

(1.) A woman invested a total of \$40,000 in three business ventures: a bowling alley, a diner, and a laundrymat. In a recent year, the bowling alley returned a profit of 3%, the diner returned a profit of 8%, and the laundrymat returned a profit of 12%. Total income from the 3 investments was 2850. The income from the diner was the same as the income from the laundrymat. Find the amount invested in each venture.

$$b + d + L = 40,000$$

$$.08d = .12L$$

$$\frac{.08}{.08} = \frac{.12L}{.08} \quad \text{divide each side by } .08$$

$$d = 1.5L \quad \text{divide and cancel}$$

$$.03b + .08d + .12L = 2850 \quad \text{here is the problem}$$

$$-0.03b - 0.03d - .03L = -1200 \quad \text{multiply thru by } -0.03$$

$$\frac{-0.03b - 0.03d - .03L = -1200}{.05d + 0.09L = 1650} \quad \text{subtract equations}$$

$$0.05(1.5L) + 0.09L = 1650 \quad \text{replace } d \text{ with } 1.5L$$

$$0.075L + 0.09L = 1650 \quad \text{multiply}$$

$$0.165L = 1650 \quad \text{combine like terms}$$

$$\frac{0.165L}{0.165} = \frac{1650}{0.165} \quad \text{divide each side by this}$$

$$L = 10,000 \quad \text{divide and cancel}$$

$$d = 1.5(10,000) \quad \text{replace } L \text{ with } 10,000$$

$$d = 15,000 \quad \text{multiply}$$

$$b + 15,000 + 10,000 = 40,000 \quad \text{make substitutions}$$

$$b + 25,000 = 40,000 \quad \text{combine like terms}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -25,000 \quad -25,000 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \text{subtract 25,000 fr ea side}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \hline b = 15,000 \quad \text{subtract} \end{array}$$

results: $b = 15,000$; $d = 15,000$; $L = 10,000$

(2.) A ceramics artisan makes cups, pitchers, and vases. The cost is \$0.60 per cup, \$0.25 per pitcher, and \$2.00 per vase. His total cost for the 15 items made per day is \$9.00 . It takes the artisan 20 minutes to make a cup, 10 minutes to make a pitcher, and 30 minutes to make a vase. The total time worked per day is 4 hours. How many items of each type are produced each day?

$$.60c + 0.25p + 2v = 9$$

$$20c + 10p + 30v = 240$$

$$c + p + v = 15 \quad \text{here is the problem}$$

$$10c + 10p + 10v = 150 \quad \text{multiply that equation thru by 10}$$

$$20c + 10p + 30v = 240 \quad \text{put this here}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \hline 10c \quad + \quad 20v = 90 \quad \text{subtract upsidown} \end{array}$$

$$c + 2v = 9 \quad \text{divide thru by 10, cancel}$$

$$0.25c + 0.25p + 0.25v = 3.75 \quad \text{multiply eq 3 thru by 0.25}$$

$$.60c + 0.25p + 2v = 9 \quad \text{put this here}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \hline .35c \quad + \quad 1.75v = 5.25 \quad \text{subtract upsidown} \end{array}$$

$$- .35c \quad - \quad 0.70v = -3.15 \quad \text{multiply } c+2v=9 \text{ thru by } 0.35$$

$$1.05v = 2.10 \quad \text{subtract}$$

$$\frac{1.05v}{1.05} = \frac{2.10}{1.05} \quad \text{divide ea side by } 1.05$$

$$v = 2 \quad \text{divide and cancel}$$

$$c + 2(2) = 9 \quad \text{replace } v \text{ with } 2$$

$$c + 4 = 9 \quad \text{multiply}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -4 \quad -4 \\ c + 4 = 9 \end{array} \quad \text{subtract } 4 \text{ from each side}$$

$$c = 5 \quad \text{subtract}$$

$$5 + p + 2 = 15 \quad \text{replace } c \text{ and } v \text{ with } 5 \text{ and } 2$$

$$p + 7 = 15 \quad \text{combine like terms}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -7 \quad -7 \\ p + 7 = 15 \end{array} \quad \text{subtract } 7 \text{ from each side}$$

$$p = 8 \quad \text{subtract}$$

results: $c = 5; p = 8; v = 2$

- (3.) The sum of the digits of a certain three-digit number is 14. The sum of the hundreds digit and the tens digit is 11. When the digits are reversed, the new number is 198 less than the original number. Find the original number.

