

Algebra 2

1-03 Solve Linear Systems in Three Variables

- Linear equation in 3 variables graphs a _____

Solution to system in 3 variables

- Ordered _____ (_____)

Is $(2, -4, 1)$ a solution of
$$\begin{cases} x + 3y - z = -11 \\ 2x + y + z = 1 \\ 5x - 2y + 3z = 21 \end{cases}$$

Elimination Method

Like two variables, you just do it _____ once.

- Combine _____ and _____ to eliminate a variable
- Combine _____ and _____ to eliminate the _____ variable as before
- Combine these _____ equations to find the _____ variables
- Substitute those _____ variables into one of the _____ equations to get the _____ variable
 - If you get a _____ statement like $8 = 0 \rightarrow$ _____ solution
 - If you get an _____ like $0 = 0 \rightarrow$ _____ solutions

Solve
$$\begin{cases} 2x + 3y + 7z = -3 \\ x - 6y + z = -4 \\ -x - 3y + 8z = 1 \end{cases}$$

Solve
$$\begin{cases} -x + 2y + z = 3 \\ 2x + 2y + z = 5 \\ 4x + 4y + 2z = 6 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Solve } \begin{cases} x + y + z = 6 \\ x - y + z = 6 \\ 4x + y + 4z = 24 \end{cases}$$

If there are infinitely many solutions

- Let _____ (Use x, y , or z based on what is convenient)
- Solve for _____ in terms of _____
- Substitute those to find _____ in terms of _____
- Sample answer _____

You have \$1.42 in quarters, nickels, and pennies. You have twice as many nickels as quarters. You have 14 coins total. How many of each coin do you have?

32 #1, 5, 9, 15, 17, 19, 23, 43, 47, 51, 53, 55 = 12 (You can solve them all by elimination if you want.)