

Solve Systems by Simple Elimination

A fruit stand sells fresh fruit by the weight. All apples weigh the same and all oranges weigh the same. A customer wants to know - What is the weight of 1 apple? What is the weight of 1 orange? (Hint: Look at what is the same on each scale.)



Discuss with your group. Write down your observations and any calculations you do.

Key Idea:

Just like the real-world situation, we can _____ in algebraic systems by _____ the equations together.

1)
$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 5y &= 17 \\ 6x - 5y &= -9 \end{aligned}$$

Steps

- 1) Add the equations to eliminate one of the variables.
- 2) Solve for the remaining variable.
- 3) Substitute the variable you found back into one of the original equations.
- 4) Solve for the other variable.
- 5) Write the solution as an ordered pair.

2) $2x + 4y = 22$
 $-2x + 2y = 8$

3) $-x + 5y = 13$
 $x - y = 15$

4) $x - 3y = -11$
 $3x + 3y = 27$

5) Joseph goes to a store and buys 3 collared shirts and 2 ties. He spends \$80 in total. His brother John buys 4 collared shirts, but he returns 2 ties for a full refund, so he only pays \$60. How much does 1 collared shirt cost? How much does 1 tie cost?