

## Lesson 28 Coins, Consecutive Integers, and Chemical Mixtures

The first part of this lesson is a review from Algebra 1. If, after doing the practice problems, you feel comfortable with the material, then continue to the next part. If this is new, spend some time until you have learned this material, then move on to the next section.

**Coin Problems** We can use what we've learned about solving simultaneous equations and apply it to some interesting coin problems. Did you ever wonder how to find out how many of each kind of coin there are in someone's pocket, given the amount of money and the number of coins? Here is how you do it.

Example 1: I have 7 coins in my pocket. They are all either dimes or nickels. The value of the coins is \$.55. How many of each kind do I have? There are two equations present: the number of coins (how many), and the dollar amount of the coins (how much). Each may be represented by an equation.

How many: nickels plus dimes equals seven or  $N + D = 7$

How much: nickels (.05) plus dimes (.10) equals .55 or  $.05N + .10D = .55$

Using what we know about the LCM, we can multiply the second equation by 100, transforming it to  $5N + 10D = 55$ .

Putting our two equations together yields:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} N + D = 7 & \text{times } (-5) = & -5N - 5D = -35 \\ 5N + 10D = 55 & & \underline{5N + 10D = 55} \\ & & 5D = 20 \\ & & D = 4 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{If } D = 4 \text{ and } N + D = 7 \\ \text{then } N = 3. \end{array}$$

Checking it to make sure: 4 dimes is \$.40 and 3 nickels is \$.15, which adds up to \$.55.

The key to remembering the two equations is count and amount. Count describes how many of each kind, and amount describes how much.

### Practice Problems

- 1) I have 11 coins in my pocket. They are all either dimes or nickels. The value of the coins is \$.70. How many of each coin do I have?
- 2) I have 12 coins in my pocket. They are all either pennies or nickels. The value of the coins is \$.32. How many of each coin do I have?

### Solutions

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 1) \text{ How many: nickels plus dimes equals 11 or } & N + D = 11 \\ \text{How much: nickels (.05) plus dimes (.10) equals .70 or } & .05N + .10D = .70 \\ N + D = 11 & \text{times } (-5) = & -5N - 5D = -55 \\ 5N + 10D = 70 & & \underline{5N + 10D = 70} \\ & & 5D = 15 \\ & & D = 3 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{If } D = 3 \text{ and } N + D = 11 \\ \text{then } N = 8. \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2) \text{ How many: pennies plus nickels equals 12 or } & P + N = 12 \\ \text{How much: pennies (.01) plus nickels (.05) equals .32 or } & .01P + .05N = .32 \\ P + N = 12 & \text{times } (-1) = & -P - N = -12 \\ 1P + 5N = 32 & & \underline{P + 5N = 32} \\ & & 4N = 20 \\ & & N = 5 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{If } N = 5 \text{ and } P + N = 12 \\ \text{then } P = 7 \end{array}$$

**Consecutive Integers** An integer is a whole number. Examples of consecutive integers are 2, 3, 4, or 10, 11, 12. They begin with the smallest and increase by 1. Consecutive even integers begin with the smallest number, which is even, and increase by 2, such as 6, 8, 10 or 22, 24, 26. Consecutive odd integers begin with the smallest number, which is odd, and increase by 2, such as 7, 9, 11 or 33, 35, 37. Integers may also be negative. Three consecutive even integers could be -14, -12, and -10, the smallest being -14 and the largest -10.

Representing these relationships with algebra would look like this:

Consecutive Integers:  $N, N + 1, N + 2$  If  $N = 5$ , then  $N + 1 = 6$  and  $N + 2 = 7$ , so 5, 6, 7

Consecutive Even Integers:  $N, N + 2, N + 4$  If  $N = 12$ , then  $N + 2 = 14$  and  $N + 4 = 16$ , so 12, 14, 16

Consecutive Odd Integers:  $N, N + 2, N + 4$  If  $N = 23$ , then  $N + 2 = 25$  and  $N + 4 = 27$ , so 23, 25, 27

Example 2 Find three consecutive integers where 3 times the first integer plus 2 times the third integer is equal to 29.  $3(\text{first}) + 2(\text{third}) = 29$   $N = \text{first}, N + 1 = \text{second}, N + 2 = \text{third}$

$$3N + 2(N + 2) = 29$$

$$3N + 2N + 4 = 29$$

$$5N + 4 = 29$$

$$N = 5$$

Since  $N = 5$ , then  $N + 1 = 6$  and  $N + 2 = 7$

The solution, the 3 consecutive integers, is (5 - 6 - 7)

To check  $3(5) + 2(7) = 15 + 14 = 29$  It checks!

