

## **EXERCISE 12A**

Use direct method to evaluate the following products:

(i) 
$$(x+8)(x+3)$$

#### Solution:-

$$(x+8)(x+3) = (x \times x) + (x \times 3) + (8 \times x) + (8 \times 3) = x^2 + 3x + 8x + 24 = x^2 + 11x + 24$$
 (ii) (y+5)(y-3)

### Solution:-

$$(y+5)(y-3) = (y\times y) + (y\times -3) + (5\times y) + (5\times -3) = y^2 + (-3y) + (5y) - 15 = y^2 - 3y + 5y - 15 = y^2 + 2y - 15$$
 (iii) (a-8)(a+2)

#### Solution:-

$$(a-8)(a+2) = (a \times a) + (a \times 2) + (-8) \times a + (-8)(2) = a^2 + 2a - 8a - 16 = a^2 - 6a - 16$$
 (iv) (b-3)(b-5)

### Solution:-

$$(b \times b) + (b \times -5) + (-3 \times b) + (-3)(-5) = b^2 - 5b - 3b + 15 = b^2 - 8b + 15$$
 (v) (3 x-2 y)(2 x+y)

#### Solution:-

$$(3x-2y)(2x+y)=(3x\times 2x)+(3x\times y)+(-2y\times 2x)+(-2y\times y)=6x^2+3xy-4xy-2y^2=6x^2-xy-2y^2$$
 (vi) (5 a+16)(3 a-7)

### Solution:-

(5 a+16)(3 a-7) = 
$$(5a\times3a)+(5a\times-7)+(16\times3a)+(16\times-7)$$
  
=  $15a^2+(-35a)+48a+(-112)=15a^2-35a+48a-112=15a^2+13a-112$   
(vii) (8-b)(3+b)

## Solution:-

$$(8-b)(3+b) = (8\times3)+(8\times b)+(-b\times3)+(-b\times b)$$
  
=  $24 + 8b - 3b - b^2 = 24 + 5b - b^2$ 

## Question 2.

### Use direct method to evaluate:

(i) 
$$(x+1)(x-1)$$

$$(x+1)(x-1) = (x^2) - 1^2 = x^2 - 1$$



(ii) (2+a)(2-a)

#### Solution:-

$$(2+a)(2-a)=(2)^2-\left(a^2\right)=4-a^2$$
 (iii)  $(3b-1)(3b+1)$ 

## Solution:-

$$(3b-1)(3b+1) = (3b)^2 - (1)^2 = 9b^2 - 1$$
  
(iv)  $(4+5x)(4-5x)$ 

## Solution:-

$$(4+5x)(4-5x)=(4)^2-(5)^2=16-25x^2$$
 (v) (2a+3)(2a-3)

### Solution:-

$$(2a+3)(2a-3)=2a^2-3^2=4a^2-9$$
  
(vi) (xy+4)(xy-4)

#### Solution:-

$$(xy+4)(xy-4) = xy^2 - 4^2 = x^2y^2 - 16$$
 (vii)  $ig(ab+x^2ig) ig(ab-x^2ig)$ 

## Solution:-

$$\left(ab+x^{2}
ight)\left(ab-x^{2}
ight)=(ab)^{2}-\left(x^{2}
ight)^{2}=a^{2}b^{2}-x^{4}$$
 (viii)  $\left(3x^{2}+5y^{2}
ight)\left(3x^{2}-5y^{2}
ight)$ 

## Solution:-

$$\left(3x^2+5y^2
ight)\left(3x^2-5y^2
ight)=\left(3x^2
ight)^2-\left(5y^2
ight)^2=9x^4-25y^4$$
 (ix)  $\left(z-rac{2}{3}
ight)\left(z+rac{2}{3}
ight)$ 

## Solution:-

## Solution:-

$$= \left(\frac{3}{5}a\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{9}{25}a^2 - \frac{1}{4}$$
(xi)  $(0.5-2a)(0.5+2a)$ 

$$=(0\cdot 5)^2-(2a)^2=0\cdot 25-4a^2$$



(Xii) 
$$\left(\frac{a}{2} - \frac{b}{3}\right) \left(\frac{a}{2} + \frac{b}{3}\right)$$

$$=\frac{a^2}{4}-\frac{b^2}{9}$$

## Question 3.

## **Evaluate:**

(i) 
$$(a+1)(a-1)(a^2+1)$$

## Solution:-

$$=\left[(a)^2-(1)^2
ight]\left(a^2+1
ight)=\left(a^2-1
ight)\left(a^2+1
ight)=\left(a^2
ight)^2-(1)^2=a^4-1$$
 (ii)  $(a+b)(a-b)\left(a^2+b^2
ight)$ 

