

Pre-Class Problems 17 for Monday, April 2

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These are the type of problems that you will be working on in class.

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Since any exponential function is one-to-one, then $b^u = b^v$ if and only if $u = v$.

1. Solve the following exponential equations.

a. $3^x = 81$

b. $5^{-t} = 25$

c. $2^{3x-11} = 32$

d. $4^{x^3} = \frac{1}{16}$

e. $16^t = 64$

f. $9^{x+4} = \frac{1}{27}$

g. $6^x = 12$

h. $5^t = \frac{2}{3}$

i. $7^{-x} = \frac{3}{4}$

j. $8^{5-2x} = 65$

k. $3^{7x+4} = 49$

l. $2^{3x-8} = 6^{2x+9}$

m. $e^{2x} - 2e^x - 24 = 0$

n. $9^x + 16 = 10(3^x)$

o. $e^{-2t} = 5e^{-t}$

2. Determine how long it will take an investment to double in value at an interest rate of 4% if compounded

a. yearly

b. quarterly

c. monthly

d. continuously

3. Determine how long it will take an investment to double in value at an interest rate of 10% compounded continuously.

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

a. $4x + y = -7$

$3x + 5y = 16$

b. $3x + 8y = 24$

$x - 16y = -6$

c. $x + 2 = 8y$

$3(x - 9) + 10y = 1$

d. $5y = 2x - 30$

$-6x + y = 8$

e. $2(x + y) = 11 - 14x$

$y + 8x = 15$

f. $x = 2y - 5$

$6y - 3x = 15$

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

a. $4x + y = -7$

$3x + 5y = 16$

b. $3x + 8y = 24$

$x - 16y = -6$

c. $4x + 3y = 10$

$-5x + 6y = -32$

d. $8x + 3y = -16$

$2x - 5y = 19$

e. $8x - 6y = -3$

$5x + 4y = -9$

f. $-12x + 2y = 5$

$6x - y = 9$

6. How many liters of a 6% salt solution and how many liter of a 25% salt solution are needed to make 38 liters of a 20% salt solution?

7. Solve the following system of equations.

a. $x - 3y - 2z = -1$

$3x + y + 5z = 32$

$-4x + 6y - z = -29$

b. $5x + 4y - 3z = -36$

$3x - 2y + 7z = -15$

$-2x - 6y + 9z = 21$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2x & - & 7z = 19 \\ \text{c.} & 3y + & z = 9 \\ 4x - 5y & & = -24 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2x + 3y - 5z & = & -9 \\ \text{d.} & 6x - 9y + 7z = & 5 \\ 4x - 3y + z & = & -2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} & 3x - & 5y + 7z = -11 \\ \text{e.} & 9x - 14y + 27z = & -30 \\ & -12x + 23y - 10z = & 57 \end{array}$$

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SOLUTIONS:

1a. $3^x = 81$

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Using the one-to-one property: $3^x = 81 \Rightarrow 3^x = 3^4 \Rightarrow x = 4$

Using logarithms base 3: $3^x = 81 \Rightarrow \log_3 3^x = \log_3 81 \Rightarrow$

$$x \log_3 3 = \log_3 81 \Rightarrow x = \log_3 81 = 4$$

NOTE: $\log_3 3 = 1$

Using natural logarithms: $3^x = 81 \Rightarrow \ln 3^x = \ln 81 \Rightarrow x \ln 3 = \ln 81 \Rightarrow$

$$x = \frac{\ln 81}{\ln 3} \Rightarrow x = 4 \text{ (using a calculator)}$$

Without a calculator: $\frac{\ln 81}{\ln 3} = \frac{\ln 3^4}{\ln 3} = \frac{4 \ln 3}{\ln 3} = 4$

Answer: $x = 4$

1b. $5^{-t} = 25$

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Using the one-to-one property: $5^{-t} = 25 \Rightarrow 5^{-t} = 5^2 \Rightarrow -t = 2 \Rightarrow$
 $t = -2$

Using logarithms base 5: $5^{-t} = 25 \Rightarrow \log_5 5^{-t} = \log_5 25 \Rightarrow$

$-t \log_5 5 = \log_5 25 \Rightarrow -t = 2 \Rightarrow t = -2$

NOTE: $\log_5 5 = 1$ and $\log_5 25 = 2$

Using natural logarithms: $5^{-t} = 25 \Rightarrow \ln 5^{-t} = \ln 25 \Rightarrow$

$-t \ln 5 = \ln 25 \Rightarrow t = -\frac{\ln 25}{\ln 5} \Rightarrow t = -2$ (using a calculator)

Without a calculator: $\frac{\ln 25}{\ln 5} = \frac{\ln 5^2}{\ln 5} = \frac{2 \ln 5}{\ln 5} = 2$

Answer: $t = -2$

1c. $2^{3x-11} = 32$

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Using the one-to-one property: $2^{3x-11} = 32 \Rightarrow 2^{3x-11} = 2^5 \Rightarrow$

$$3x - 11 = 5 \Rightarrow 3x = 16 \Rightarrow x = \frac{16}{3}$$

Using logarithms base 2: $2^{3x-11} = 32 \Rightarrow \log_2 2^{3x-11} = \log_2 32 \Rightarrow$

$$(3x - 11) \log_2 2 = \log_2 32 \Rightarrow 3x - 11 = 5 \Rightarrow 3x = 16 \Rightarrow x = \frac{16}{3}$$

NOTE: $\log_2 2 = 1$

Using natural logarithms: $2^{3x-11} = 32 \Rightarrow \ln 2^{3x-11} = \ln 32 \Rightarrow$

$$(3x - 11) \ln 2 = \ln 32 \Rightarrow 3x \ln 2 - 11 \ln 2 = \ln 32 \Rightarrow$$

$$3x \ln 2 = \ln 32 + 11 \ln 2 \Rightarrow x = \frac{\ln 32 + 11 \ln 2}{3 \ln 2} = \frac{\ln 32(2^{11})}{\ln 8} = \frac{16}{3}$$