$$h + t + u = 14$$

$$h + t = 11$$

$$100u + 10t + h = 100h + 10t + u - 198$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 -10t -10t \text{ subtract } 10t \text{ fr ea side} \\
 \hline
 100u + h = 100h - 198 \text{ subtract} \\
 -u -u \text{ subtract } u \text{ fr ea side} \\
 \hline
 99u + h = 100h - 198 \text{ subtract} \\
 - h - h \text{ subtract } h \text{ from each side} \\
 \hline
 99u = 99h - 198 \text{ subtract} \\
 \hline
 \frac{99}{99} = \frac{99h}{99} - \frac{198}{99} \text{ divide thru by } 99 \\
 u = h - 2 \text{ divide and cancel} \\
 h + t + u = 14 \text{ use this equation} \\
 h + (11 - h) + h - 2 = 14 \text{ make substitutions} \\
 h + 9 = 14 \text{ combine like terms} \\
 - 9 - 9 \text{ subtract } 9 \text{ from each side} \\
 \hline
 h = 5 \text{ subtract} \\
 u = 5 - 2 \text{ replace } h \text{ with } 5 \\
 u = 3 \text{ subtract} \\
 t = 11 - 5 \text{ replace } h \text{ with } 5 \\
 t = 6 \text{ subtract} \\
 \text{result: the number was } 563
 \end{array}$$

(5.) The sum of the 3 digits of a number is 13. If the number, decreased by 8, is divided by the sum of the units digit and tens digit, the quotient is 25. When

the digits are reversed, the new number exceeds the original number by 99. Find the original number.

$$h + t + u = 13$$

$$\frac{100h + 10t + u - 8}{t + u} = 25$$

$$100u + 10t + h = 100h + 10t + u + 99$$

[here is the problem]

$$100h + 10t + u - 8 = 25t + 25u \quad \text{multiply ea side by } t + u$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -25t \quad -25t \quad \text{subtract } 25t \text{ fr ea side} \\ 100h + 10t + u - 8 = 25t + 25u \end{array}$$

$$\frac{100h - 15t + u - 8 = 25u}{\quad} \quad \text{subtract}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -25u \quad -25u \quad \text{subtract } 25u \text{ fr ea side} \\ 100h - 15t + u - 8 = 25u \end{array}$$

$$\frac{100h - 15t - 24u - 8 = 0}{\quad} \quad \text{subtract}$$

$$99u = 99h + 99$$

$$u = h + 1 \quad \text{divide thru by } 99$$

$$h + t + u = 13$$

$$100h - 15t - 24u = 8$$

$$u = h + 1 \quad \text{here is the problem}$$

$$100h - 15t - 24u = 8 \quad \text{put this here}$$

$$15h + 15t + 15u = 195 \quad \text{multiply } h+t+u=13 \text{ thru by } 15$$

$$\frac{115h \quad - \quad 9u = 203}{\quad} \quad \text{subtract equations}$$

$$115h - 9(h + 1) = 203 \quad \text{replace } u \text{ with } h + 1$$

$$115h - 9h - 9 = 203 \quad \text{multiply thru parentheses}$$

$$106h - 9 = 203 \quad \text{combine like terms}$$

$$+ 9 \quad + 9 \quad \text{add 9 to each side}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 106h \\ \hline \end{array} = 212 \quad \text{add}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 106 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 212 \\ \hline 106 \end{array} \quad \text{divide each side by 106}$$

$$h = 2 \quad \text{divide and cancel}$$

$$u = 2 + 1 \quad \text{replace h with 2}$$

$$u = 3 \quad \text{add}$$

$$2 + t + 3 = 13 \quad \text{replace u and h with 3 and 2}$$

$$t + 5 = 13 \quad \text{combine like terms}$$

$$-5 \quad -5 \quad \text{subtract 5 from each side}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} t + 5 \\ \hline \end{array} = 13 \quad \text{subtract}$$

result: the number is 283

- (6.) Find the 3 angles of a triangle if the sum of the 1st and twice the 2nd equals the 3rd angle, and if 4 times the 2nd angle is 15° more than the 3rd.