## Solution:-

$$=\left(a^{2}-b^{2}
ight)\left(a^{2}+b^{2}
ight)=\left(a^{2}
ight)^{2}-\left(b^{2}
ight)^{2}=a^{4}-b^{4}$$
 (iii)  $(2a-b)(2a+b)\left(4a^{2}+b^{2}
ight)$ 

### Solution:-

$$=\left[(2a)^2-(b)^2
ight]\left(4a^2+b^2
ight)=\left(4a^2-b^2
ight)\left(4a^2+b^2
ight)=\left(4a^2
ight)^2-\left(b^2
ight)^2=16a^4-b^4$$
 (iv)  $(3-2x)(3+2x)\left(9+4x^2
ight)$ 

## Solution:-

$$= \left[ (3)^2 - (2x)^2 \right] \left( 9 + 4x^2 \right) = \left( 9 - 4x^2 \right) \left( 9 + 4x^2 \right) = (9)^2 - \left( 4x^2 \right)^2 = 81 - 16x^4 \\ \text{(v) } \left( 3x - 4y \right) (3x + 4y) \left( 9x^2 + 16y^2 \right)$$

## Solution:-

$$=\left[(3x)^2-(4y)^2
ight]\left(9x^2+16y^2
ight)=\left(9x^2-16y^2
ight)\left(9x^2+16y^2
ight)=\left(9x^2
ight)^2-\left(16y^2
ight)^2\ =81x^4-256y^4$$

### Question 4.

Use the product $(a+b)(a-b)=a^2-b^2$  to evaluate:

(i) 
$$(21 \times 19)$$

### Solution:-

$$=21 imes19=(20+1)(20-1)=(20)^2-(1)^2=400-1=399$$
 (ii)  $(33 imes27)$ 



= 
$$33 \times 27 = (30+3)(30-3) = (30)^2 - (3)^2 = 900 - 9 = 891$$
 (iii)  $(103 \times 97)$ 

$$(103\times 97=(100+3)(100-3)=(100)^2-(3)^2=10000-9=9991$$
 (iv)  $(9.8\times 10.2)$ 

## Solution:-

= 
$$9.8 \times 10.2 = (10 - .2)(10 + .2) = (10)^2 - (.2)^2 = 100 - .04 = 99.96$$
 (v)  $(7.7 \times 8.3)$ 

## Solution:-

= 
$$7.7 \times 8.3 = (8 - .3)(8 + .3) = (8)^2 - (.3)^2 = 64 - .09 = 63.91$$
 (vi)  $(4.6 \times 5.4)$ 

## Solution:-

$$=4.6 \times 5.4 = (5-.4)(5+.4) = (5)^2 - (.4)^2 = 25 - .16 = 24.84$$

## Question 5.

Evaluate:

(i) (6-xy)(6+xy)

## Solution:-

(6-xy)(6+xy)=6(6+xy)-xy(6+xy)

$$=36+6xy-6xy+(xy)^2=36-x^2y^2$$
 (ii)  $\left(7x+rac{2}{3}y
ight)\left(7x-rac{2}{3}y
ight)$ 

## Solution:-

$$=7x\left(7x-\frac{2}{3}y\right)+\frac{2}{3}y\left(7x-\frac{2}{3}y\right)=49x^2-\frac{14}{3}xy+\frac{14}{3}xy-\frac{4}{9}y^2=49x^2-\frac{4}{9}y^2$$
 (iii)  $\left(\frac{a}{2b}+\frac{2b}{a}\right)\left(\frac{a}{2b}-\frac{2b}{a}\right)$ 