(using a calculator)

$$\text{Without a calculator: } \frac{\ln 32(2^{11})}{\ln 8} = \frac{\ln 2^5(2^{11})}{\ln 2^3} = \frac{\ln 2^{16}}{\ln 2^3} = \frac{16 \ln 2}{3 \ln 2} = \frac{16}{3}$$

Answer: $x = \frac{16}{3}$

1d. $4^{x^3} = \frac{1}{16}$

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Using the one-to-one property: $4^{x^3} = \frac{1}{16} \Rightarrow 4^{x^3} = 4^{-2} \Rightarrow x^3 = -2 \Rightarrow$

$$x = \sqrt[3]{-2} = -\sqrt[3]{2}$$

Using logarithms base 4: $4^{x^3} = \frac{1}{16} \Rightarrow \log_4 4^{x^3} = \log_4 \frac{1}{16} \Rightarrow$

$$x^3 \log_4 4 = \log_4 \frac{1}{16} \Rightarrow x^3 = -2 \Rightarrow x = \sqrt[3]{-2} = -\sqrt[3]{2}$$

NOTE: $\log_4 4 = 1$ and $\log_4 \frac{1}{16} = -2$

Using natural logarithms: $4^{x^3} = \frac{1}{16} \Rightarrow \ln 4^{x^3} = \ln \frac{1}{16} \Rightarrow$

$$x^3 \ln 4 = \ln \frac{1}{16} \Rightarrow x^3 = \frac{\ln \frac{1}{16}}{\ln 4} \Rightarrow x^3 = -2 \Rightarrow x = \sqrt[3]{-2} = -\sqrt[3]{2}$$

NOTE: $\frac{\ln \frac{1}{16}}{\ln 4} = -2$ (using a calculator)

Without a calculator: $\frac{\ln \frac{1}{16}}{\ln 4} = \frac{\ln 4^{-2}}{\ln 4} = \frac{-2 \ln 4}{\ln 4} = -2$

Answer: $x = -\sqrt[3]{2}$

1e. $16^t = 64$

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Using the one-to-one property: $16^t = 64 \Rightarrow (4^2)^t = 4^3 \Rightarrow 4^{2t} = 4^3 \Rightarrow$

$$2t = 3 \Rightarrow t = \frac{3}{2}$$

Using logarithms base 4: $16^t = 64 \Rightarrow \log_4 16^t = \log_4 64 \Rightarrow$

$$t \log_4 16 = \log_4 64 \Rightarrow 2t = 3 \Rightarrow t = \frac{3}{2}$$

NOTE: $\log_4 16 = 2$ and $\log_4 64 = 3$

Using natural logarithms: $16^t = 64 \Rightarrow \ln 16^t = \ln 64 \Rightarrow$

$$t \ln 16 = \ln 64 \Rightarrow t = \frac{\ln 64}{\ln 16} \Rightarrow t = \frac{3}{2} \text{ (using a calculator)}$$

Without a calculator: $\frac{\ln 64}{\ln 16} = \frac{\ln 4^3}{\ln 4^2} = \frac{3 \ln 4}{2 \ln 4} = \frac{3}{2}$

Answer: $t = \frac{3}{2}$

1f. $9^{x+4} = \frac{1}{27}$

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Using the one-to-one property: $9^{x+4} = \frac{1}{27} \Rightarrow (3^2)^{x+4} = 3^{-3} \Rightarrow$

$$3^{2(x+4)} = 3^{-3} \Rightarrow 2(x+4) = -3 \Rightarrow 2x+8 = -3 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{11}{2}$$

Using logarithms base 3: $9^{x+4} = \frac{1}{27} \Rightarrow \log_3 9^{x+4} = \log_3 \frac{1}{27} \Rightarrow$

$$(x+4) \log_3 9 = \log_3 \frac{1}{27} \Rightarrow 2(x+4) = -3 \Rightarrow 2x+8 = -3 \Rightarrow$$

$$x = -\frac{11}{2}$$

NOTE: $\log_3 9 = 2$ and $\log_3 \frac{1}{27} = -3$

Using natural logarithms: $9^{x+4} = \frac{1}{27} \Rightarrow \ln 9^{x+4} = \ln \frac{1}{27} \Rightarrow$

$$(x+4) \ln 9 = \ln \frac{1}{27} \Rightarrow x \ln 9 + 4 \ln 9 = -\ln 27 \Rightarrow$$

$$x \ln 9 + 4 \ln 9 = -\ln 27 \Rightarrow x \ln 9 = -\ln 27 - 4 \ln 9 \Rightarrow$$

$$x = -\frac{\ln 27 + 4 \ln 9}{\ln 9} = \frac{\ln 27 + \ln 9^4}{\ln 9} = \frac{\ln 27(9^4)}{\ln 9} = -\frac{11}{2} \text{ (using a}$$

calculator)

NOTE: $\ln \frac{1}{27} = \ln 27^{-1} = -1 \cdot \ln 27 = -\ln 27$

Without a calculator: $\frac{\ln 27(9^4)}{\ln 9} = \frac{\ln 3^3(3^8)}{\ln 3^2} = \frac{\ln 3^{11}}{\ln 3^2} = \frac{11 \ln 3}{2 \ln 3} = \frac{11}{2}$

Answer: $x = -\frac{11}{2}$

1g. $6^x = 12$

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Using natural logarithms: $6^x = 12 \Rightarrow \ln 6^x = \ln 12 \Rightarrow$

$$x \ln 6 = \ln 12 \Rightarrow x = \frac{\ln 12}{\ln 6}$$

NOTE: $x = \frac{\ln 12}{\ln 6} \approx 1.38685$ and $6^{1.38685} \approx 11.99994$

Using logarithms base 6: $6^x = 12 \Rightarrow \log_6 6^x = \log_6 12 \Rightarrow$

$$x \log_6 6 = \log_6 12 \Rightarrow x = \log_6 12 \quad \text{NOTE: } \log_6 6 = 1$$

Since your calculator does not have logarithm base 6 key, you would have to do a change of bases to obtain an approximation for $\log_6 12$. Since your calculator has a natural logarithm key LN, then we obtain that $\log_6 12 =$

$\frac{\ln 12}{\ln 6}$ using the change of base formula that $\log_b u = \frac{\log_a u}{\log_a b}$, where $u = 12$, $b = 6$, and $a = e$. Or, Since your calculator has a common logarithm key LOG, then we obtain that $\log_6 12 = \frac{\log 12}{\log 6}$ using the

change of base formula that $\log_b u = \frac{\log_a u}{\log_a b}$, where $u = 12$, $b = 6$, and $a = 10$.

