

Applications of Linear Systems of Equations

MATH 101 *College Algebra*

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Objectives

In this lesson we will learn to solve applied problems using systems of two linear equations in two variables.

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Solution: $x = 27$, $y = 9$.