### Practice Problems

- Find 3 consecutive integers such that 5 times the first integer plus 2 times the second is equal to 4 times the third.
- Find 3 consecutive even integers such that 2 times the first integer plus 2 times the second is equal to 6 times the third.

### Solutions

- Find three consecutive integers such that 5 times the first integer plus 2 times the second integer is equal to 4 times the third.  $5(\text{first}) + 2(\text{second}) = 4(\text{third})$

$N = \text{first}, N + 1 = \text{second}, N + 2 = \text{third}$

$$5N + 2(N + 1) = 4(N + 2)$$

$$5N + 2N + 2 = 4N + 8$$

$$7N + 2 = 4N + 8$$

$$3N = 6$$

$$N = 2$$

Since  $N = 2$ , then  $N + 1 = 3$  and  $N + 2 = 4$

The solution, the 3 consecutive integers, is (2 - 3 - 4)

To check  $5(2) + 2(3) = 4(4)$

$$10 + 6 = 16 \quad \text{It checks!}$$

- Find three consecutive even integers such that 2 times the first integer plus 2 times the second integer is equal to 6 times the third.  $2(\text{first}) + 2(\text{second}) = 6(\text{third})$

$N = \text{first}, N + 2 = \text{second}, N + 4 = \text{third}$

$$2N + 2(N + 2) = 6(N + 4)$$

$$2N + 2N + 4 = 6N + 24$$

$$4N + 4 = 6N + 24$$

$$-2N = 20$$

$$N = -10$$

Since  $N = -10$ , then  $N + 2 = -8$  and  $N + 4 = -6$

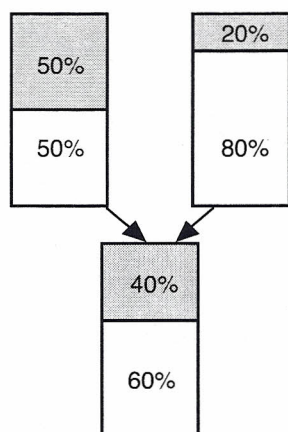
The 3 consecutive even integers are (-10, -8, -6)

To check  $2(-10) + 2(-8) = 6(-6)$

$$-20 - 16 = -36 \quad \text{It checks!}$$

**Mixtures** These problems are very similar to those above. What sounds like one problem may be separated into two. The basis for dividing the equation is how much, and what kind, which in these problems will be what percent. As before, let's do a real problem and figure out the patterns as we go.

**Example 1** As a painter, you are setting out to create a unique water color for the color of the sea. On hand you have a bluish mixture that is 50% blue colorant and 50% water. This is to be mixed with a solution that is 20% blue colorant and 80% water. The goal is to have 30 ml of a mixture that is 40% blue colorant and 60% water. How much of each of the original liquids do we add together to form this new mixture?



We can do this by using the percentage of water in the or by the percentage of colorant. In this problem I choose to look at the percentage of colorant for the "what kind". I'll refer to the two original solutions as  $B_F$  for blue 50% and  $B_T$  for blue 20% (F for Fifty, T for Twenty).

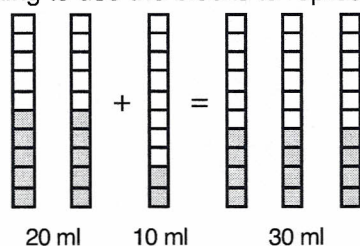
How much?  $B_F + B_T = 30\text{ml}$   $\longrightarrow$   $B_F + B_T = 30$

What kind?  $50\%B_F + 20\%B_T = 40\%(30)$   $\longrightarrow$   $.5B_F + .2B_T = .4(30)$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -2B_F & -2B_T & = -60 \longrightarrow \text{first line multiplied by } -2 \\ 5B_F & +2B_T & = 120 \longrightarrow \text{second line multiplied by } 10 \\ \hline 3B_F & & = 60 \\ B_F & & = 20 \end{array}$$

Add to eliminate a variable  
If  $B_F$  is 20, then  $B_T$  is 10, because they add up to 30.

It might help our thinking to use the blocks to represent the 20ml of 50% and the 10ml of 20% equaling 30ml of 40%.



Using averages to make the number of colored blocks the same in each 10 ml container.

Let's do Example 1 again focusing on the percentage of water instead of the colorant.  $W_F$  for water 50% and  $W_E$  for water 80%.

