

A collection of coins made up of nickels, dimes and quarters is worth \$ 4.50. There are three times as many dimes as nickels and 4 less quarters than dimes. We need to find how many of each coin there is.

Using n for nickels, d for dimes and q for the number of quarters, write three equations that you would use to solve this situation.

$$10d+5n+25q = 450$$

$$d=3n$$

$$d-q=4$$

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$$0.1d+0.05n+0.25q = 4.50$$

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Note that the equations are compared against a list of planes.

Entering the same plane twice, even in a different form produces the expected error.

This helps the student avoid the frustration of attempting to solve a flawed set of equations.

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$$n+d+q=31$$

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Looks very similar to the above; this example is overloaded.

Here the student entries are not compared to a list of planes; any three planes that are independent and also contain the solution are accepted.

The student can combine planes and the answer will still be accepted.

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