

The solution to the quadratic equation  $x^2 - 11x + 22 = 0$  is  $x_1 = 3$  and  $x_2 = 6$ . What is the base of the numbers?

Using Vieta's formulas for quadratic equation:

$$x_1 + x_2 = 11$$

$$x_1 * x_2 = 22$$

So

$$(3)_n + (6)_n = (11)_n$$

$$(3)_n * (6)_n = (22)_n$$

Where  $n$  - base of the numbers.

$$(3)_n = (3)_{10} = 3$$

$$(6)_n = (6)_{10} = 6$$

$$(11)_n = (n + 1)_{10} = n + 1$$

$$(22)_n = (2n + 2)_{10} = 2n + 2$$

And

$$3 + 6 = n + 1$$

$$3 * 6 = 2n + 2$$

Obviously  $n = 8$

**Answer:**  $n = 8$