NOTE: $x = \frac{\ln 12}{\ln 6} \approx 1.38685$ and $6^{1.38685} \approx 11.99994$

Answer: $x = \frac{\ln 12}{\ln 6}$ or $x = \log_6 12$

1h. $5^t = \frac{2}{3}$

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Using natural logarithms: $5^t = \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \ln 5^t = \ln \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow t \ln 5 = \ln \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow$

$$t = \frac{\ln \frac{2}{3}}{\ln 5}$$

NOTE: $t = \frac{\ln \frac{2}{3}}{\ln 5} \approx -0.25193$ and $5^{-0.25193} \approx 0.666666277$

Using logarithms base 5: $5^t = \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \log_5 5^t = \log_5 \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow$

$$t \log_5 5 = \log_5 \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow t = \log_5 \frac{2}{3} \quad \text{NOTE: } \log_5 5 = 1$$

Since your calculator does not have logarithm base 5 key, you would have to do a change of bases to obtain an approximation for $\log_5 \frac{2}{3}$. Since your calculator has a natural logarithm key LN, then we obtain that $\log_5 \frac{2}{3} =$

$\frac{\ln \frac{2}{3}}{\ln 5}$ using the change of base formula that $\log_b u = \frac{\log_a u}{\log_a b}$, where $u = \frac{2}{3}$, $b = 5$, and $a = e$. Or, Since your calculator has a common logarithm key LOG, then we obtain that $\log \frac{2}{3} = \frac{\log \frac{2}{3}}{\log 5}$ using the change of base formula that $\log_b u = \frac{\log_a u}{\log_a b}$, where $u = \frac{2}{3}$, $b = 5$, and $a = 10$.

Answer: $t = \frac{\ln \frac{2}{3}}{\ln 5}$ **or** $t = \log_5 \frac{2}{3}$

1i. $7^{-x} = \frac{3}{4}$

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Using natural logarithms: $7^{-x} = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow \ln 7^{-x} = \ln \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow$

$$-x \ln 7 = \ln \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow x = -\frac{\ln \frac{3}{4}}{\ln 7}$$

NOTE: $x = -\frac{\ln \frac{3}{4}}{\ln 7} \approx 0.14784$ and $7^{-0.14784} \approx 0.749999037$

Answer: $x = -\frac{\ln \frac{3}{4}}{\ln 7}$ **or** $x = -\log_7 \frac{3}{4}$

1j. $8^{5-2x} = 65$

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Using natural logarithms: $8^{5-2x} = 65 \Rightarrow \ln 8^{5-2x} = \ln 65 \Rightarrow$

$$(5 - 2x)\ln 8 = \ln 65 \Rightarrow 5\ln 8 - 2x\ln 8 = \ln 65 \Rightarrow$$

$$5\ln 8 - \ln 65 = 2x\ln 8 \Rightarrow x = \frac{5\ln 8 - \ln 65}{2\ln 8} = \frac{\ln \frac{8^5}{65}}{\ln 64}$$

NOTE: $x = \frac{\ln \frac{8^5}{65}}{\ln 64} \approx 1.49627$, $5 - 2x \approx 2.00746$, and $8^{2.00746} \approx 65.00055$

Answer: $x = \frac{5\ln 8 - \ln 65}{2\ln 8}$

1k. $3^{7x+4} = 49$

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Using natural logarithms: $3^{7x+4} = 49 \Rightarrow \ln 3^{7x+4} = \ln 49 \Rightarrow$

$$(7x + 4)\ln 3 = \ln 49 \Rightarrow 7x\ln 3 + 4\ln 3 = \ln 49 \Rightarrow$$

$$7x\ln 3 = \ln 49 - 4\ln 3 \Rightarrow x = \frac{\ln 49 - 4\ln 3}{7\ln 3} = \frac{\ln \frac{49}{81}}{\ln 2187}$$

NOTE: $4\ln 3 = \ln 3^4 = \ln 81$ and $7\ln 3 = \ln 3^7 = \ln 2187$

NOTE: $x = \frac{\ln \frac{49}{81}}{\ln 2187} \approx -0.065359$, $7x + 4 \approx 3.542487$, and

$$3^{3.542487} \approx 48.99997$$

Answer: $x = \frac{\ln 49 - 4 \ln 3}{7 \ln 3}$

11. $2^{3x-8} = 6^{2x+9}$

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Using natural logarithms: $2^{3x-8} = 6^{2x+9} \Rightarrow \ln 2^{3x-8} = \ln 6^{2x+9} \Rightarrow$

$$(3x-8)\ln 2 = (2x+9)\ln 6 \Rightarrow 3x\ln 2 - 8\ln 2 = 2x\ln 6 + 9\ln 6 \Rightarrow$$

$$3x\ln 2 - 2x\ln 6 = 9\ln 6 + 8\ln 2 \Rightarrow x(3\ln 2 - 2\ln 6) = 9\ln 6 + 8\ln 2 \Rightarrow$$

$$x = \frac{9\ln 6 + 8\ln 2}{3\ln 2 - 2\ln 6}$$

Answer: $x = \frac{9\ln 6 + 8\ln 2}{3\ln 2 - 2\ln 6}$

1m. $e^{2x} - 2e^x - 24 = 0$

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This equation is quadratic in the expression e^x . Let $a = e^x$. Then $a^2 = (e^x)^2 = e^{2x}$. Thus,

$$e^{2x} - 2e^x - 24 = 0 \Rightarrow a^2 - 2a - 24 = 0 \Rightarrow (a+4)(a-6) = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$(e^x + 4)(e^x - 6) = 0 \Rightarrow e^x + 4 = 0, e^x - 6 = 0$$

