

Solutions for In-Class Problems 17 for Monday, April 2

These problems are from [Pre-Class Problems 17](#).

1. Solve the following exponential equations.

a.  $27^{x-5} = \frac{1}{81}$

b.  $2^{4x+5} = 7$

c.  $4^{6x-7} = 12^{8-x}$

2. Solve the following system of equations by using the substitution method.

a.  $3x - 8y = 22$

$x - 16y = 38$

b.  $4x + y = -7$

$3x + 5y = 16$

3. Solve the following system of equations by using the addition method.

a.  $4x + 3y = 14$

$-5x + 6y = -24$

b.  $3x - 5y = 3$

$7x + 3y = -4$

4. Solve the following systems of equations.

a.  $4x - 3y + 5z = -10$

$x + 6y - 2z = 2$

$-2x - 9y + 3z = -2$

b.  $3x - 5y = 14$

$2x + 3z = 18$

$-y + 2z = 9$

c.  $4x - 2y + z = 12$

$-3x + 4y - 5z = -13$

$9x - 2y - 2z = 23$

5. A citrus fruit grower purchased 30 orange trees and 20 lemon trees for \$360. The next week the grower bought 25 orange trees and 35 lemon trees for \$410. Find the cost of a lemon tree.

## SOLUTIONS:

1a.  $27^{x-5} = \frac{1}{81}$

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$$27^{x-5} = \frac{1}{81} \Rightarrow (3^3)^{x-5} = 3^{-4} \Rightarrow 3^{3(x-5)} = 3^{-4} \Rightarrow$$

$$3(x-5) = -4 \Rightarrow 3x - 15 = -4 \Rightarrow x = \frac{11}{3}$$

**Answer:**  $x = \frac{11}{3}$

1b.  $2^{4x+5} = 7$

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$$2^{4x+5} = 7 \Rightarrow \ln 2^{4x+5} = \ln 7 \Rightarrow (4x+5)\ln 2 = \ln 7 \Rightarrow$$

$$4x\ln 2 + 5\ln 2 = \ln 7 \Rightarrow 4x\ln 2 = \ln 7 - 5\ln 2 \Rightarrow$$

$$x = \frac{\ln 7 - 5\ln 2}{4\ln 2} = \frac{\ln 7 - \ln 32}{\ln 16} = \frac{\ln \frac{7}{32}}{\ln 16}$$

**Answer:**  $x = \frac{\ln \frac{7}{32}}{\ln 16}$

1c.  $4^{6x-7} = 12^{8-x}$

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$$4^{6x-7} = 12^{8-x} \Rightarrow \ln 4^{6x-7} = \ln 12^{8-x} \Rightarrow (6x-7)\ln 4 = (8-x)\ln 12 \Rightarrow$$

$$6x\ln 4 - 7\ln 4 = 8\ln 12 - x\ln 12 \Rightarrow 6x\ln 4 + x\ln 12 = 8\ln 12 + 7\ln 4 \Rightarrow$$

$$x(6\ln 4 + \ln 12) = 8\ln 12 + 7\ln 4 \Rightarrow x = \frac{8\ln 12 + 7\ln 4}{6\ln 4 + \ln 12}$$

**Answer:**  $x = \frac{8\ln 12 + 7\ln 4}{6\ln 4 + \ln 12}$

2a.  $3x - 8y = 22$   
 $x - 16y = 38$

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$$x - 16y = 38 \Rightarrow x = 16y + 38$$

$$3x - 8y = 22 \text{ and } x = 16y + 38 \Rightarrow 3(16y + 38) - 8y = 22 \Rightarrow$$

$$48y + 114 - 8y = 22 \Rightarrow 40y = -92 \Rightarrow y = -\frac{92}{40} = -\frac{46}{20} = -\frac{23}{10}$$

$$x = 16y + 38 \text{ and } y = -\frac{23}{10} \Rightarrow x = 16\left(-\frac{23}{10}\right) + 38 = 8\left(-\frac{23}{5}\right) + 38 =$$

$$-\frac{184}{5} + \frac{190}{5} = \frac{6}{5}$$

**Answer:**  $\left(\frac{6}{5}, -\frac{23}{10}\right)$

2b.  $4x + y = -7$   
 $3x + 5y = 16$

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$$4x + y = -7 \Rightarrow y = -4x - 7$$

$$3x + 5y = 16 \text{ and } y = -4x - 7 \Rightarrow 3x + 5(-4x - 7) = 16 \Rightarrow$$

$$3x - 20x - 35 = 16 \Rightarrow -17x - 35 = 16 \Rightarrow -17x = 51 \Rightarrow x = -3$$

$$y = -4x - 7 \text{ and } x = -3 \Rightarrow y = 12 - 7 = 5$$

**Answer:**  $(-3, 5)$

3a.  $4x + 3y = 14$   
 $-5x + 6y = -24$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 4x + 3y = 14 \\ -5x + 6y = -24 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{r} -8x - 6y = -28 \\ \underline{-5x + 6y = -24} \\ -13x \qquad = -52 \end{array} \Rightarrow x = 4$$

$$4x + 3y = 14 \text{ and } x = 4 \Rightarrow 16 + 3y = 14 \Rightarrow 3y = -2 \Rightarrow$$

