

## Nrich Solution for Two and Two (Sat Batch)

This task of Two and Two was taken for 2 sessions with a group of 15 students in Ganit Kreedā, Vicharvatika, India by **Shubhangee(facilitator)**.

The names of the students are:

**Ahana, Ananthajith, Dhruv, Sehar, Saanvi, Nikhil, Insiya, Inaaya, Ishaan, Ishanvi, Sanat, Abhay, Karthik, Vishnuvardhan, Rudra**

**Kids together found out that:**

**ONE + TWO = THREE**

Not possible, as two 3-digit numbers' sum cannot be 5-digit.

**ONE + THREE = FOUR**

Not possible as one 3-digit number and one 5-digit number cannot be added to get 4-digit sum.

**Karthik** created one problem as a solution to:  
Can you create other similar cryptarithms?

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{FOUR} \quad 8532 \\ +\text{FOUR} \quad +8532 \\ \hline \text{EIGHT} \quad 17064 \end{array}$$

R=2, T=4, U=3, H=6, O=5, G=0, E=1, F=8, I=7

While experimenting with numbers, **Vishnuvardhan** realized that any addition problem can be converted as a subtraction problem in 2-ways.

TWO – ONE = ONE,  
NINE - FOUR = FIVE,  
NINE - FIVE = FOUR

**Kids shared different observations for**

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{TWO} \\ +\text{TWO} \\ \hline \text{FOUR} \end{array}$$

- ◆ R is always even, as  $R = O + O$ .
- ◆ O cannot be equal to 0/1/9.
- ◆ F is always equal to 1.

Ahana, Karthik and Inayaa worked on this in a breakout room to find all possible solutions along with the reason. Here is Ahana's work:

TWO plus TWO puzzle

My solution:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{TWO} \\ \text{TWO} \\ \hline \text{FOUR} \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} +734 \\ +734 \\ \hline 1468 \end{array}$$

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Some more solutions:

$\begin{array}{r} 765 \\ +765 \\ \hline 1530 \end{array}$	AND	$\begin{array}{r} 846 \\ +846 \\ \hline 1692 \end{array}$	AND	$\begin{array}{r} 642 \\ +642 \\ \hline 1284 \end{array}$	AND	$\begin{array}{r} 653 \\ +653 \\ \hline 1306 \end{array}$
AND $\begin{array}{r} 851 \\ +851 \\ \hline 1704 \end{array}$	AND	$\begin{array}{r} 928 \\ +928 \\ \hline 1856 \end{array}$				

I think I have found all the solutions to this cryptarithm, as after I used trial and error method, I found out the value of 'O' will be 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8. Along with the varying values of 'O', I changed the values of other numbers until I found the solutions. However, in some solutions where the middle number adds up to a single digit, the value of 'W' can vary, for example:

$\begin{array}{r} +632 \\ 632 \\ \hline 1264 \end{array}$	OR	$\begin{array}{r} +918 \\ 918 \\ \hline 1836 \end{array}$	OR	$\begin{array}{r} +832 \\ 632 \\ \hline 1268 \end{array}$
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Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn. - Benjamin Franklin

**Ahana's work:**

Some other cryptarithms are:

$\begin{array}{r} \text{ONE} \\ \text{ONE} \\ \hline \text{TWO} \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} +231 \\ +231 \\ \hline 462 \end{array}$	AND	$\begin{array}{r} 432 \\ +432 \\ \hline 864 \end{array}$
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I feel that the cryptarithm ONE + THREE = FOUR is impossible as it is not possible to add a 3-digit and 5-digit number and get the result as a 4 digit number.

A cryptarithm subtraction is:

