

\* Many ways to solve

\* Can interchange variables, but answers should match!

HOMEWORK: Applications of Systems- Mixture

1.) Peanuts worth \$2.25 a pound were mixed with cashews worth \$3.25 a pound to produce a mixture worth \$2.65 a pound. How many pounds of each kind of nuts were used to produce 35 pounds of the mixture?

P = lbs of Peanuts  
C = lbs of cashews

	Amt	#	total cost
Peanuts	P	2.25	2.25p
Cashews	C	3.25	3.25c
Total	35	2.65	92.75

$$(P+C=35) \cdot 2.25$$

$$2.25p + 3.25c = 92.75$$

$$-2.25p + -2.25c = -78.75$$

$$+2.25p + 3.25c = 92.75$$


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$$1c = 14$$

$$p = 21$$

14 lbs of Cashews  
21 lbs of peanuts

2.) Coffee worth \$2.95 a pound was mixed with coffee worth \$3.50 a pound to produce a blend worth \$3.30 a pound. How much of each kind of coffee was used to produce 44 pounds of blended coffee?

x = lbs of 2.95 coffee  
y = lbs of 3.50 coffee

$$(x+y=44) \cdot 2.95$$

$$2.95x + 3.50y = 145.2$$

$$-2.95x + -2.95y = -129.8$$

$$2.95x + 3.50y = 145.2$$


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$$.55y = 15.4$$

	x	2.95	2.95x
	y	3.50	3.50y
total	44	3.30	145.2

y = 28  
x = 16

16 lbs of \$2.95 coffee  
28 lbs of \$3.50 coffee

3.) A lab technician needs to make 1000g of 42% alcohol solution. The technician has some 40% alcohol solution and some 45% alcohol solution. How much of each must be used?

x = grams of 40% sol.  
y = grams of 45% sol.

	Amt	%	total
	x	.40	.40x
	y	.45	.45y
total	1000	.42	420

$$(x+y=1000) \cdot .4$$

$$.40x + .45y = 420$$

$$-.40x + -.40y = -400$$

$$+.40x + .45y = 420$$


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$$.05y = 20$$

y = 400  
x = 600

600 grams of 40% alcohol solution  
400 grams of 45% alcohol solution

4.) One alloy (mixture of metals) is 20% copper and another alloy is 60% copper. How much of each alloy should be used to make 100 grams of an alloy that is 45% copper?

$x$  = grams of 20% copper  
 $y$  = grams of 60% copper

20%	$x$	.20	$.20x$
60%	$y$	.60	$.60y$
Total	100	.45	45

$$\begin{aligned} (x+y=100) \cdot .20 \\ .20x + .60y = 45 \\ \hline -.20x + -.20y = -20 \\ \hline .40y = 25 \\ y = 62.5 \\ x = 37.5 \end{aligned}$$

37.5 grams of 20% copper  
 62.5 grams of 60% copper

5.) Starbursts candy worth \$1.25 a pound was mixed with Skittles candy worth \$1.50 a pound to produce a mixture of candy worth \$1.35 a pound. How many pounds of each kind of candy were used to make 45 pounds of the mixture?

$x$  = lbs of Starbursts  
 $y$  = lbs of Skittles

Starbursts	$x$	1.25	$1.25x$
Skittles	$y$	1.50	$1.50y$
Total	45	1.35	60.75

$$\begin{aligned} (x+y=45) \cdot 1.25 \\ 1.25x + 1.50y = 60.75 \\ \hline -1.25x + -1.25y = -56.25 \\ \hline 1.25x + 1.50y = 60.75 \\ \hline .25y = 4.5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 18 \\ x &= 27 \end{aligned}$$

27 lbs of Starbursts  
 18 lbs of Skittles

6.) How many quarts of a 20% salt solution must a chemist mix with a 40% salt solution to make 40 quarts of a 25% salt solution?

$x$  = qts of 20% salt  
 $y$  = qts of 40% salt

20%	$x$	.20	$.20x$
40%	$y$	.40	$.40y$
total	40	.25	10

$$\begin{aligned} (x+y=40) \cdot .20 \\ .20x + .40y = 10 \\ \hline -.20x + -.20y = -8 \\ \hline .20x + .40y = 10 \\ \hline .20y = 2 \\ y = 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 10 \\ x &= 30 \end{aligned}$$

30 qts of 20% salt sol.  
 10 qts of 40% salt sol.