$e^x + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow e^x = -4$. Since $e^x > 0$ for all x , then this equation has no solution.

$$e^x - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow e^x = 6 \Rightarrow \ln e^x = \ln 6 \Rightarrow x \ln e = \ln 6 \Rightarrow x = \ln 6$$

Answer: $x = \ln 6$

1n. $9^x + 16 = 10(3^x)$

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$$9^x + 16 = 10(3^x) \Rightarrow (3^2)^x + 16 = 10(3^x) \Rightarrow 3^{2x} + 16 = 10(3^x) \Rightarrow$$

$$3^{2x} - 10(3^x) + 16 = 0$$

This equation is quadratic in the expression 3^x . Let $a = 3^x$. Then $a^2 = (3^x)^2 = 3^{2x}$. Thus,

$$3^{2x} - 10(3^x) + 16 = 0 \Rightarrow a^2 - 10a + 16 = 0 \Rightarrow (a - 2)(a - 8) = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$(3^x - 2)(3^x - 8) = 0 \Rightarrow 3^x - 2 = 0, 3^x - 8 = 0$$

$$3^x - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow 3^x = 2 \Rightarrow \ln 3^x = \ln 2 \Rightarrow x \ln 3 = \ln 2 \Rightarrow x = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln 3}$$

$$3^x - 8 = 0 \Rightarrow 3^x = 8 \Rightarrow \ln 3^x = \ln 8 \Rightarrow x \ln 3 = \ln 8 \Rightarrow x = \frac{\ln 8}{\ln 3}$$

Answer: $x = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln 3}, \frac{\ln 8}{\ln 3}$ or $x = \log_3 2, \log_3 8$

10. $e^{-2t} = 5e^{-t}$

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This equation is quadratic in the expression e^{-t} . Let $a = e^{-t}$. Then $a^2 = (e^{-t})^2 = e^{-2t}$. Thus,

$$e^{-2t} = 5e^{-t} \Rightarrow a^2 = 5a \Rightarrow a^2 - 5a = 0 \Rightarrow a(a - 5) = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$e^{-t}(e^{-t} - 5) = 0 \Rightarrow e^{-t} = 0, e^{-t} - 5 = 0$$

Since $e^{-t} > 0$ for all t , then the equation $e^{-t} = 0$ has no solution.

$$e^{-t} - 5 = 0 \Rightarrow e^{-t} = 5 \Rightarrow \ln e^{-t} = \ln 5 \Rightarrow -t \ln e = \ln 5 \Rightarrow$$

$$-t = \ln 5 \Rightarrow t = -\ln 5$$

Answer: $t = -\ln 5$

2a. $A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n} \right)^{nt}$

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$$A = 2P, r = 4\% = 0.04, n = 1$$

$$A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n} \right)^{nt} \Rightarrow 2P = P \left(1 + \frac{0.04}{1} \right)^{1t} \Rightarrow 2 = (1 + 0.04)^t \Rightarrow$$

$$2 = (1.04)^t \Rightarrow \ln 2 = \ln (1.04)^t \Rightarrow \ln 2 = t \ln (1.04) \Rightarrow$$

$$t = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln 1.04} \approx 17.67299$$

$$0.67299 \text{ year} = 0.67299 \cdot 12 \approx 8.07588 \text{ months}$$

Thus, it will take approximately 17 years and 8 months for the investment to double in value if the interest is compounded yearly at a rate of 4%.

Answer: 17 years and 8 months

$$2b. \quad A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n} \right)^{nt}$$

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$$A = 2P, \quad r = 4\% = 0.04, \quad n = 4$$

$$A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n} \right)^{nt} \Rightarrow 2P = P \left(1 + \frac{0.04}{4} \right)^{4t} \Rightarrow 2 = (1 + 0.01)^{4t} \Rightarrow$$

$$2 = (1.01)^{4t} \Rightarrow \ln 2 = \ln (1.01)^{4t} \Rightarrow \ln 2 = 4t \ln (1.01) \Rightarrow$$

$$t = \frac{\ln 2}{4 \ln 1.01} \approx 17.41518$$

$$0.41518 \text{ year} = 0.41518 \cdot 12 \approx 4.98216 \text{ months}$$

Thus, it will take approximately 17 years and 5 months for the investment to double in value if the interest is compounded quarterly at a rate of 4%.

Answer: 17 years and 5 months

2c. $A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n} \right)^{nt}$

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$$A = 2P, \quad r = 4\% = 0.04, \quad n = 12$$

$$A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n} \right)^{nt} \Rightarrow 2P = P \left(1 + \frac{0.04}{12} \right)^{12t} \Rightarrow 2 = \left(1 + \frac{0.04}{12} \right)^{12t} \Rightarrow$$

$$2 = \left(1 + \frac{0.01}{3} \right)^{12t} \Rightarrow 2 = \left(\frac{3.01}{3} \right)^{12t} \Rightarrow \ln 2 = \ln \left(\frac{3.01}{3} \right)^{12t} \Rightarrow$$

$$\ln 2 = 12t \ln \left(\frac{3.01}{3} \right) \Rightarrow t = \frac{\ln 2}{12 \ln \left(\frac{3.01}{3} \right)} \approx 17.35754$$

$$0.35754 \text{ year} = 0.35754 \cdot 12 \approx 4.29048 \text{ months}$$

Thus, it will take approximately 17 years and 4 months for the investment to double in value if the interest is compounded monthly at a rate of 4%.