$$A + B + C = 180$$

$$A + 2B = C$$

$$4B = C + 15 \quad \text{here is the problem}$$

$$A + 2B - C = 0 \quad \text{put this here}$$

$$A + B + C = 180 \quad \text{put this here}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} A + 2B - C = 0 \\ \hline A + B + C = 180 \end{array} \quad \text{add equations}$$

$$A + 2B = 4B - 15$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2B \quad -2B \\ \hline A \quad \quad = 2B - 15 \end{array} \quad \text{subtract 2B from each side}$$

$$A = 2B - 15 \quad \text{subtract}$$

$$2(2B - 15) + 3B = 180 \quad \text{replace A with } 2B - 15$$

$$4B - 30 + 3B = 180 \quad \text{multiply thru parentheses}$$

$$7B - 30 = 180 \quad \text{combine like terms}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} + \quad 30 \quad +30 \\ \hline 7B \quad \quad = 210 \end{array} \quad \text{add 30 to each side}$$

$$7B = 210 \quad \text{add}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \hline 7 \quad \quad \quad \hline 7 \end{array} \quad \text{divide each side by 7}$$

$$B = 30 \quad \text{divide and cancel}$$

$$A = 2(30) - 15 \quad \text{replace B with 30}$$

$$A = 45 \quad \text{multiply and subtract}$$

$$45 + 30 + C = 180 \quad \text{replace A and B with 45 and 30}$$

$$75 + C = 180 \quad \text{combine like terms}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} - 75 \quad \quad -75 \\ \hline C = 105 \end{array} \quad \text{subtract 75 from each side}$$

$$C = 105 \quad \text{subtract}$$

results: $A = 45$; $B = 30$; $C = 105$

(7.) The perimeter of a triangle is 38 cm. The longest side is 4 cm less than twice the middle side. It is also 2 cm less than the sum of the other 2 sides. Find the

3 sides.

$$a + b + c = 38$$

$$c = 2b - 4$$

$$c = a + b - 2$$

$$+2 \quad + 2 \quad \text{add 2 to each side}$$

$$c + 2 = a + b \quad \text{add}$$

$$-c \quad - c \quad \text{subtract c from each side}$$

$$2 = a + b - c \quad \text{subtract}$$

$$a + b - c = 2 \quad \text{just rearrange like this}$$

$$a + b + c = 38 \quad \text{put this here}$$

$$2a + 2b = 40 \quad \text{add equations}$$

$$\frac{2}{2} \quad \frac{2}{2} \quad \frac{2}{2} \quad \text{divide thru by 2}$$

$$a + b = 20 \quad \text{divide and cancel}$$

$$c + 2 = 20 \quad \text{replace a + b with c + 2}$$

$$-2 \quad -2 \quad \text{subtract 2 from each side}$$

$$c = 18 \quad \text{subtract}$$

$$c = 2b - 4 \quad \text{use this equation to find b}$$

$$18 = 2b - 4 \quad \text{replace c with 18}$$

$$+ 4 \quad + 4 \quad \text{add 4 to each side}$$

$$22 = 2b \quad \text{add}$$

$$\frac{22}{2} \quad \frac{2}{2} \quad \text{divide each side by 2}$$

$$11 = b \quad \text{divide and cancel}$$

$a + b + c = 38$ use this equation to find a

$a + 11 + 18 = 38$ replace b and c with 11 and 18

$a + 29 = 38$ combine like terms

$-29 \quad -29$ subtract 29 from each side

$$\begin{array}{r} a + 29 = 38 \\ \hline a = 9 \end{array} \quad \text{subtract}$$

results: $a = 9$; $b = 11$; $c = 18$

(8.) 3 trucks together haul 78 cu. m, 81 cu. m, and 69 cu. m in 3 days. Find the capacity of each truck if they haul the following number of loads each day. 1st day: 4;3;and 5 loads. 2nd day: 5;4; and 4 loads. 3rd day: 3,5 and 3 loads.