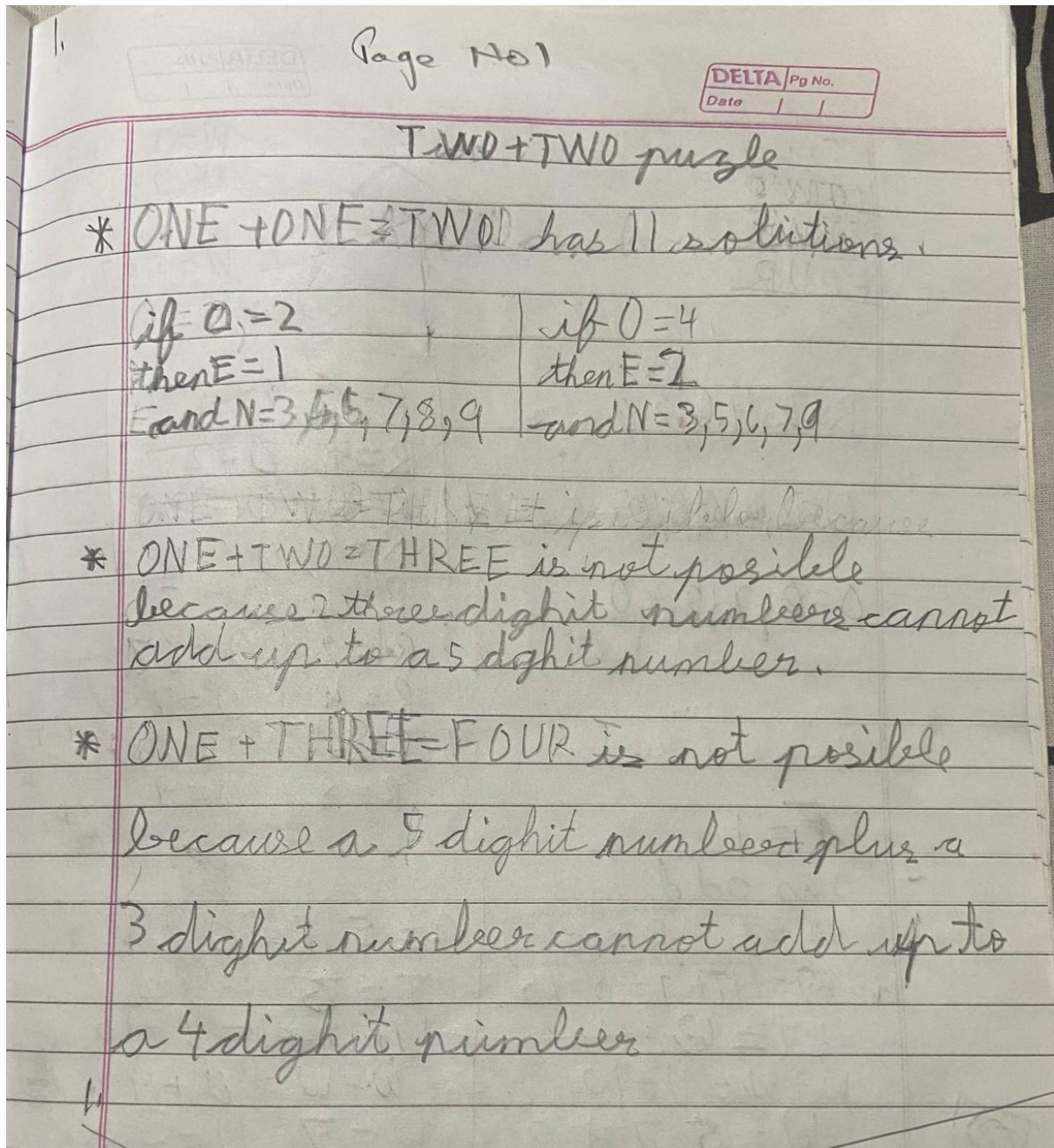
$\begin{array}{r} \text{TWO} \\ \text{ONE} \\ \hline \text{ONE} \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} 462 \\ 231 \\ \hline 231 \end{array}$	AND	$\begin{array}{r} 864 \\ 432 \\ \hline 432 \end{array}$
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**Abhay says that for TWO + TWO = FOUR....**

The problem suggests that the addends have to be the same and above 500 and the ones digit of the addend and the hundredth digit of the sum have to be the same so I tried a trial and error method.

Anathajith, Sehar, Dhruv and Saanvi worked together and their work is summarized by Sehar here.

Here is Sehar's Work for  $ONE + ONE = TWO$



Here is Sehar's Work for  $TWO + TWO = FOUR$

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\* TWO There are only 6 options  
+ TWO which are:  
FOUR

T = 7	8	7	8	9	9
W = 6	6	3	3	2	3
O = 5	7	4	6	8	8
F = 1	1	1	1	1	
O = 5	7	4	6	8	8
U = 3	3	6	7	5	7
R = 0	4	8	2	6	6

\* Yes you can make cryptarithm  
substitutions.

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\* FOUR + FIVE = NINE

(1) R = 0 because  
 $R + E = E$

(2) O = 9 because  $I + O = I$  or  $I + O = I + 10$   
But O cannot be 0, so O must be 9  
and  $U + V = 10 + N$ .

(3)  $U + V = 10 + N$   
 $F + F + 1 = N$   
 $N = 3, 5, 7$  because 0 and 9 are already  
taken.

N = 3, F = 1	N = 5, F = 2	N = 7, F = 3
U + V = 13	U + V = 15	U + V = 17
U = 5, V = 8	U = 6, V = 9	U = 7, V = 10
U = 6, V = 7	U = 7, V = 8	
U = 7, V = 6	U = 8, V = 7	
U = 8, V = 5		

**This is Sehar's reasoning for FOUR + FIVE = NINE**

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(5) There are 6 possibilities for N, U, F, V, O, R.  
For each of these I has 4 possibilities and for each I, E has 3 possibilities.

Total =  $6 \times 4 \times 3$  options  
          = 72 options

**Kids used Sehar's reasoning and found out all possible solutions for:**

FOUR  
+ FIVE  
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NINE

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+ 1682/47  
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3632/47

I & E can be exchanged among themselves.  
So, 12 diff<sup>n</sup> solutions.

R=0 and O=9, U and V can be exchanged.

F < 5 and N is odd as  $N=F+F+1$

N=1 F=0	N=3 F=1	N=5 F=2	N=7 F=3	N=9 F=4
Not possible. As starting digit can't be zero.	U=5,V=8	U=7,V=8	U=8,V=9	Not possible as $U+V=19$ is impossible to get using 2 digits.
	U=6,V=7	U=8,V=7	U=9,V=8	
	U=7,V=6			
	U=8,V=5			
	4 solutions	2 solutions	2 solutions	

$\therefore$  Total sol<sup>n</sup>s =  $(4+2+2) \times 12 = 8 \times 12 = 96$  solutions.

Shubhangee found one new Cryptarithm problem as:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{FIVE} \\ - \text{ONE} \\ \hline \text{FOUR} \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow R=0$

E can be anything other than 0.

F can also be anything other than 0.

I cannot be smaller than 0.

$$\begin{array}{r} 2879 \\ - 469 \\ \hline 2410 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2754 \\ - 364 \\ \hline 2390 \end{array}$$

← These 2 are sample solutions.