

Problem of the Week Problem B

Composed or Decomposed

A bar model contains two rows of rectangles. The top row is a rectangle with a value equal to the total, and the bottom row contains rectangles whose values sum to the total. All values are whole numbers.

(a) Determine the numbers missing from each of the bar models below. In each part, rectangles that are the same shade of grey have the same value.

(i)		27	
	15		
(ii)		36	
(iii)			
	2		1
(iv)		45	
	3x		2x

(b) (i) In the bar model shown, the rectangles in the bottom row all have the same value. What are some equations this bar model could represent?



(ii) Describe all possible whole numbers that could appear in the top row of this bar model.



Theme: Number Sense