## Solution:-

$$= \frac{a}{2b} \left( \frac{a}{2b} - \frac{2b}{a} \right) + \frac{2b}{a} \left( \frac{a}{2b} - \frac{2b}{a} \right) = \frac{a^2}{4b^2} - 1 + 1 - \frac{4b^2}{a^2} = \frac{a^2}{4b^2} - \frac{4b^2}{a^2}$$
 (iv)  $\left( 3x - \frac{1}{2y} \right) \left( 3x + \frac{1}{2y} \right)$ 

$$=3x\left(3x+rac{1}{2y}
ight)-rac{1}{2y}\left(3x+rac{1}{2y}
ight)=9x^2+rac{3x}{2y}-rac{3x}{2y}-rac{1}{4y^2}=9x^2-rac{1}{4y^2}$$



(v) 
$$(2a+3)(2a-3)(4a^2+9)$$

$$= \left[ (2a)^2 - (3)^2 \right] \left( 4a^2 + 9 \right) \left[ (a+b)(a-b) = a^2 - b^2 \right] = \left( 4a^2 - 9 \right) \left( 4a^2 + 9 \right) \\ = \left( 4a^2 \right)^2 - (9)^2 \left[ (a+b)(a-b) = a^2 - b^2 \right] = 16a^4 - 81 \\ \text{(vi) } (a+bc)(a-bc) \left( a^2 + b^2c^2 \right)$$

#### Solution:-

$$= \left[ (a)^2 - (bc)^2 \right] \left( a^2 + b^2c^2 \right) = \left[ (a+b)(a-b) = a^2 - b^2 \right] = \left( a^2 - b^2c^2 \right) \left( a^2 + b^2c^2 \right) \\ = \left( a^2 \right)^2 - \left( b^2c^2 \right)^2 \left[ \because (a+b)(c-b) = a^2 - b^2 \right] = \left( a^2 \right)^2 - \left( b^2c^2 \right)^2 \left[ \because (a+b)(c-b) = a^2 - b^2 \right] \\ = a^4 - b^4c^4 \\ \text{(vii) } (5\text{x}+8\text{y})(3\text{x}+5\text{y})$$

### Solution:-

=5x(3x+5y)+8y(3x+5y) 
$$=15x^2+25xy+24xy+40y^2=15x^2+49xy+40y^2 \label{eq:3x+5y}$$
 (viii)(7x+15y)(5x-4y)

### Solution:-

=7x(5x-4y)+15y(5x-4y) 
$$=35x^2-28xy+75xy-60y^2=35x^2+47xy-60y^2 \label{eq:35x}$$
 (ix)(2a-3b)(3a+4b)

## Solution:-

=2a(3a+4b)-3b(3a+4b) 
$$=6a^2+8ab-9ab-12b^2=6a^2-ab-12b^2 \label{eq:ab}$$
 (x)(9a-7b)(3a-b)

### Solution:-

=9a(3a-b)-7b(3a-b)

$$= 27a^2 - 9ab - 21ab + 7b^2 = 27a^2 - 30ab + 7b^2$$



## **EXERCISE 12B**

## Question 1.

## **Expand:**

(i) 
$$(2a + b)^2$$

### Solution:-

$$(2a+b)^2=(2a)^2+(b)^2+2\times 2a\times b \ ig[(a+b)^2=a^2+b^2+2abig]=4a^2+b^2+4ab$$
 (ii)  $(a-2b)^2$ 

## Solution:-

$$(a-2b)^2=(a)^2+(2b)^2-2 imes a imes 2b \left[(a-b)^2=a^2+b^2-2ab
ight]=a^2+4b^2-4ab$$
 (iii)  $\left(a+rac{1}{2a}
ight)^2$ 

## Solution:-

$$=(a)^2+\left(rac{1}{2a}
ight)^2+2 imes a imes rac{1}{2a}=a^2+rac{1}{4a^2}+rac{2a}{2a}=a^2+rac{1}{4a^2}+1$$
 (iv)  $\left(2a-rac{1}{a}
ight)^2$ 

## Solution:-

$$=(2a)^2+\left(rac{1}{a}
ight)^2-2 imes 2a imesrac{1}{a}=4a^2+rac{1}{a^2}-4$$
 (v)  $(a+b-c)^2$ 

## Solution:-

$$=(a)^2+(b)^2+(-c)^2\ (+2\times a\times b+2\times b\times (-c)+2\times (-c)\times (a)\\ =a^2+b^2+c^2+2ab-2bc-2ca$$
 (vi)  $(a-b+c)^2$ 

