

## 4.4 Solving Systems of Three Variables

I. Check the solutions provided to show if the solution is correct or if it is false. Use work to show it is a solution, and use some work with written explanation when the solution is NOT true.

$$\begin{aligned} 1. \quad & -x - 5y - 5z = 2 \quad (-2, -3, 3) \\ & 4x - 5y + 4z = 19 \\ & x + 5y - z = -20 \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad -(-2) - 5(-3) - 5(3) = 2 \\ 2 + 15 - 15 = 2 \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad 4(-2) - 5(-3) + 4(3) = 19 \\ -8 + 15 + 12 = 19 \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad (-2) + 5(-3) - (-3) = -20 \\ -2 - 15 - 3 = -20 \checkmark$$

Yes

$$\begin{aligned} 2. \quad & -4x - 5y - z = 18 \quad (-4, 0, -2) \\ & -2x - 5y - 2z = 12 \\ & -2x + 5y + 2z = 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad -4(-4) - 5(0) - (-2) = 18 \\ 16 - 0 + 2 = 18 \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad -2(-4) - 5(0) - 2(-2) = 12 \\ 8 + 0 + 4 = 12 \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad -2(-4) + 5(0) + 2(-2) = 4 \\ 8 + 0 - 4 = 4 \checkmark$$

Yes

II. Determine which of the two solutions, both, or none are the actual solution(s) to the system of equations.

$$\begin{aligned} & -x - 5y + z = 17 \quad \text{Yes} \quad \text{NO} \\ 3. \quad & -5x - 5y + 5z = 5 \quad (-1, -4, -4); (1, 4, 4) \\ & 2x + 5y - 3z = -10 \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad -(-1) - 5(-4) + (-4) = 17 \\ 1 + 20 - 4 = 17 \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad -5(-1) - 5(-4) + 5(-4) = 5 \\ 5 + 20 - 20 = 5 \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad 2(-1) + 5(-4) - 3(-4) = -10 \\ -2 - 20 + 12 = -10 \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad -(-1) - 5(4) + 4 = 17 \\ -1 - 20 + 4 = 17 \quad \text{X}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 4x + 4y + z = 24 \quad \text{Yes} \quad \text{NO} \\ 4. \quad & 2x - 4y + z = 0 \quad (4, 2, 0); (1, 3, 1) \\ & 5x - 4y - 5z = 12 \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad 4(4) + 4(2) + 0 = 24 \\ 16 + 8 + 0 = 24 \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad 2(4) - 4(2) + 0 = 0 \\ 8 - 8 + 0 = 0 \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad 5(4) - 4(2) - 5(0) = 12 \\ 20 - 8 - 0 = 12 \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad 4(1) + 4(3) + 1 = 24 \\ 4 + 12 + 1 = 24 \quad \text{X}$$

III. Review and Preview

Translating. Show all work. Box your final answer.

5. The sum of two numbers is 45 and one number is twice the other. Find the numbers.

$$\begin{aligned} x + y &= 45 \\ 2y + y &= 45 \\ 3y &= 45 \\ y &= 15 \\ x &= 2y \\ x &= 2(15) \\ x &= 30 \end{aligned}$$

$30 \ \& \ 15$

6. The difference of two numbers is 5. Twice the smaller number added to five times the larger number is 53. Find the numbers.

$$\begin{aligned} x - y &= 5 \\ 2x + 5y &= 53 \\ \textcircled{5} 5x - 5y &= 25 \\ \hline 7x &= 78 \\ x &= \frac{78}{7} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7\left(\frac{78}{7} - y\right) &= 5 \\ 78 - 7y &= 35 \\ -7y &= -43 \\ y &= \frac{43}{7} \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{43}{7}, \frac{78}{7}$

Solve. Show all work. Box your final answer.

7.  $2(x-1) - 3x = x - 12$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x - 2 - 3x &= x - 12 \\ -x - 2 &= x - 12 \\ -2 &= 2x - 12 \\ 10 &= 2x \\ \boxed{5 = x} \end{aligned}$$

8.  $7(2x-1) + 4 = 11(3x-2)$

$$\begin{aligned} 14x - 7 + 4 &= 33x - 22 \\ 14x - 3 &= 33x - 22 \\ -3 &= 19x - 22 \\ 19 &= 19x \\ \boxed{1 = x} \end{aligned}$$

9.  $-y - 5(y+5) = 3y - 10$

$$\begin{aligned} -y - 5y - 25 &= 3y - 10 \\ -6y - 25 &= 3y - 10 \\ -25 &= 9y - 10 \\ 3 \div \frac{-15}{9} &= \frac{9y}{9} \\ \boxed{\frac{-5}{3} = y} \end{aligned}$$

10.  $z - 3(z+7) = 6(2z+1)$

$$\begin{aligned} z - 3z - 21 &= 12z + 6 \\ -2z - 21 &= 12z + 6 \\ -21 &= 14z + 6 \\ -27 &= 14z \\ \frac{-27}{14} &= z \\ \boxed{\frac{-27}{14} = z} \end{aligned}$$

11. What would a graph look like for a system of linear equations in three variables if the solution was...

- a) one solution?  
*intersecting lines.*
- b) no solution?  
*parallel lines.*
- c) infinitely many solutions?  
*coinciding lines*