

Week 1  
MATH 34A  
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17. Express  $x\%$  of 8 plus  $y\%$  of 4 as a percentage of 11.

22. Solve:  $x + y - 2z = 0$ ,  $3x + y = 1$ ,  $5x + 3y + 7z = 2$ . (Hint: eliminate the unknowns one by one.)

31. Simplify the fraction. Write your solution such that the variables appear in alphabetical order:

$$\frac{abc^3 + ab^3c + a^3bc}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}.$$

41. Express  $x$  in terms of  $s$  and  $t$ :  $(s^2 - t^2)x = (s + t)(x + 1)$ .

51. A circle and a square have the same area. Find the length of the diagonal of the square divided by the radius of the circle. (Hint: draw a diagram and label unknowns.)

56. When an object of mass  $m$  moving with velocity  $v$  collides with an object of mass  $M$  moving with velocity  $V$  and sticks to it, then the law of conservation of momentum states that

$$mv + MV = (m + M)u.$$

where  $u$  is the final velocity of the combined object. Solve this equation for  $m$  in terms of the other quantities. (This equation gives the recoil when you fire a gun.)

80. A rectangular box has dimensions 12 by 16 by 21. Find the length of the diagonal connecting a pair of opposite corners. (Hint: You will use Pythagoras' Theorem twice.)