

Suppose it takes you 6.4 hours to fly about 2800 miles from Miami to Seattle. You are flying into a headwind. The return trip takes only 5.6 hours because you are flying with a tailwind. Write and solve a system of equations to find the speed of the wind and the speed of the plane if there were no wind.

p = speed of the plane

w = speed of the wind

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Speed of the plane = 468.75 mph
Speed of the wind = 32.25 mph

$$\begin{aligned} 2800 &= (p-w)6.4 \\ 2800 &= (p+w)5.6 \\ \hline 56 & \quad 56 \\ 437.5 &= p-w \\ 500 &= p+w \\ \hline 937.5 &= 2p \\ 468.75 &= p \\ w &= 32.25 \end{aligned}$$

On a canoe trip I paddled upstream (against the current) for 6 hours and traveled 15 miles. Later I paddled downstream (with the current) for 4 hours and traveled 34 miles.

Write and solve a system of equations to find the speed of the current and the speed that I can paddle if there were no current.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{upstream} \quad 15 &= 6(b-c) \quad 2.5 = b-c \\ \text{downstream} \quad 34 &= 4(b+c) \quad 8.5 = b+c \\ \hline 11 &= 2b \\ 5.5 &= b \quad c=3 \end{aligned}$$

Speed of the canoe = 5.5 mph
Speed of the current = 3 mph

At the begining of the game you go to concession stand and buy 2 Cokes and 3 Hot Dogs for \$17.75. The game goes into overtime and you get hungry so you return to the concession stand and buy 1 Coke and 2 Hot Dogs for \$10.75. Write and solve a system of equations to find the price of a Coke and a Hot Dog.

A cake is taken out of the oven at 325°F . At the same time an ice cube tray (32°F) is taken out of the freezer. The cake cools down 13°F per minute. The ice warms up 2°F per minute. Write and solve a system of equations to find the number of minutes until they are at the same temperature. Round to the nearest hundredth.

$$\begin{aligned} 325 - 13m &= T \\ 32 + 2m &= T \\ 325 - 13m &= 32 + 2m \\ m &= 19.53 \end{aligned}$$