have in past years (yet, hopefully that changes). Therefore, I thought it would be fun to start a Problem Of The Day Series. I will put up a problem and leave it running for a while. You guys will then analyze it, and come up with possible solutions and alternative solutions on your own. I'll eventually post the answer in some manner.

For now we'll play it by ear how that will happen and for how long I'll leave up a problem. But right now I'm thinking of keeping the problem up maybe 2 hours minimum and maybe even in some cases 4 or 5 hours depending upon the dynamics and my situation. Unlike my AMA (Ask Me Anything) livestream sessions, I will not be checking in every few minutes although I may from time to time join into the discussion. Again, the idea is for you guys to discuss out the problem.

Please be respectful to each other in this endeavor and let's make this fun, educational and forward-thinking. Keep the comments within the spirit of what I'm doing here. Please email me at GregsTutoringNYC@gmail.com if needed.

HERE'S THE PROBLEM: <—
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A number, n , is increased by 1. If the cube root of that result equals $-\sqrt[3]{0.16}$, what is the value of n ?

HERE'S THE SOLUTION:
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Note: $\sqrt{\quad}$ represents square root, same as $\sqrt{2}$ does, $\sqrt[3]{\quad}$ represents cube root

$\sqrt[3]{0.16}$ is 0.4 However there is a negative sign so we're looking at -0.4

We need to do the reverse operations here. The reverse of the cube root is cubing and the reverse of increasing by 1 is decreasing by 1.

\therefore We get: $r^3 - 1$
 $\therefore (-0.4)^3 - 1 = -0.064 - 1 = -1.064$

Checking:
if n is -1.064 $\therefore n + 1 = -0.064$
 $\sqrt[3]{-0.064} = -0.4$
 $0.4^2 = 0.16$ \therefore square rooting both sides $.4 = \sqrt{0.16}$ $\therefore -.4 = -\sqrt{.16}$

There will be a tendency to solve this one in your head. But it's easy to mess up the square and cube root and to mess up the squaring and cubing and to mess up the decimal place and to mess up adding or subtracting 1. Attention to detail and numeracy is important when problem solving.

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