$$4a + 3b + 5c = 78$$

$$5a + 4b + 4c = 81$$

$$3a + 5b + 3c = 69$$

here is the problem

$$15a + 12b + 12c = 243 \quad \text{multiply eq 2 thru by 3}$$

$$15a + 25b + 15c = 345 \quad \text{multiply eq 3 thru by 5}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 15a + 12b + 12c = 243 \\ \hline 15a + 25b + 15c = 345 \\ \hline 13b + 3c = 102 \end{array} \quad \text{subtract equations}$$

$$20a + 15b + 25c = 390 \quad \text{multiply eq 1 thru by 5}$$

$$20a + 16b + 16c = 324 \quad \text{multiply eq 2 thru by 4}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 20a + 15b + 25c = 390 \\ \hline 20a + 16b + 16c = 324 \\ \hline -b + 9c = 66 \end{array} \quad \text{subtract equations}$$

$$-13b + 117c = 858 \quad \text{multiply thru by 13}$$

$$13b + 3c = 102 \quad \text{put this here}$$

$$\frac{\quad}{120c = 960} \quad \text{add equations}$$

$$\frac{\quad}{120} \quad \frac{\quad}{120} \quad \text{divide each side by 120}$$

$$c = 8 \quad \text{divide and cancel}$$

$$-b + 9(8) = 66 \quad \text{replace c with 8}$$

$$-b + 78 = 66 \quad \text{multiply}$$

$$b - 78 = -66 \quad \text{multiply thru by -1}$$

$$+ 78 \quad +78 \quad \text{add 78 to each side}$$

$$\frac{\quad}{b} = 12 \quad \text{add}$$

$$4a + 3b + 5c = 78 \quad \text{use this equation to find a}$$

$$4a + 3(12) + 5(8) = 78 \quad \text{replace b and c with 12 \& 8}$$

$$4a + 36 + 40 = 78 \quad \text{multiply}$$

$$4a + 76 = 78 \quad \text{combine like terms}$$

$$-76 \quad -76 \quad \text{subtract 76 from each side}$$

$$\frac{\quad}{4a} = \frac{\quad}{2} \quad \text{subtract}$$

$$\frac{\quad}{4} \quad \frac{\quad}{4} \quad \text{divide each side by 4}$$

$$a = 1/2 \quad \text{reduce and cancel}$$

results: $a = 1/2$; $b = 12$; $c = 8$

- (9.) Mary and Tiffany can do a job in 10 days. Mary and Cecile in 12 days, and Tiffany and Cecile in 20 days. How long would it take each person working alone?

$$\frac{10}{m} + \frac{10}{t} = 1$$

$$\frac{12}{m} + \frac{12}{c} = 1$$

$$\frac{20}{t} + \frac{20}{c} = 1 \quad \text{here is the problem}$$

$$(10/t) = 1 - (10/m) \quad \text{subtract } 10/m \text{ from each side}$$

$$(10/t) = (m - 10)/m \quad \text{subtract fractions}$$

$$t/10 = m/(m - 10) \quad \text{take reciprocals}$$

$$t = (10m)/(m - 10) \quad \text{multiply each side by } 10, \text{ cancel}$$

$$(20/t) = 1 - (20/c) \quad \text{subtract from each side}$$

$$(20/t) = (c - 20)/c \quad \text{subtract fractions}$$

$$t/20 = c/(c - 20) \quad \text{take reciprocals}$$

$$t = (20c)/(c - 20) \quad \text{multiply each side by } 20, \text{ cancel}$$

$$(20c)/(c - 20) = (10m)/(m - 10) \quad \text{set equal to each other}$$

$$20cm - 200c = 10cm - 200m \quad \text{cross multiply}$$

$$\frac{\quad}{10} \quad \frac{\quad}{10} \quad \frac{\quad}{10} \quad \frac{\quad}{10} \quad \text{divide thru by } 10$$

$$2cm - 20c = cm - 20m \quad \text{divide and cancel}$$

$$cm = 20c - 20m \quad \text{add } 20c \text{ to each side, sub } cm \text{ fr ea side}$$

$$\frac{12}{m} + \frac{12}{c} = 1$$

$$12c + 12m = cm \quad \text{multiply thru by } cm \text{ and cancel}$$

$12c + 12m = 20c - 20m$ set equations equal to each other

$+12m \quad + 12m$ add 12m to each side

$$\begin{array}{r} 12c \\ \hline \end{array} = 20c - 8m \quad \text{add}$$

$-20c \quad -20c$ subtract 20c from each side

$$\begin{array}{r} -8c \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} -8m \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \text{subtract}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -8 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} -8 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \text{divide each side by } -8$$