How much?  $W_F + W_E = 30\text{ml}$   $\longrightarrow$   $W_F + W_E = 30$  Multiply by -5

What kind?  $50\%W_F + 80\%W_E = 60\%(30)$   $\longrightarrow$   $.5W_F + .8W_E = .6(30)$  Multiply by 10

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -5W_F & -5W_E & = -150 \\ 5W_F & +8W_E & = 180 \\ \hline 3W_E & & = 30 \\ W_E & & = 10 \end{array}$$

Then add to eliminate a variable  
If  $W_E$  is 10, then  $W_F$  is 20, because they add up to 30.



Before we begin doing practice problems, notice that when combining the solutions the percentage of the resultant mixture is always between the percentage of the two initial solutions. If you start with a 30% and a 60%, how can you possibly get to a 70% or a 10% by just using these two solutions? You can't.

### *Practice Problems*

- 1) In your seaside laboratory, you have a mixture of saltwater that is 70% salt and 30% water. This is to be mixed with a solution that is 30% salt and 70% water. The goal is to have 40 ml of a mixture that is 60% salt and 40% water. How much of each of the original liquids do we add together to form this new unique mixture?
- 2) Some changes in your saltwater are in order. Now you have one mixture that is 25% salt and 75% water and another that is 60% salt and 40% water. The new goal is to have 14 liters of a mixture that is 30% salt and 70% water. How much of each of the original liquids do we add together to form this new unique mixture?
- 3) Do number 1 from the perspective of the water and compare your answers.
- 4) As the swimming pool chemist, you have two beakers of a chlorine/water solution. The first is 5% chlorine and 95% water, and the second is 1% chlorine and 99% water. The goal is to have 60 liters of a mixture that is 2% chlorine. How much from each of the beakers do we need to form the new unique solution?
- 5) At the beginning of the work day, you found two containers of a chlorine/water solution. The first is 6% chlorine and the second is 2% chlorine. There is an order for 32 litres of a mixture that is 4.5% chlorine. How much of each of the beakers do we need to form the new unique solution?
- 6) Do number 5 from the opposite perspective of how you did it the first time and compare your answers.
- 7) As a budding artist, you find a mixture of red water color that is 80% red colorant and another bottle that is 30% red. For your masterpiece you need 60 ml of 55% red solution. How much of the original liquids do we add to form this watercolor?
- 8) Do number 7 from the opposite perspective of how you did it the first time and compare your answers.
- 9) Now you want to use oil based paint. The present two mixtures are 35% yellow with 65% mineral spirits, and 60% yellow with 40% mineral spirits. Today you need 35 ml of 45% yellow solution. How much of the solutions is needed for the yellow?
- 10) Do number 9 from the opposite perspective of how you did it the first time and compare your answers.

## Solutions

1) How much?  $S_1 + S_2 = 40\text{ml}$   
 What kind?  $70\%S_1 + 30\%S_2 = 60\%(40)$   
 Multiply by -3  $S_1 + S_2 = 40$   
 Multiply by 10  $.7S_1 + .3S_2 = .6(40)$   
 Eliminate a variable

$$\begin{array}{r} S_1 + S_2 = 40 \\ .7S_1 + .3S_2 = .6(40) \\ \hline -3S_1 -3S_2 = -120 \\ \hline 7S_1 + 3S_2 = 240 \\ \hline 4S_1 = 120 \\ S_1 = 30 \end{array}$$

If  $S_1$  is 30, then  $S_2$  is 10, because they add up to 40.

3) How much?  $W_1 + W_2 = 40\text{ml}$   
 What kind?  $30\%W_1 + 70\%W_2 = 40\%(40)$   
 Multiply by -3  $W_1 + W_2 = 40$   
 Multiply by 10  $.3W_1 + .7W_2 = .4(40)$   
 Eliminate a variable

$$\begin{array}{r} W_1 + W_2 = 40 \\ .3W_1 + .7W_2 = .4(40) \\ \hline -3W_1 -3W_2 = -120 \\ \hline 3W_1 + 7W_2 = 160 \\ \hline 4W_2 = 40 \\ W_2 = 10 \end{array}$$

If  $W_2$  is 10, then  $W_1$  is 30, because they add up to 40.