Answer: 17 years and 4 months

2d. $A = P e^{rt}$

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$$A = 2P, \quad r = 4\% = 0.04$$

$$A = Pe^{rt} \Rightarrow 2P = Pe^{0.04t} \Rightarrow 2 = e^{0.04t} \Rightarrow \ln 2 = \ln e^{0.04t} \Rightarrow$$

$$\ln 2 = 0.04t \ln e \Rightarrow \ln 2 = 0.04t \Rightarrow \ln 2 = \frac{4}{100}t \Rightarrow \ln 2 = \frac{1}{25}t \Rightarrow$$

$$t = 25 \ln 2 = \ln 2^{25} \approx 17.32868$$

$$0.32868 \text{ year} = 0.32868 \cdot 12 \approx 3.94416 \text{ months}$$

Thus, it will take approximately 17 years and 4 months for the investment to double in value if the interest is compounded continuously at a rate of 4%.

Answer: 17 years and 4 months

3. $A = Pe^{rt}$

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$$A = 2P, \quad r = 10\% = 0.1$$

$$A = Pe^{rt} \Rightarrow 2P = Pe^{0.1t} \Rightarrow 2 = e^{0.1t} \Rightarrow \ln 2 = \ln e^{0.1t} \Rightarrow$$

$$\ln 2 = 0.1t \ln e \Rightarrow \ln 2 = 0.1t \Rightarrow \ln 2 = \frac{1}{10}t \Rightarrow$$

$$t = 10 \ln 2 = \ln 2^{10} \approx 6.931472$$

$$0.931472 \text{ year} = 0.931472 \cdot 12 \approx 11.17766 \text{ months}$$

Thus, it will take approximately 6 years and 11 months for the investment to double in value if the interest is compounded continuously at a rate of 10%.

Answer: 6 years and 11 months

4a.
$$\begin{aligned} 4x + y &= -7 \\ 3x + 5y &= 16 \end{aligned}$$

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Use the first equation of $4x + y = -7$ to solve for y in terms of x :

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

Now, replace the y variable in the second equation of $3x + 5y = 16$ by the expression $-4x - 7$ and then solve for x :

$$\begin{aligned} 3x + 5y &= 16 \Rightarrow 3x + 5(-4x - 7) = 16 \Rightarrow 3x - 20x - 35 = 16 \Rightarrow \\ -17x - 35 &= 16 \Rightarrow -17x = 51 \Rightarrow x = -3 \end{aligned}$$

Now, use the equation $y = -4x - 7$ to find the value of y when $x = -3$:

$$y = -4x - 7, x = -3 \Rightarrow y = -4(-3) - 7 = 12 - 7 = 5$$

Answer: $(-3, 5)$

NOTE: Geometrically, if you graph the two lines in the system of equations, the lines will intersect at the point $(-3, 5)$.

4b.
$$\begin{aligned} 3x + 8y &= 24 \\ x - 16y &= -6 \end{aligned}$$

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Use the second equation of $x - 16y = -6$ to solve for x in terms of y :

$$x - 16y = -6 \Rightarrow x = 16y - 6$$

Now, replace the x variable in the first equation of $3x + 8y = 24$ by the expression $16y - 6$ and then solve for y :

$$3x + 8y = 24 \Rightarrow 3(16y - 6) + 8y = 24 \Rightarrow 48y - 18 + 8y = 24 \Rightarrow$$

$$56y - 18 = 24 \Rightarrow 56y = 42 \Rightarrow y = \frac{42}{56} = \frac{21}{28} = \frac{3}{4}$$

Now, use the equation $x = 16y - 6$ to find the value of x when $y = \frac{3}{4}$:

$$x = 16y - 6, y = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow x = 16\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) - 6 = 12 - 6 = 6$$

Answer: $\left(6, \frac{3}{4}\right)$

NOTE: Geometrically, if you graph the two lines in the system of equations, the lines will intersect at the point $\left(6, \frac{3}{4}\right)$.

4c. $x + 2 = 8y$
 $3(x - 9) + 10y = 1$

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Simplifying the second equation, we obtain the equation $3x + 10y = 28$:

$$3(x - 9) + 10y = 1 \Rightarrow 3x - 27 + 10y = 1 \Rightarrow 3x + 10y = 28$$

Use the first equation of $x + 2 = 8y$ to solve for x in terms of y :

$$x + 2 = 8y \Rightarrow x = 8y - 2$$

Now, replace the x variable in the simplified second equation of $3x + 10y = 28$ by the expression $x = 8y - 2$ and then solve for y :

$$3x + 10y = 28 \Rightarrow 3(8y - 2) + 10y = 28 \Rightarrow 24y - 6 + 10y = 28 \Rightarrow$$

$$34y - 6 = 28 \Rightarrow 34y = 34 \Rightarrow y = 1$$

Now, use the equation $x = 8y - 2$ to find the value of x when $y = 1$:

$$x = 8y - 2, y = 1 \Rightarrow x = 8(1) - 2 = 8 - 2 = 6$$

Answer: (6, 1)

NOTE: Geometrically, if you graph the two lines in the system of equations, the lines will intersect at the point (6, 1).

4d.
$$\begin{aligned} 5y &= 2x - 30 \\ -6x + y &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

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Use the second equation of $-6x + y = 8$ to solve for y in terms of x :

$$-6x + y = 8 \Rightarrow y = 6x + 8$$

Now, replace the y variable in the first equation of $5y = 2x - 30$ by the expression $6x + 8$ and then solve for x :

$$5y = 2x - 30 \Rightarrow 5(6x + 8) = 2x - 30 \Rightarrow 30x + 40 = 2x - 30 \Rightarrow$$

$$28x = -70 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{70}{28} = -\frac{10}{4} = -\frac{5}{2}$$

Now, use the equation $y = 6x + 8$ to find the value of y when $x = -\frac{5}{2}$:

$$y = 6x + 8, x = -\frac{5}{2} \Rightarrow y = 6\left(-\frac{5}{2}\right) + 8 = -15 + 8 = -7$$

Answer: $\left(-\frac{5}{2}, -7\right)$

NOTE: Geometrically, if you graph the two lines in the system of equations, the lines will intersect at the point $\left(-\frac{5}{2}, -7\right)$.

