

## Applications of Linear Systems

1. Let  $x$  be the cost of one CD.  
Let  $y$  " " " " " " tape.

$$\begin{aligned} 3x + 2y &= 72 & \textcircled{A} \\ x + 3y &= 52 & \textcircled{B} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3x + 2y &= 72 & \textcircled{A} \\ 3x + 9y &= 156 & \textcircled{B} \times 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ominus & \quad -7y = -84 \\ & \quad y = \frac{-84}{-7} \\ & \quad y = 12 \end{aligned}$$

Sub  $y = 12$  into  $\textcircled{B}$

$$\begin{aligned} x + 3y &= 52 \\ x + 3(12) &= 52 \\ x + 36 &= 52 \\ x &= 52 - 36 \\ x &= 16 \end{aligned}$$

Check  $(16, 12)$

... in  $\textcircled{A}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LS} &= 3x + 2y & \text{RS} &= 72 \\ &= 3(16) + 2(12) \\ &= 48 + 24 \\ &= 72 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{LS} = \text{RS}.$$

... in  $\textcircled{B}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LS} &= x + 3y & \text{RS} &= 52 \\ &= 16 + 3(12) \\ &= 16 + 36 \\ &= 52 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{LS} = \text{RS}.$$

$\therefore$  the cost of one CD is \$16 and  
the cost of one tape is \$12.

2.

Let  $x$  be the initiation fee in dollars,  
let  $y$  " " monthly fee in dollars.

$$x + 5y = 170 \quad \textcircled{A}$$

$$x + 10y = 295 \quad \textcircled{B}$$

$$\ominus \quad -5y = -125$$

$$y = \frac{-125}{-5}$$

$$y = 25$$

Sub  $y = 25$  into  $\textcircled{A}$

$$x + 5y = 170$$

$$x + 5(25) = 170$$

$$x = 170 - 125$$

$$x = 45.$$

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Check  $(\overset{x}{45}, \overset{y}{25})$

... in  $\textcircled{A}$

$$LS = x + 5y$$

$$= 45 + 5(25)$$

$$= 45 + 125$$

$$= 170$$

$$RS = 170$$

... in  $\textcircled{B}$

$$LS = x + 10y$$

$$= 45 + 10(25)$$

$$= 45 + 250$$

$$= 295$$

$$RS = 295$$

$\therefore$ , the initiation fee is \$45.

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Let  $x$  be the annual fee.

Let  $y$  be the hourly fee.

$$x + 39y = 384 \text{ (A)}$$

$$x + 51y = 456 \text{ (B)}$$

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$$-12y = -72$$

$$y = \frac{-72}{-12}$$

$$y = 6$$

Sub  $y = 6$  into (A)

$$x + 39y = 384$$

$$x + 39(6) = 384$$

$$x + 234 = 384$$

$$x = 384 - 234$$

$$x = 150$$

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Check  $(150, 6)$

... in (A)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LS} &= x + 39y & \text{RS} &= 384 \\ &= (150) + 39(6) \\ &= 150 + 234 \\ &= 384 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{LS} = \text{RS}$$

... in (B)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LS} &= x + 51y & \text{RS} &= 456 \\ &= 150 + 51(6) \\ &= 150 + 306 \\ &= 456 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{LS} = \text{RS}$$

$\therefore$ , the annual fee is \$150 and  
the hourly fee is \$6.

4.

Let  $x$  be the cost of one football.

Let  $y$  " " " " one soccer ball.

$$3x + y = 155 \quad \textcircled{A}$$

$$2x + 3y = 220 \quad \textcircled{B}$$

$$9x + 3y = 465 \quad \textcircled{A} \times 3$$

$$2x + 3y = 220 \quad \textcircled{B}$$

$$\ominus \quad 7x \quad = 245$$

$$x = \frac{245}{7}$$

$$x = 35$$

Sub  $x = 35$  into  $\textcircled{A}$

$$3x + y = 155$$

$$3(35) + y = 155$$

$$105 + y = 155$$

$$y = 155 - 105$$

$$y = 50$$

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Check  $(35, 50)$

... in  $\textcircled{A}$

$$LS = 3x + y$$

$$= 3(35) + 50$$

$$= 155$$

$$LS = RS$$

$$RS = 155$$

... in  $\textcircled{B}$

$$LS = 2x + 3y$$

$$RS = 220$$

$$= 2(35) + 3(50)$$

$$= 70 + 150$$

$$= 220$$

$$LS = RS.$$

$\therefore$ , the cost of one football is \$35 and the cost of one soccer ball is \$50.

⑤ Let  $x$  be the number of student tickets sold.  
 Let  $y$  be the " " " adult tickets sold.

- "y" adult tickets sold.
- student tickets sold twice as many as adult tickets
- So...

