

Algebra 2

3.4

Solve systems of linear equations in 3 variables

Use systems to solve problems

(x, y, z)
 (p, r, s)

ordered triple

no solution

infinitely many solutions

substitution

elimination

whiteboards? if time

$$x + 3 = 5$$

$$x + y = 6$$

$$x - y = 4$$

Can you solve this?

$$\text{Taco} + \text{Taco} + \text{Taco} = 60$$

$$\text{Taco} + \text{Burrito} + \text{Burrito} = 30$$

$$\text{Burrito} - \text{Pepper} = 3$$

$$\text{Pepper} + \text{Taco} + \text{Burrito} = ?$$

$$T = 20$$

$$B = 5$$

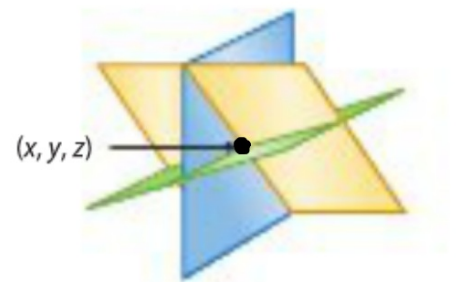
$$P = 1$$

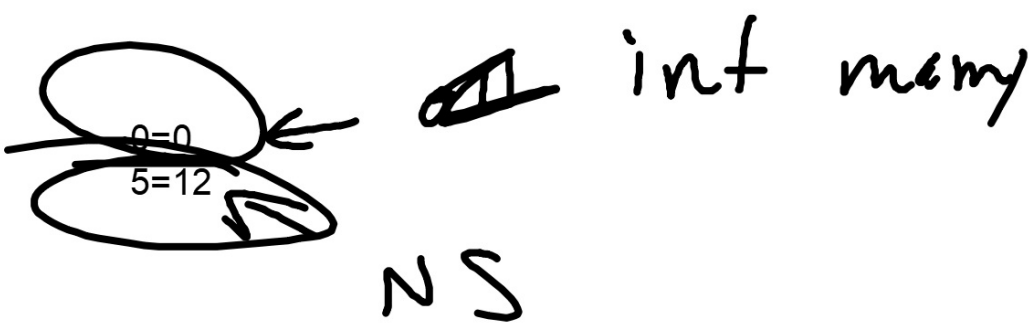
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Apple} + \text{Apple} + \text{Apple} &= 60 \\ \text{Apple} + \text{Orange} + \text{Orange} &= 40 \\ \text{Orange} - \text{Pineapple} &= 4 \\ \text{Pineapple} + \text{Apple} \times \text{Orange} &= ? \end{aligned}$$

$$3 + 26 \cdot 5 = 103$$

One Solution

The three individual planes intersect at a specific point.

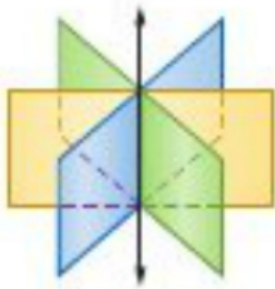




Infinitely Many Solutions

The planes intersect in a line.

Every coordinate on the line represents a solution of the system.



The planes intersect in the same plane.

Every equation is equivalent.

Every coordinate in the plane represents a solution of the system.



Don't worry about "which" infinitely many it is...

No Solution There are no points in common with all three planes.

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We won't worry about *which* no solution it is.

$$(x, y, z)$$

$$(-1, 5, 7)$$

Be strategic!

1. elimination

2. elim again

(or could use subs)

← Same

$$B. -4 \cdot -1 + -5 - 5 \cdot 7 = -36$$

Example 1 A system with one solution

Solve the system of equations.

$$3x - 2y + 4z = 35$$

$$-4x + y - 5z = -36$$

$$5x - 3y + 3z = 31$$

$$A. 3 \cdot 7 - 2y + 4 \cdot 7 = 35$$

$$-3 - 2y + 28 = 35$$

$$-2y + 25 = 35$$

$$-2y = 10$$

The coefficient of 1 in the second equation makes y a good choice for elimination.

$$A + B \rightarrow y's$$

$$3x + 2y + 4z = 35$$

$$-4x + y - 5z = -36$$

$$D. -5x = -6z = -37$$

$$10x + 12z = 74$$

$$-7x + 12z = -77$$

$$\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{-3}{3}$$

$$x = -1$$

$$B + C \rightarrow y's$$

$$-12x + 3y - 15z = -108$$

$$5x - 3y + 3z = 31$$

$$E. -7x - 12z = -77$$

$$D. -5 \cdot -1 - 6z = -37$$

$$5 - 6z = -37$$

$$-5$$

$$-6z = -42$$

$$\frac{-42}{-6} = \frac{-7}{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -3 \cdot 3 + 5 \cdot -2 + 2 \cdot -4 &= -27 \\ -9 + -10 + -8 &= -27 \end{aligned}$$

Strategy: elim is usually a good place to start

$$(3, -2, -4)$$

$$1A. 2x + 4y - 5z = 18$$

$$B. -3x + 5y + 2z = -27$$

$$C. -5x + 3y - z = -17 \quad \times 2$$

$$A. 2 \cdot 3 + 4 \cdot -2 - 5z = 18$$

$$6 + -8 - 5z = 18$$

$$-2 - 5z = 18$$

$$+2 \qquad +2$$

$$-5z = 20$$

$$\frac{-5z}{-5} = \frac{20}{-5}$$

$$A + C \rightarrow z$$

$$2x + 4y - 5z = 18$$

$$+ 25x + 15y + 5z = 85$$

$$B + C \rightarrow z$$

$$-3x + 5y + 2z = -27$$

$$-10x + 6y + 2z = -34$$

$$D. 27x - 11y = 103$$

$$E. -13x + 11y = -61$$

$$D + E \rightarrow y$$

$$27x - 11y = 103$$

$$-13x + 11y = -61$$

$$\frac{14x}{14} = \frac{42}{14}$$

$$x = 3$$

$$E. -13 \cdot 3 + 11y = -61$$

$$-39 + 11y = -61$$

$$+39$$

$$\frac{11y}{11} = \frac{-22}{11}$$

$$y = -2$$

#variables = # equations

- Seats closest to an amphitheater stage cost \$30. The seats in the next section cost \$25, and lawn seats are \$20. There are twice as many seats in section B as in section A. When all 19,200 seats are sold, the amphitheater makes \$456,000.

A system of equations in three variables can be used to determine the number of seats in each section.



Whiteboards

$$(-6, 2, 8)$$

A **1B.** $4x - 3y + 6z = 18$

B $-x + 5y + 4z = 48$

C $6x - 2y + 5z = 0$

$$A + B \rightarrow X$$

$$4x - 3y + 6z = 18$$

$$-4x + 20y + 16z = 192$$

$$D \quad 17y + 22z = 210$$

$$B + C \rightarrow X$$

$$-6x + 30y + 24z =$$

$$6x - 2y + 5z =$$

$$E \quad 28y + 29z =$$

Example 2 No Solution and Infinite Solutions

Solve each system of equations.

a. $5x + 4y - 5z = -10$
 $-4x - 10y - 8z = -16$
 $6x + 15y + 12z = 24$

b. $-6a + 9b - 12c = 21$
 $-2a + 3b - 4c = 7$
 $10a - 15b + 20c = -30$

Guided Practice

2A. $-4x - 2y - z = 15$
 $12x + 6y + 3z = 45$
 $2x + 5y + 7z = -29$

2B. $3x + 5y - 2z = 13$
 $-5x - 2y - 4z = 20$
 $-14x - 17y + 2z = -19$