## Solution:-

$$=(a)^2+(-b)^2+(c)^2+2\times a\times -b+2(-b)(c)+2\times c\times a=a^2+b^2+c^2-2ab-2bc+2ca$$
 (vii)  $\left(3x+\frac{1}{3x}\right)^2$ 

### Solution:-

$$=(3x)^2+\left(rac{1}{3x}
ight)^2+2 imes 3x imes rac{1}{3x}=9x^2+rac{1}{9x^2}+2$$
 (viii)  $\left(2x-rac{1}{2x}
ight)^2$ 



$$=(2x)^2+\left(rac{1}{2x}
ight)^2-2 imes 2x imes rac{1}{2x}=4x^2+rac{1}{4x^2}-2$$

## Question 2.

## Find the square of:

## Solution:-

$$(x+3y)^2=(x)^2+(3y)^2+2 imes x imes 3y=x^2+9y^2+6xy$$
 (ii) 2x-5y

## Solution:-

$$(2x-5y)^2=(2x)^2+(5y)^2-2 imes 2x imes 5y=4x^2+25y^2-20xy$$
 (iii)  $\left(a+rac{1}{5a}
ight)$ 

## Solution:-

$$(a+rac{1}{5a})^2=(a)^2+\left(rac{1}{5a}
ight)^2+2 imes a imes rac{1}{5a}\;(a^2+rac{1}{25a^2}+rac{2}{5})$$
 (iv)  $(2a-rac{1}{a})$ 

### Solution:-

$$(2a-rac{1}{a})^2=(2a)^2+\left(rac{1}{a}
ight)^2-2 imes 2a imes rac{1}{a}=4a^2+rac{1}{a^2}-4$$
 (v) x-2y+1

## Solution:-

$$(x-2y+1)^2=(x)^2+(-2y)^2+(1)^2+2\times x\ (x-2y+2\times (-2y)\times 1+2\times 1\times x\\ =x^2+4y^2+1-4xy-4y+2x$$
 (vi) 3a-2b-5c

#### Solution:-

$$(3a-2b-5c)^2=(3a)^2+(-2b)^2+(-5c)^2\ (+2 imes 3a imes -2b+2 imes (-2b)(-5c)\ (+2x-5c imes 3a)$$
 (vii)  $(2x+rac{1}{x}+1)$ 

### Solution:-

$$(2x+rac{1}{x}+1)^2=(2x)^2+\left(rac{1}{x}
ight)^2+(1)^2+2x=(2x imesrac{1}{x}+2 imesrac{1}{x} imes1+2 imes1 imes2x=2x=4x^2+rac{1}{x^2}+1+4+rac{2}{x}+4x=4x^2+rac{1}{x^2}+5+rac{2}{x}+4x$$
 (viii)  $(5-x+rac{2}{x})$ 



$$\begin{array}{l} (5-x+\frac{2}{x})^2=(5)^2+(-x)^2+\left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^2 \ (+2\times 5\times (-x)+2(-x)\times \frac{2}{x}+2\times \frac{2}{x}\times 5) \\ =25+x^2+\frac{4}{x^2}-10x-4+\frac{20}{x}=21+x^2+\frac{4}{x^2}-10x+\frac{20}{x} \end{array}$$
 (ix) 2x-3y+z

$$\begin{array}{l} (2x-3y+z)^2=(2x)^2+(-3y)^2+(z)^2+2\times 2xx\ (-3y+2(-3y)\times z+2\times z\times 2x\\ =4x^2+9y^2+z^2-12xy-6yz+4zx\\ \text{(x) } \big(x+\frac{1}{x}-1\big) \end{array}$$

## Solution:-

$$(x+rac{1}{x}-1)^2=(x)^2+\left(rac{1}{x}
ight)^2+(-1)^2\left(+2 imes x imes rac{1}{x}+2 imes rac{1}{x} imes (-1)+2(-1) imes x = x^2+rac{1}{x^2}+1+2-rac{2}{x}-2x=x^2+rac{1}{x^2}+3-rac{2}{x}-2x$$

#### Question 3.

### **Evaluate:**

Using expansion of  $(a + b)^2$  or  $(a - b)^2$ 

(i)  $(208)^2$ 

## Solution:-

= 
$$(200 + 8)^2$$
 =  $(200)^2 + (8)^2 + 2(200)(8) = 40000 + 64 + 3200 = 43264$  (ii)  $(92)^2$ 

