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Elementary Row Operations

1. (Replacement) Replace one row by the sum of itself and a multiple of another row [like $r'_2 = -3r_1 + r_2$].
2. (Interchange) Interchange two rows.
3. (Scaling) Multiply all entries in a row by a nonzero constant.

Gaussian Elimination—Roughly

1. Use x_1 in the first equation to eliminate the other x_1 terms below it
2. Ignore eq 1 and use x_2 in the 2nd equation to eliminate the terms below it
3. ... triangular (interchange as needed)

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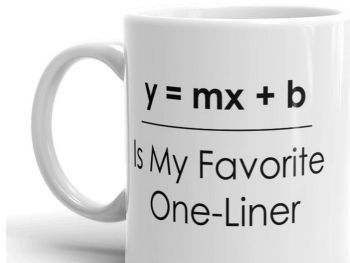
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row 1: $x+y=17$, so $x=17-y=17-10=7$
(7, 10) is the *unique* solution (point in \mathbb{R}^2)

Evelyn Boyd Granville in Maple & with Children

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with(LinearAlgebra): with(plots):  
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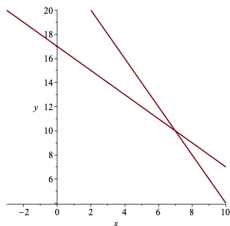
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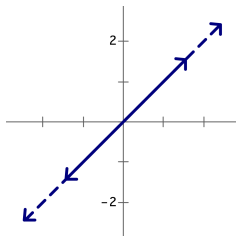
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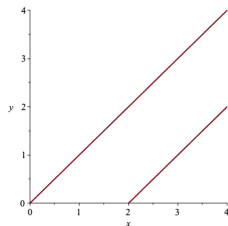
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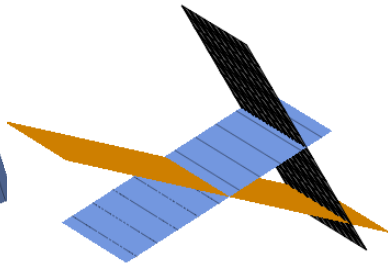
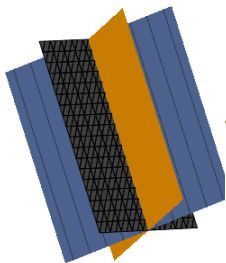
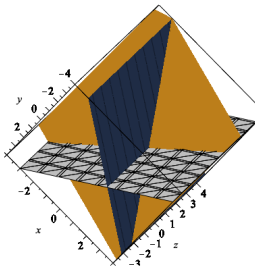
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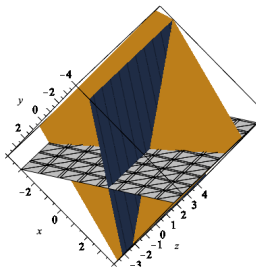
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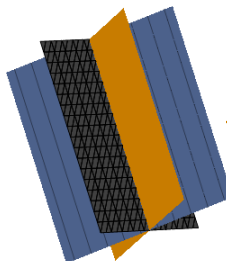
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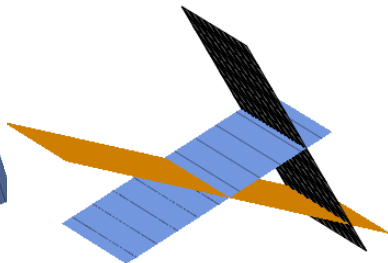
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1 solution
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infinite solutions
book spine



0 solutions
hands + table

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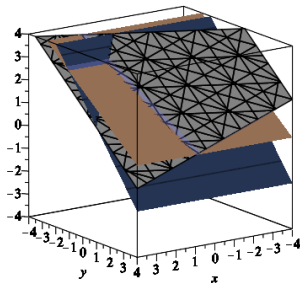
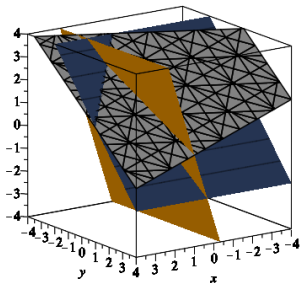
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$$(x, y, z) = (2, -1, 3).$$

Thinking about the Geometry

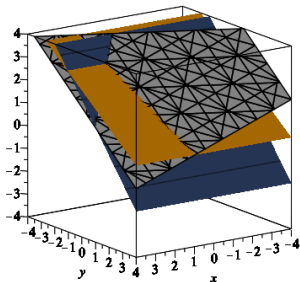
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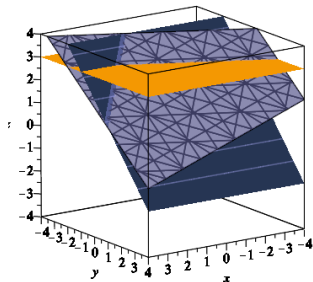


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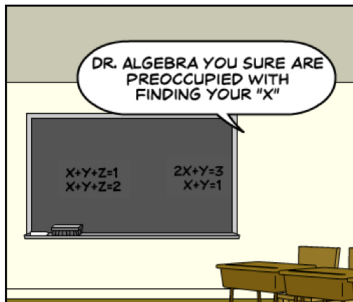
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implicitplot3d(3*x-z=3, 2*x-y+z=8, x+2*y+3*z=9,x=-4..4, y =  
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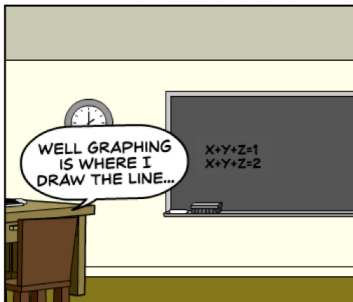
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DRAWING THE LINE



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