$$y = -\frac{2}{3}$$

**Answer:**  $\left(4, -\frac{2}{3}\right)$

3b.  $3x - 5y = 3$   
 $7x + 3y = -4$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 3x - 5y = 3 \\ 7x + 3y = -4 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{r} 9x - 15y = 9 \\ 35x + 15y = -20 \\ \hline 44x = -11 \end{array} \Rightarrow x = -\frac{11}{44} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$3x - 5y = 3 \text{ and } x = -\frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow -\frac{3}{4} - 5y = \frac{12}{4} \Rightarrow -5y = \frac{15}{4} \Rightarrow$$

$$y = -\frac{3}{4}$$

**Answer:**  $\left(-\frac{1}{4}, -\frac{3}{4}\right)$

4a.  $4x - 3y + 5z = -10$   
 $x + 6y - 2z = 2$   
 $-2x - 9y + 3z = -2$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 4x - 3y + 5z = -10 \\ x + 6y - 2z = 2 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{r} 4x - 3y + 5z = -10 \\ -4x - 24y + 8z = -8 \\ \hline -27y + 13z = -18 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x + 6y - 2z = 2 \\ -2x - 9y + 3z = -2 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{r} 2x + 12y - 4z = 4 \\ -2x - 9y + 3z = -2 \\ \hline 3y - z = 2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -27y + 13z = -18 \\ 3y - z = 2 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{r} -27y + 13z = -18 \\ \underline{39y - 13z = 26} \\ 12y = 8 \end{array}$$

$$12y = 8 \Rightarrow y = \frac{8}{12} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$3y - z = 2 \text{ and } y = \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow 2 - z = 2 \Rightarrow z = 0$$

$$x + 6y - 2z = 2 \text{ and } y = \frac{2}{3} \text{ and } z = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$x + 4 - 0 = 2 \Rightarrow x + 4 = 2 \Rightarrow x = -2$$

**Answer:**  $\left(-2, \frac{2}{3}, 0\right)$

4b. 
$$\begin{array}{r} 3x - 5y = 14 \\ 2x + 3z = 18 \\ -y + 2z = 9 \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 3x - 5y = 14 \\ -y + 2z = 9 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{r} 3x - 5y = 14 \\ \underline{5y - 10z = -45} \\ 3x - 10z = -31 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x + 3z = 18 \\ 3x - 10z = -31 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{r} 6x + 9z = 54 \\ -6x + 20z = 62 \\ \hline 29z = 116 \Rightarrow z = 4 \end{array}$$

$$2x + 3z = 18 \text{ and } z = 4 \Rightarrow 2x + 12 = 18 \Rightarrow 2x = 6 \Rightarrow x = 3$$

$$-y + 2z = 9 \text{ and } z = 4 \Rightarrow -y + 8 = 9 \Rightarrow y = -1$$

**Answer:** (3, -1, 4)

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x - 2y + z = 12 \\ -3x + 4y - 5z = -13 \\ 9x - 2y - 2z = 23 \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 4x - 2y + z = 12 \\ -3x + 4y - 5z = -13 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{r} 20x - 10y + 5z = 60 \\ -3x + 4y - 5z = -13 \\ \hline 17x - 6y = 47 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x - 2y + z = 12 \\ 9x - 2y - 2z = 23 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{r} 8x - 4y + 2z = 24 \\ 9x - 2y - 2z = 23 \\ \hline 17x - 6y = 47 \end{array}$$

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These two equations are the same equation.

Let  $y = t$ , where  $t$  is any real number.

$$17x - 6y = 47 \text{ and } y = t \Rightarrow 17x - 6t = 47 \Rightarrow 17x = 6t + 47 \Rightarrow$$

$$x = \frac{6t + 47}{17} = \frac{6}{17}t + \frac{47}{17}$$

Now, use the first equation in the original system of equations to find the value of  $z$  when  $x = \frac{6}{17}t + \frac{47}{17}$  and  $y = t$ :

$$4x - 2y + z = 12, \quad x = \frac{6}{17}t + \frac{47}{17}, \text{ and } y = t \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{24}{17}t + \frac{188}{17} - 2t + z = 12 \Rightarrow \frac{24}{17}t + \frac{188}{17} - \frac{34}{17}t + z = 12 \Rightarrow$$

$$-\frac{10}{17}t + \frac{188}{17} + z = \frac{204}{17} \Rightarrow z = \frac{10}{17}t + \frac{16}{17}$$

**Answer:**  $\left( \frac{6}{17}t + \frac{47}{17}, t, \frac{10}{17}t + \frac{16}{17} \right) = \left( \frac{6t + 47}{17}, t, \frac{10t + 16}{17} \right)$ , where  $t$  is any real number

5. A citrus fruit grower purchased 20 orange trees and 30 lemon trees for \$360. The next week the grower bought 35 orange trees and 25 lemon trees for \$410. Find the cost of a lemon tree.

Let  $o$  = the cost of one orange tree and let  $l$  = the cost of one lemon tree.



$$\begin{array}{rcl} 20o + 30l = 360 & \Rightarrow & 2o + 3l = 36 \\ 35o + 25l = 410 & \Rightarrow & 7o + 5l = 82 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{r} 14o + 21l = 252 \\ -14o - 10l = -164 \\ \hline 11l = 88 \Rightarrow l = 8 \end{array}$$

**Answer:** \$8.00

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