## Solution:-

$$= (100 - 8)^2 = (100)^2 + (8)^2 - 2(100)(8)$$
$$= 10000 + 64 - 1600 = 10064 - 1600 = 8464$$

(iii) 
$$(415)^2$$

## Solution:-

$$(400+15)^2=(400)^2+(15)^2+2(400)(15)=160000+225+12000=172225$$
 (iv)  $(188)^2$ 

### Solution:-

$$(200-12)^2 = (200)^2 + (12)^2 - 2(200)(12) = 40000 + 144 - 4800$$
 = 40144-4800=35344

$$(v) (9.4)^2$$



= 
$$(10 - .6)^2$$
 =  $(10)^2 + (.6)^2 - 2(10)(.6)$  =  $100 + .36 - 12$  =88+.36=88.36

(vi) 
$$(20.7)^2$$

$$= (20 + .7)^2 = (20)^2 + (.7)^2 + 2(20)(.7)$$
  
= 400+.49+28=428+.49=428.49

### Question 4.

### **Expand:**

(i) 
$$(2a+b)^3$$

## Solution:-

$$=(2a)^3+(b)^3+3\times 2a\times b(2a+b)\left[(a+b)^3=a^3+b^3+3ab(a+b)\right]=8a^3+b^3+6ab(2a+b)\\=8a^3+b^3+12a^2b+6ab^2$$
 (ii)  $(a-2b)^3$ 

#### Solution:-

$$=(a)^3-(2b)^3-3\times a\times 2b(a-2b)\left[(a-b)^3=a^3-b^3-3ab(a-b)\right]=a^3-8b^3-6ab(a-2b)$$
 
$$=a^3-8b^3-6a^2b+12ab^2$$
 (iii)  $(3x-2y)^3$ 

## Solution:-

$$= (3x)^3 - (2y)^3 - 3 \times 3x \times 2y(3x - 2y) = 27x^3 - 8y^3 - 18xy(3x - 2y) = 27x^3 - 8y^3 - 54x^2y + 36xy^2$$
 (iv)  $(x + 5y)^3$ 

## Solution:-

$$=(x)^3+(5y)^3+3\times x\times 5y(x+5y)=x^3+125y^3+15xy(x+5y)\\=x^3+125y^3+15x^2y+75y^2$$
 (v)  $\left(a+\frac{1}{a}\right)^3$ 

## Solution:-

$$=a^3+\left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^3+3\times a\times \frac{1}{a}\times \left(a+\frac{1}{a}\right)=a^3+\frac{1}{a^3}+3\left(a+\frac{1}{a}\right)=a^3+\frac{1}{a^3}+3a+\frac{3}{a}$$
 (vi)  $\left(2a-\frac{1}{2a}\right)^3$ 

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$$=(2a)^3-\left(\tfrac{1}{2a}\right)^3-3\times 2a\times \tfrac{1}{2a}\left(2a-\tfrac{1}{2a}\right)=8a^3-\tfrac{1}{8a^3}-3\left(2a-\tfrac{1}{2a}\right)=8a^3-\tfrac{1}{8a^3}-6a+\tfrac{3}{2a}$$
 Question 5.

#### Find the cube of:

(i) a+2

### Solution:-

$$(a+2)^3=(a)^3+(2)^3+3\times a\times 2(a+2)=a^3+8+6a(a+2)=a^3+8+6a^2+12a=a^3+6a^2+12a+8$$
 (ii) 2a-1

#### Solution:-

$$(2a-1)^3=(2a)^3-(1)^3-3\times 2a\times 1(2a-1)=8a^3-1-6a(2a-1)=8a^3-1-12a^2+6a=8a^3-12a^2+6a-1$$
 (iii) 2a+3b

#### Solution:-

$$\begin{array}{l} (2a+3b)^3=(2a)^3+(3b)^3+3\times 2a\times 3b\\ (2a+3b)^3\\ =8a^3+27b^3+18ab(2a+3b)=8a^3+27b^3+36a^2b+54ab^2=8a^3+36a^2b+54ab^2+27b^3\\ \text{(iv) 3b-2a} \end{array}$$