5) How much?  $C_1 + C_2 = 32\text{ L}$   
 What kind?  $6\%C_1 + 2\%C_2 = 4.5\%(32)$   
 Multiply by -20  $C_1 + C_2 = 32$   
 Multiply by 1000  $.06C_1 + .02C_2 = .045(32)$   
 Eliminate a variable

$$\begin{array}{r} C_1 + C_2 = 32 \\ .06C_1 + .02C_2 = .045(32) \\ \hline -20C_1 -20C_2 = -640 \\ \hline 60C_1 + 20C_2 = 1440 \\ \hline 40C_1 = 800 \\ C_1 = 20 \end{array}$$

If  $C_1$  is 20, then  $C_2$  is 12, because they add up to 32.

7) How much?  $R_1 + R_2 = 60\text{ml}$   
 What kind?  $80\%R_1 + 30\%R_2 = 55\%(60)$   
 Multiply by -30  $R_1 + R_2 = 60$   
 Multiply by 100  $.80R_1 + .30R_2 = .55(60)$   
 Eliminate a variable

$$\begin{array}{r} R_1 + R_2 = 60 \\ .80R_1 + .30R_2 = .55(60) \\ \hline -30R_1 -30R_2 = -1800 \\ \hline 80R_1 + 30R_2 = 3300 \\ \hline 50R_1 = 1500 \\ R_1 = 30 \end{array}$$

If  $R_1$  is 30, then  $R_2$  is 30, because they add up to 60.

9) How much?  $Y_1 + Y_2 = 35\text{ml}$   
 What kind?  $35\%Y_1 + 60\%Y_2 = 45\%(35)$   
 $Y_1 = 21, Y_2 = 14$

2) How much?  $S_1 + S_2 = 14\text{ L}$   
 What kind?  $25\%S_1 + 60\%S_2 = 30\%(14)$   
 Multiply by -25  $S_1 + S_2 = 14$   
 Multiply by 100  $.25S_1 + .6S_2 = .3(14)$   
 Eliminate a variable

$$\begin{array}{r} S_1 + S_2 = 14 \\ .25S_1 + .6S_2 = .3(14) \\ \hline -25S_1 -25S_2 = -350 \\ \hline 25S_1 + 60S_2 = 420 \\ \hline 35S_2 = 70 \\ S_2 = 2 \end{array}$$

If  $S_2$  is 2, then  $S_1$  is 12, because they add up to 14.

4) How much?  $C_1 + C_2 = 60\text{ L}$   
 What kind?  $5\%C_1 + 1\%C_2 = 2\%(60)$   
 Multiply by -1  $C_1 + C_2 = 60$   
 Multiply by 100  $.05C_1 + .01C_2 = .02(60)$   
 Eliminate a variable

$$\begin{array}{r} C_1 + C_2 = 60 \\ .05C_1 + .01C_2 = .02(60) \\ \hline -1C_1 -1C_2 = -60 \\ \hline 5C_1 + 1C_2 = 120 \\ \hline 4C_1 = 60 \\ C_1 = 15 \end{array}$$

If  $C_1$  is 15, then  $C_2$  is 45, because they add up to 60.

6) How much?  $W_1 + W_2 = 32\text{ L}$   
 What kind?  $94\%W_1 + 98\%W_2 = 95.5\%(32)$   
 Multiply by -94  $W_1 + W_2 = 32$   
 Multiply by 100  $.94W_1 + .98W_2 = .955(32)$   
 Eliminate a variable

$$\begin{array}{r} W_1 + W_2 = 32 \\ .94W_1 + .98W_2 = .955(32) \\ \hline -94W_1 -94W_2 = -3008 \\ \hline 94W_1 + 98W_2 = 3056 \\ \hline 4W_2 = 48 \\ W_2 = 12 \end{array}$$

If  $W_2$  is 12, then  $W_1$  is 20, because they add up to 32.

8) How much?  $W_1 + W_2 = 60\text{ml}$   
 What kind?  $20\%W_1 + 70\%W_2 = 45\%(60)$   
 Multiply by -20  $W_1 + W_2 = 60$   
 Multiply by 100  $.20W_1 + .70W_2 = .45(60)$   
 Eliminate a variable

$$\begin{array}{r} W_1 + W_2 = 60 \\ .20W_1 + .70W_2 = .45(60) \\ \hline -20W_1 -20W_2 = -1200 \\ \hline 20W_1 + 70W_2 = 2700 \\ \hline 50W_2 = 1500 \\ W_2 = 30 \end{array}$$

If  $W_2$  is 30, then  $W_1$  is 30, because they add up to 60.

10) How much?  $W_1 + W_2 = 35\text{ml}$   
 What kind?  $65\%W_1 + 40\%W_2 = 55\%(35)$   
 $W_1 = 21$  &  $W_2 = 14$