$$c = m \quad \text{cancel}$$

$12c + 12(c) = c(c)$ replace m with c

$$24c = c^2 \quad \text{multiply}$$

$-24c \quad - 24c$ subtract 24c from each side

$$\begin{array}{r} 0 \\ \hline \end{array} = c^2 - 24c \quad \text{subtract}$$

$$0 = c(c - 24) \quad \text{factor}$$

$c - 24 = 0$ set this factor equal to 0

$+ 24 \quad +24$ add 24 to each side

$$\begin{array}{r} c \\ \hline \end{array} = 24$$

$$m = 24 \quad \text{because } c = m$$

$t = (20c)/(c - 20)$ use this equation to find t

$t = (20*24)/(24 - 20)$ replace c with 24

$t = (480)/(4)$ multiply and subtract

$t = 120$ divide

results: $c = 24 ; m = 24; t = 120$

(10.) John, Joe, and Art working together can complete a job in 3 days. John and Joe working together take 3.75 days to complete the job. Joe and Art working together take 6 days to complete the job. How many days would it take each person working alone to complete the job?

$$\frac{3}{N} + \frac{3}{J} + \frac{3}{A} = 1$$

$$\frac{3.75}{N} + \frac{3.75}{J} = 1$$

$$\frac{6}{J} + \frac{6}{A} = 1 \quad \text{here is the problem}$$

$$(6/J) = 1 - (6/A) \quad \text{subtract from each side}$$

$$(6/J) = (A - 6)/A \quad \text{subtract fractions}$$

$$J/6 = A/(A - 6) \quad \text{take reciprocals}$$

$$J = (6A)/(A - 6) \quad \text{multiply each side by 6, cancel}$$

$$\frac{3.75}{N} = 1 - (3.75/J) \quad \text{subtract from each side}$$

$$\frac{3.75}{N} = (J - 3.75)/J \quad \text{subtract fractions}$$

$$N/3.75 = J/(J - 3.75) \quad \text{take reciprocals}$$

$$N = (3.75J)/(J - 3.75) \quad \text{multiply each side by } 3.75$$

$$N = \frac{3.75(6A)}{(A - 6)(J - 3.75)} \quad \text{replace } J \text{ with this}$$

$$N = \frac{3.75(6A)}{(A - 6)[[(6A)/(A - 6)] - 3.75]} \quad \text{replace } J \text{ with this}$$

$$N = \frac{3.75(6A)}{(6A) - (3.75)(A - 6)} \quad \text{multiply thru and cancel}$$

$$N = 22.5A$$

$$\frac{22.5A}{6A - 3.75A + 22.5} \quad \text{multiply thru parentheses}$$

$$N = (22.5A)/(2.25A + 22.5) \quad \text{combine like terms}$$

$$J = (6A)/(A - 6)$$

$$\frac{3}{N} + \frac{3}{J} + \frac{3}{A} = 1$$

$$\frac{3(2.25A + 22.5)}{(22.5A)} + \frac{3(A - 6)}{(6A)} + \frac{3}{A} = 1$$

[make substitutions]

$$12(2.25A + 22.5) + 45(A - 6) + 270 = 90A$$

[multiply thru by 90A and cancel as you go thru]

$$27A + 270 + 45A - 270 + 270 = 90A \quad \text{multiply thru}$$

$$72A + 270 = 90A \quad \text{combine like terms}$$

$$-72A \quad - 72A \quad \text{subtract } 72A \text{ from each side}$$

$$270 = 18A \quad \text{subtract}$$

$$\frac{\quad}{18} \quad \frac{\quad}{18} \quad \text{divide each side by 18}$$

$$15 = A \quad \text{divide and cancel}$$

$$J = (6 \cdot 15) / (15 - 6) \quad \text{replace A with 15}$$

$$J = (90) / (9) \quad \text{multiply and subtract}$$

$$J = 10 \quad \text{divide}$$

$$\frac{3}{N} + \frac{3}{10} + \frac{3}{15} = 1 \quad \text{make substitutions}$$

$$(3/N) + [(9 + 6)/30] = 1 \quad \text{add fractions}$$

$$(3/N) + (1/2) = 1 \quad \text{add and reduce}$$

$$3/N = 1/2 \quad \text{subtract } 1/2 \text{ from each side}$$

$$N = 6 \quad \text{cross multiply}$$

results: $N = 6$; $J = 10$; $A = 15$