$x = 2y$   
 student tickets sold      adult tickets sold

$$x = 2y \quad \textcircled{A}$$

$$3x + 5y = 1650 \quad \textcircled{B}$$

Sub  $x = 2y$  into  $\textcircled{B}$

$$3x + 5y = 1650$$

$$3(2y) + 5y = 1650$$

$$6y + 5y = 1650$$

$$11y = 1650$$

$$y = \frac{1650}{11}$$

$$y = 150$$

Sub  $y = 150$  into  $\textcircled{A}$

$$x = 2y$$

$$x = 2(150)$$

$$x = 300$$

Check  $(300, 150)$

... in  $\textcircled{A}$

$$LS = x$$

$$= 300$$

$$RS = 2y$$

$$= 2(150)$$

$$= 300$$

$$LS = RS$$

... in  $\textcircled{B}$

$$LS = 3x + 5y \quad RS = 1650$$

$$= 3(300) + 5(150)$$

$$= 900 + 750$$

$$= 1650$$

$$LS = RS.$$

∴, 300 student tickets were sold and 150 adult tickets were sold.

6. Let  $x$  be the cost of a seat between the goal lines.

Let  $y$  be the cost of a seat in the end zones.

$$y = x - 5 \quad \text{(A)}$$

$$20000x + 5000y = 350000 \quad \text{(B)}$$

Sub  $y = x - 5$  into (B)

$$20000x + 5000y = 350000$$

$$20000x + 5000(x - 5) = 350000$$

$$20000x + 5000x - 25000 = 350000$$

$$25000x = 350000 + 25000$$

$$25000x = 375000$$

$$x = \frac{375000}{25000}$$

$$x = 15$$

Sub  $x = 15$  into (A)

$$y = x - 5$$

$$y = 15 - 5$$

$$y = 10$$

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check  $(15, 10)$

... in (A)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.S.} &= y \\ &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{R.S.} &= x - 5 \\ &= 15 - 5 \\ &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{L.S.} = \text{R.S.}$$

... in (B)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.S.} &= 20000x + 5000y \\ &= 20000(15) + 5000(10) \\ &= 350000 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{R.S.} = 350000$$

$$\text{L.S.} = \text{R.S.}$$

$\therefore$ , a seat between the goal lines costs \$15 and a seat in the end zones costs \$10.

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Let  $x$  be the mass of the box.

Let  $y$  be the " " a bolt.

$$x + 20y = 340 \quad \textcircled{A}$$

$$x + 48y = 760 \quad \textcircled{B}$$

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$$-28y = -420$$

$$y = \frac{-420}{-28}$$

$$y = 15$$

Sub  $y = 15$  in  $\textcircled{A}$

$$x + 20y = 340$$

$$x + 20(15) = 340$$

$$x + 300 = 340$$

$$x = 340 - 300$$

$$x = 40$$

check  $(40, 15)$

... in  $\textcircled{A}$

$$\text{L.S.} = x + 20y \quad \text{R.S.} = 340$$

$$= 40 + 20(15)$$

$$= 40 + 300$$

$$= 340$$

$$\text{L.S.} = \text{R.S.}$$

... in  $\textcircled{B}$

$$\text{L.S.} = x + 48y \quad \text{R.S.} = 760$$

$$= 40 + 48(15)$$

$$= 40 + 720$$

$$= 760$$

$$\text{L.S.} = \text{R.S.}$$

$\therefore$ , the box has a mass of 40g and each bolt has a mass of 15g.

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Let  $x$  be the mass of the crate.  
Let  $y$  " " " " " one grapefruit.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x + 36y = 4 \\
 x + 24y = 3 \\
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 12y = 1 \\
 y = \frac{1}{12}
 \end{array}$$

(36-12)  $\rightarrow$

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Sub  $y = \frac{1}{12}$  into (B)

$$\begin{aligned}
 x + 24y &= 3 \\
 x + 24\left(\frac{1}{12}\right) &= 3 \\
 x + 2 &= 3 \\
 x &= 3 - 2 \\
 x &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Check  $\left(1, \frac{1}{12}\right)$

... in (A)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{LS} &= x + 36y & \text{RS} &= 4 \\
 &= 1 + 36\left(\frac{1}{12}\right) \\
 &= 1 + 3 \\
 &= 4
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{LS} = \text{RS}$$

... in (B)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{LS} &= x + 24y & \text{RS} &= 3 \\
 &= 1 + 24\left(\frac{1}{12}\right) \\
 &= 1 + 2 \\
 &= 3
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{LS} = \text{RS}$$

∴, the mass of the crate is 1 kg  
and the mass of one grapefruit is  $\frac{1}{12}$  kg or about 0.083 kg.