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Main Ideas/Questions	Notes/Examples
Systems with 3 VARIABLES	① CHOOSE TWO EQUATIONS in which you can easily eliminate a variable. Let's call this new equation after the elimination Equation A .
	② ELIMINATE THE SAME VARIABLE from a combination of the equation you didn't use and one of the ones you did. Let's call this equation after the elimination Equation B .
	③ PUT EQUATION A AND EQUATION B TOGETHER and SOLVE THAT SYSTEM . You now have two of your variables!
	④ SUBSTITUTE your answers from step 3 into either original equation to find the remaining variable. Write your solution as (x, y, z).

:: EXAMPLES ::

1. $2x - 6y + 9z = -8$
 $5x + y + 2z = 10$
 $3x + y - 8z = -28$

$(-1, 7, 4)$

① $5x + y + 2z = 10$
 $+ -3x + y + 8z = +28$

② $2x + 10z = 38$

② $2x - 6y + 9z = -8$
 $6(5x + y + 2z = 10)$

$30x + 6y + 12z = 60$
 $+ 2x - 6y + 9z = -8$

③ $(2x + 10z = 38)$
 $32x + 21z = 52$
 $+ -32x - 160z = -608$

 $-139z = -556$
 $z = 4$

④ $2x + 10(4) = 38$
 $2x + 40 = 38$
 $2x = -2$
 $x = -1$

③ $32x + 21z = 52$

⑤ $2(-1) - 6y + 9(4) = -8$
 $-2 - 6y + 36 = -8$
 $-6y + 34 = -8$
 $-6y = -42$
 $y = 7$

2. $4x + y - 3z = 45$
 $6x - 4y + 3z = 41$
 $2x - 7y - 11z = 85$

$(8, -2, -5)$

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