

How many ordered pairs (m, n) of positive integers with $m \geq n$ have the property that their squares differ by 96?

$$\text{We have } m^2 - n^2 = 96$$

$$\Rightarrow (m-n)(m+n) = 2^5 \times 3$$

There are $6 \times 2 = 12$ positive divisors of 96.

We consider cases:

$$\begin{cases} m-n=1 \\ m+n=96 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2m = 97$$

X

$$\begin{cases} m-n=2 \\ m+n=48 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2m = 50$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 25$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 23$$

$$\begin{cases} m-n=3 \\ m+n=32 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2m = 35$$

X

$$\begin{cases} m-n=4 \\ m+n=24 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2m = 28$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 14$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 12$$

$$\begin{cases} m-n=6 \\ m+n=16 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2m = 22$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 11$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 9$$

$$\begin{cases} m-n=8 \\ m+n=12 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2m = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 8$$

So there are $\textcircled{4}$ pairs with this property.