4e.
$$\begin{aligned} 2(x + y) &= 11 - 14x \\ y + 8x &= 15 \end{aligned}$$

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Simplifying the first equation, we obtain the equation $16x + 2y = 11$:

$$2(x + y) = 11 - 14x \Rightarrow 2x + 2y = 11 - 14x \Rightarrow 16x + 2y = 11$$

Use the second equation of $y + 8x = 15$ to solve for y in terms of x :

$$y + 8x = 15 \Rightarrow y = 15 - 8x$$

Now, replace the y variable in the simplified first equation of $16x + 2y = 11$ by the expression $15 - 8x$ and then solve for x :

$$16x + 2y = 11 \Rightarrow 16x + 2(15 - 8x) = 11 \Rightarrow 16x + 30 - 16x = 11 \Rightarrow$$

$30 = 11$. This is a false equation. Thus, the system of equations does not have a solution.

Answer: No solution

NOTE: Geometrically, the two lines in the system of equations are parallel. Thus, the line will not intersect.

4f.
$$\begin{aligned}x &= 2y - 5 \\6y - 3x &= 15\end{aligned}$$

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NOTE: In the first equation, the x variable is already solved in terms of y :
 $x = 2y - 5$

Replace the x variable in the second equation of $6y - 3x = 15$ by the expression $2y - 5$ and then solve for y :

$$6y - 3x = 15 \Rightarrow 6y - 3(2y - 5) = 15 \Rightarrow 6y - 6y + 15 = 15 \Rightarrow$$

$15 = 15$. This is a true equation. Thus, solution to the system of equations is every point on the line $x = 2y - 5$ or $y = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{5}{2}$.

NOTE: The two equations in the system of equations represent the same line. If you solve both equations for y , you will obtain the equation

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{5}{2}.$$

Answer: Every point on the line $y = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{5}{2}$.

NOTE: Geometrically, the two lines in the system of equations are the same.

NOTE: We may also write the solution to this system of equations in the following way. Since $x = 2y - 5$, then let $y = t$, where t represents any

real number. Then $x = 2y - 5 = 2t - 5$. Then the solution to this system of equations may be written as the set $\{(2t - 5, t) : t \text{ is any real number}\}$.

5a.
$$\begin{aligned} 4x + y &= -7 \\ 3x + 5y &= 16 \end{aligned}$$

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Multiply both sides of the first equation by -5 and then add both sides of the equations.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 4x + y & = & -7 \\ 3x + 5y & = & 16 \\ \hline -20x - 5y & = & 35 \\ 3x + 5y & = & 16 \\ \hline -17x & = & 51 \Rightarrow x = -3 \end{array}$$

Now, use the first equation to find the value of y when $x = -3$:

$$4x + y = -7 \Rightarrow -12 + y = -7 \Rightarrow y = 5$$

Answer: $(-3, 5)$

NOTE: This is the same system of equations that we solve in [Problem 4a](#) above.

5b.
$$\begin{aligned} 3x + 8y &= 24 \\ x - 16y &= -6 \end{aligned}$$

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Multiply both sides of the second equation by -3 and then add both sides of the equations.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 3x + 8y & = & 24 \\ x - 16y & = & -6 \\ \hline 3x + 8y & = & 24 \\ -3x + 48y & = & 18 \\ \hline 56y & = & 42 \Rightarrow y = \frac{42}{56} = \frac{21}{28} = \frac{3}{4} \end{array}$$

Now, use the second equation to find the value of x when $y = \frac{3}{4}$:

$$x - 16y = -6 \Rightarrow x - 16\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) = -6 \Rightarrow x - 12 = -6 \Rightarrow x = 6$$

Answer: $\left(6, \frac{3}{4}\right)$

NOTE: This is the same system of equations that we solve in [Problem 4b](#) above.

5c.
$$\begin{aligned} 4x + 3y &= 10 \\ -5x + 6y &= -32 \end{aligned}$$

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Multiply both sides of the first equation by -2 and then add both sides of the equations.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 4x + 3y & = & 10 \\ -5x + 6y & = & -32 \\ \hline -8x - 6y & = & -20 \\ -5x + 6y & = & -32 \\ \hline -13x & = & -52 \Rightarrow x = 4 \end{array}$$

Now, use the first equation to find the value of y when $x = 4$:

$$4x + 3y = 10, x = 4 \Rightarrow 16 + 3y = 10 \Rightarrow 3y = -6 \Rightarrow y = -2$$

Answer: $(4, -2)$

NOTE: Geometrically, if you graph the two lines in the system of equations, the lines will intersect at the point $(4, -2)$.

5d. $8x + 3y = -16$
 $2x - 5y = 19$

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Multiply both sides of the second equation by -4 and then add both sides of the equations.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 8x + 3y = -16 & & 8x + 3y = -16 \\ 2x - 5y = 19 & \Rightarrow & \frac{-8x + 20y = -76}{23y = -92 \Rightarrow y = -4} \end{array}$$

Now, use the second equation to find the value of x when $y = -4$:

$$2x - 5y = 19, y = -4 \Rightarrow 2x + 20 = 19 \Rightarrow 2x = -1 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Answer: $\left(-\frac{1}{2}, -4\right)$

NOTE: Geometrically, if you graph the two lines in the system of equations, the lines will intersect at the point $\left(-\frac{1}{2}, -4\right)$.

5e. $8x - 6y = -3$
 $5x + 4y = -9$

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Multiply both sides of the first equation by 2 and multiply the second equation by 3 and then add both sides of the equations.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 8x - 6y = -3 & & 16x - 12y = -6 \\ 5x + 4y = -9 & \Rightarrow & \frac{15x + 12y = -27}{31x = -33 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{33}{31}} \end{array}$$

Multiply the first equation by -5 and multiply the second equation by 8 and then add both sides of the equations.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} & -40x + 30y = & 15 \\ 8x - 6y = -3 & \Rightarrow & 40x + 32y = -72 \\ 5x + 4y = -9 & \Rightarrow & \hline & 62y = -57 & \Rightarrow y = -\frac{57}{62} \end{array}$$

Answer: $\left(-\frac{33}{31}, -\frac{57}{62}\right)$

NOTE: Geometrically, if you graph the two lines in the system of equations, the lines will intersect at the point $\left(-\frac{33}{31}, -\frac{57}{62}\right)$.

