



Math Olympiad and Problem Solving Programs
E120 - Honors Algebra Problem Solving
Problem Set 8.2 - Word Problems

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1. Letting t, v represent the amount of money Tiffany and Vincent have, we get the following system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} v + 3 = 2(t - 3) \\ v - 7 = \frac{1}{3}(t + 7) \end{cases} \text{ The solution to our system of equations is } (t, v) = (11, 13)$$

Tiffany \$11, Vincent \$13

2. \$5.55

3. Letting n, d be the numerator and denominator, we get the following system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{22 - n}{d} = \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{5}(n + d) = 8 \end{cases} \text{ The solution to our system of equations is } (n, d) = (13, 27)$$

$\frac{13}{27}$

4. 120

5. We can let t, u represent the tens and units digits to get the following system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} 10t + u = 10u + t - 54 \\ u = 3 + 2t \end{cases} \text{ The solution to our system of equations is } (t, u) = (3, 9)$$

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6. 36 years old

7. 85 cm²

8. \$32 and \$48

9. Letting m, n represent the speeds of Matthew and Nicholas, we get the following system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} 4m = 4n - 88 \\ m + 12 = \frac{6}{7}n \end{cases} \text{ The solution to our system of equations is } (48, 70)$$

70 mph

10. This problem had a typo.