#### Solution:-

$$\begin{array}{l} (3b-2a)^3=(3b)^3-(2a)^3-3\times 3b\times 2a(3b-2a)=27b^3-8a^3-18ab(3b-2a)\\ =27b^3-8a^3-54ab^2+36a^2b=27b^3-8a^3-54ab^2+36a^2b=27b^3-54b^2a+36ba^2-8a^3 \\ \text{(v) } \left(2x+\frac{1}{x}\right)^3 \end{array}$$

## Solution:-

$$\begin{array}{l} \left(2x+\frac{1}{x}\right)^3=(2x)^3+\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^3+3\times 2x\times \frac{1}{x}\left(2x+\frac{1}{x}\right)=8x^3+\frac{1}{x^3}+6\left(2x+\frac{1}{x}\right)\\ =8x^3+\frac{1}{x^3}+12x+\frac{6}{x}=8x^3+12x+\frac{6}{x}+\frac{1}{x^3}\\ \text{(Vi) } \left(x-\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \end{array}$$

$$\left(x-\frac{1}{2}\right)^3=(x)^3-\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3-3\times x imes \frac{1}{2}\left(x-\frac{1}{2}\right)=x^3-\frac{1}{8}-\frac{3x}{2}\left(x-\frac{1}{2}\right)=x^3-\frac{1}{8}-\frac{3x^2}{2}+\frac{3x}{4}=x^3-\frac{3x^2}{2}+\frac{3x}{4}-\frac{1}{8}$$



## **EXERCISE 12C**

## Question:1

If a+b=5 and ab=6;find  $(a^2 + b^2)$ 

## Solution:-

$$(a+b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + 2ab$$

$$\Rightarrow (5)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + 2 \times 6$$

$$\Rightarrow 25 = a^2 + b^2 + 12$$

$$\Rightarrow 25 - 12 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 13 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$a^2 + b^2 = 13$$

## Question:2

If a-b=6 and ab=16;  $\operatorname{find}(a^2+b^2)$ 

## Solution:

$$(a-b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab$$

$$\Rightarrow (6)^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2 \times 16$$

$$\Rightarrow 36 = a^2 + b^2 - 32$$
  
 $\Rightarrow 36 + 32 = a^2 + b^2$ 

$$\Rightarrow 68 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$\therefore a^2 + b^2 = 68$$

## Question:3

If 
$$(a^2+b^2)=29$$
 and  $ab=10$  ; find :

## (i) a+b

### Solution:-

$$(a\Rightarrow +b)^2=29+2 imes 10$$

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$$\Rightarrow (a+b)^2 = 29 + 20$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+b)^2 = 49$$

$$\Rightarrow a+b=\sqrt{49}$$

$$(a-b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab$$

(ii) a-b

$$\Rightarrow (a-b)^2 = 29 - 2 \times 10$$

$$\Rightarrow (a-b)^2 = 29 - 20$$

$$\Rightarrow (a-b)^2 = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow a-b=\sqrt{9}$$

## Question:4

If 
$$(a^2+b^2)=10$$
 andab=3; find

(i)a-b

## Solution:-

$$(a-b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab$$
  
 $\Rightarrow (a-b)^2 = 10 - 2 \times 3$ 

$$\Rightarrow (a-b)^2 = 10-6$$

$$\Rightarrow (a-b)^2 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow (a-b) = \sqrt{4} \Rightarrow ext{ a-b=2}$$

(ii) a+b

$$(a+b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + 2ab$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+b)^2 = 10 + 2 \times 3$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+b)^2 = 10+6$$



$$\Rightarrow (a+b)^2 = 16$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathrm{m}(a+b) = \sqrt{16} \\ \Rightarrow \text{ (a+b)=4} \end{array}$$

## Question:5

If 
$$(a + \frac{1}{a}) = 3$$
; find  $a^2 + \frac{1}{a^2}$ 

## Solution:-

$$\left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right)^2 = a^2 + \frac{1}{a^2} + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $(3)^2 = a^2 + \frac{1}{a^2} + 2$ 

$$\Rightarrow \quad 9 = a^2 + \frac{1}{a^2} + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 7 = a^2 + rac{1}{a^2}$$

$$\therefore a^2 + \frac{1}{a^2} = 7$$

## **Alternative Method:**

$$a + \frac{1}{a} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right)^2 = (3)^2$$
$$\Rightarrow a^2 + \frac{1}{a^2} + 2 = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + \frac{1}{a^2} = 9 - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + \frac{1}{a^2} = 7$$