5f.
$$\begin{array}{l} -12x + 2y = 5 \\ 6x - y = 9 \end{array}$$

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Multiply both sides of the second equation by 2 and then add both sides of the equations.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} & -12x + 2y = & 5 \\ -12x + 2y = 5 & \Rightarrow & 12x - 2y = 18 \\ 6x - y = 9 & \Rightarrow & \hline & 0 = 23 \end{array}$$

$0 = 23$ is a false equation. Thus, the system of equations doesn't have a solution.

Answer: No solution

NOTE: You can show that the two lines in this system of equations are parallel. Thus, they don't intersect.

6.

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| Solution | Amount of Solution | Percent of Salt | Amount of Salt |
|----------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 6% Salt | x | $6\% = 0.06$ | $0.06x$ |
| 25% Salt | y | $25\% = 0.25$ | $0.25y$ |
| 20% Salt | 38 | $20\% = 0.2$ | $0.2(38) = 7.6$ |

We obtain the following equations: $x + y = 38$ and $0.06x + 0.25y = 7.6$.

Thus, we need to solve the following system of equations:

$$x + y = 38$$

$$0.06x + 0.25y = 7.6$$

We can simplify the second equation by multiplying both sides of the equation by 100:

$$0.06x + 0.25y = 7.6 \Rightarrow 6x + 25y = 760$$

Use the first equation of $x + y = 38$ to solve for x in terms of y :

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

Now, replace the x variable in the simplified second equation of $6x + 25y = 760$ by the expression $38 - y$ and then solve for y :

$$6x + 25y = 760 \Rightarrow 6(38 - y) + 25y = 760 \Rightarrow$$

$$228 - 6y + 25y = 760 \Rightarrow 228 + 19y = 760 \Rightarrow 19y = 532 \Rightarrow$$

$$y = 28$$

Now, use the equation $x = 38 - y$ to find the value of x when $y = 28$:

$$x = 38 - y, y = 28 \quad x = 38 - 28 = 10$$

Answer: Amount of 6% salt solution: 10 liters

Amount of 25% salt solution: 28 liters

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x - 3y - 2z & = & -1 \\ 7a. \quad 3x + y + 5z & = & 32 \\ -4x + 6y - z & = & -29 \end{array}$$

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Multiply the first equation by -3 and add this new equation to the second equation:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x - 3y - 2z & = & -1 \\ 3x + y + 5z & = & 32 \\ \Rightarrow & & \begin{array}{r} -3x + 9y + 6z = 3 \\ 3x + y + 5z = 32 \\ \hline 10y + 11z = 35 \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x - 3y - 2z & = & -1 \\ 3x + y + 5z & = & 32 \\ -4x + 6y - z & = & -29 \end{array}$$

Now, multiply the first equation by 4 and add this new equation to the third equation:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x - 3y - 2z & = & -1 \\ 4x - 12y - 8z & = & -4 \\ -4x + 6y - z & = & -29 \\ \Rightarrow & & \begin{array}{r} 4x - 12y - 8z = -4 \\ -4x + 6y - z = -29 \\ \hline -6y - 9z = -33 \end{array} \Rightarrow 2y + 3z = 11 \end{array}$$

Now, solve this new system of equations:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 10y + 11z & = & 35 \\ 2y + 3z & = & 11 \end{array}$$

Multiply the second equation by -5 and then add both sides of the equations:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 10y + 11z & = & 35 \\ 2y + 3z & = & 11 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{rcl} 10y + 11z & = & 35 \\ -10y - 15z & = & -55 \\ \hline -4z & = & -20 \end{array} \Rightarrow z = 5$$

Now, use the second equation in the new system of equations to find the value of y when $z = 5$:

$$2y + 3z = 11, z = 5 \Rightarrow 2y + 15 = 11 \Rightarrow 2y = -4 \Rightarrow y = -2$$

Now, use the first equation in the original system of equations to find the value of x when $y = -2$ and $z = 5$:

$$x - 3y - 2z = -1, y = -2, z = 5 \Rightarrow x + 6 - 10 = -1 \Rightarrow$$

$$x - 4 = -1 \Rightarrow x = 3$$

Answer: $(3, -2, 5)$

NOTE: Geometrically, if you graph the three planes in the system of equations, the planes will intersect at the point $(3, -2, 5)$.

7b.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 5x + 4y - 3z & = & -36 \\ 3x - 2y + 7z & = & -15 \\ -2x - 6y + 9z & = & 21 \end{array}$$

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Multiply the second equation by 2 and add this new equation to the first equation:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 5x + 4y - 3z = -36 \\ 3x - 2y + 7z = -15 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{r} 5x + 4y - 3z = -36 \\ 6x - 4y + 14z = -30 \\ \hline 11x \qquad \qquad + 11z = -66 \end{array} \Rightarrow x + z = -6$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5x + 4y - 3z = -36 \\ 3x - 2y + 7z = -15 \\ -2x - 6y + 9z = 21 \end{array}$$

Now, multiply the second equation by -3 and add this new equation to the third equation:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 3x - 2y + 7z = -15 \\ -2x - 6y + 9z = 21 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{r} -9x + 6y - 21z = 45 \\ -2x - 6y + 9z = 21 \\ \hline -11x \qquad \qquad - 12z = 66 \end{array}$$

Now, solve this new system of equations:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x + z & = & -6 \\ -11x - 12z & = & 66 \end{array}$$

Multiply the first equation by 11 and then add both sides of the equations:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x + z = -6 \\ -11x - 12z = 66 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{r} 11x + 11z = -66 \\ -11x - 12z = 66 \\ \hline -z = 0 \end{array} \Rightarrow z = 0$$

Now, use the first equation in the new system of equations to find the value of x when $z = 0$:

$$x + z = -6, z = 0 \Rightarrow x + 0 = -6 \Rightarrow x = -6$$

Now, use the second equation in the original system of equations to find the value of y when $x = -6$ and $z = 0$:

$$3x - 2y + 7z = -15, x = -6, z = 0 \Rightarrow -18 - 2y + 0 = -15 \Rightarrow$$

$$-18 - 2y = -15 \Rightarrow -2y = 3 \Rightarrow y = -\frac{3}{2}$$

Answer: $\left(-6, -\frac{3}{2}, 0\right)$

NOTE: Geometrically, if you graph the three planes in the system of equations, the planes will intersect at the point $\left(-6, -\frac{3}{2}, 0\right)$.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2x & - & 7z = 19 \\ & 3y + & z = 9 \\ 4x - 5y & & = -24 \end{array}$$

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Multiply the second equation by 7 and add this new equation to the first equation:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2x & - & 7z = 19 \\ & 3y + & z = 9 \\ \hline 2x & - & 7z = 19 \\ & 21y + & 7z = 63 \\ \hline 2x + 21y & & = 82 \end{array} \Rightarrow$$

Notice that the third equation in the system of equations is $4x - 5y = -24$.

Now, solve this new system of equations:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2x + 21y & = & 82 \\ 4x - 5y & = & -24 \end{array}$$

Multiply the first equation by -2 and then add both sides of the equations:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2x + 21y & = & 82 \\ 4x - 5y & = & -24 \\ \hline -4x - 42y & = & -164 \\ 4x - 5y & = & -24 \\ \hline -47y & = & -188 \Rightarrow y = 4 \end{array}$$

Now, use the second equation in the new system of equations to find the value of x when $y = 4$:

$$4x - 5y = -24, y = 4 \Rightarrow 4x - 20 = -24 \Rightarrow 4x = -4 \Rightarrow x = -1$$

Now, use the second equation in the original system of equations to find the value of z when $y = 4$:

$$3y + z = 9, y = 4 \Rightarrow 12 + z = 9 \Rightarrow z = -3$$

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

NOTE: Geometrically, if you graph the three planes in the system of equations, the planes will intersect at the point $(-1, 4, -3)$.

7d.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2x + 3y - 5z & = & -9 \\ 6x - 9y + 7z & = & 5 \\ 4x - 3y + z & = & -2 \end{array}$$

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Multiply the third equation by 5 and add this new equation to the first equation:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2x + 3y - 5z = -9 & & 2x + 3y - 5z = -9 \\ 4x - 3y + z = -2 & \Rightarrow & \frac{20x - 15y + 5z = -10}{22x - 12y = -19} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2x + 3y - 5z & = & -9 \\ 6x - 9y + 7z & = & 5 \\ 4x - 3y + z & = & -2 \end{array}$$

Now, multiply the third equation by -7 and add this new equation to the second equation:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 6x - 9y + 7z = 5 & & 6x - 9y + 7z = 5 \\ 4x - 3y + z = -2 & \Rightarrow & \frac{-28x + 21y - 7z = 14}{-22x + 12y = 19} \end{array}$$

Now, solve this new system of equations:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 22x - 12y & = & -19 \\ -22x + 12y & = & 19 \end{array}$$

Notice that if you multiply the first equation by -1 , you will obtain the second equation in this new system. These two equations are the same equation.

Let $y = t$, where t is any real number. Now, use the first equation in the new system of equations to find the value of x when $y = t$:

$$22x - 12y = -19, y = t \Rightarrow 22x - 12t = -19 \Rightarrow 22x = 12t - 19 \Rightarrow$$

$$x = \frac{12t - 19}{22} = \frac{6}{11}t - \frac{19}{22}$$

Now, use the third equation in the original system of equations to find the value of z when $x = \frac{6}{11}t - \frac{19}{22}$ and $y = t$:

$$4x - 3y + z = -2, \quad x = \frac{6}{11}t - \frac{19}{22}, \quad y = t \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{24}{11}t - \frac{38}{11} - 3t + z = -2 \Rightarrow \frac{24}{11}t - \frac{38}{11} - \frac{33}{11}t + z = -2 \Rightarrow$$

$$-\frac{9}{11}t - \frac{38}{11} + z = -\frac{22}{11} \Rightarrow z = \frac{9}{11}t + \frac{16}{11}$$

Answer: $\left(\frac{6}{11}t - \frac{19}{22}, t, \frac{9}{11}t + \frac{16}{11} \right) = \left(\frac{12t - 19}{22}, t, \frac{9t + 16}{11} \right)$, where t is any real number

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 3x - 5y + 7z & = & -11 \\ 7e. \quad 9x - 14y + 27z & = & -30 \\ -12x + 23y - 10z & = & 57 \end{array}$$

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Multiply the first equation by -3 and add this new equation to the second equation:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 3x - 5y + 7z & = & -11 \\ 9x - 14y + 27z & = & -30 \\ \hline -9x + 15y - 21z & = & 33 \\ 9x - 14y + 27z & = & -30 \\ \hline y + 6z & = & 3 \end{array} \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 3x - 5y + 7z &= -11 \\
 9x - 14y + 27z &= -30 \\
 -12x + 23y - 10z &= 57
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, multiply the first equation by 4 and add this new equation to the third equation:

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 3x - 5y + 7z &= & -11 \\
 -12x + 23y - 10z &= & 57 \\
 \hline
 12x - 20y + 28z &= & -44 \\
 -12x + 23y - 10z &= & 57 \\
 \hline
 3y + 18z &= & 13
 \end{array} \Rightarrow$$

Now, solve this new system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned}
 y + 6z &= 3 \\
 3y + 18z &= 13
 \end{aligned}$$

Multiply the first equation by -3 and then add both sides of the equations:

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 y + 6z &= & 3 \\
 -3y - 18z &= & -9 \\
 \hline
 3y + 18z &= & 13 \\
 -3y - 18z &= & -9 \\
 \hline
 0 &= & 4
 \end{array} \Rightarrow$$

The equation $0 = 4$ is a false equation. This means that this new system of equation in variables of y and z does not have a solution. This then means that the original system of equations also does not have a solution.

Answer: No Solution