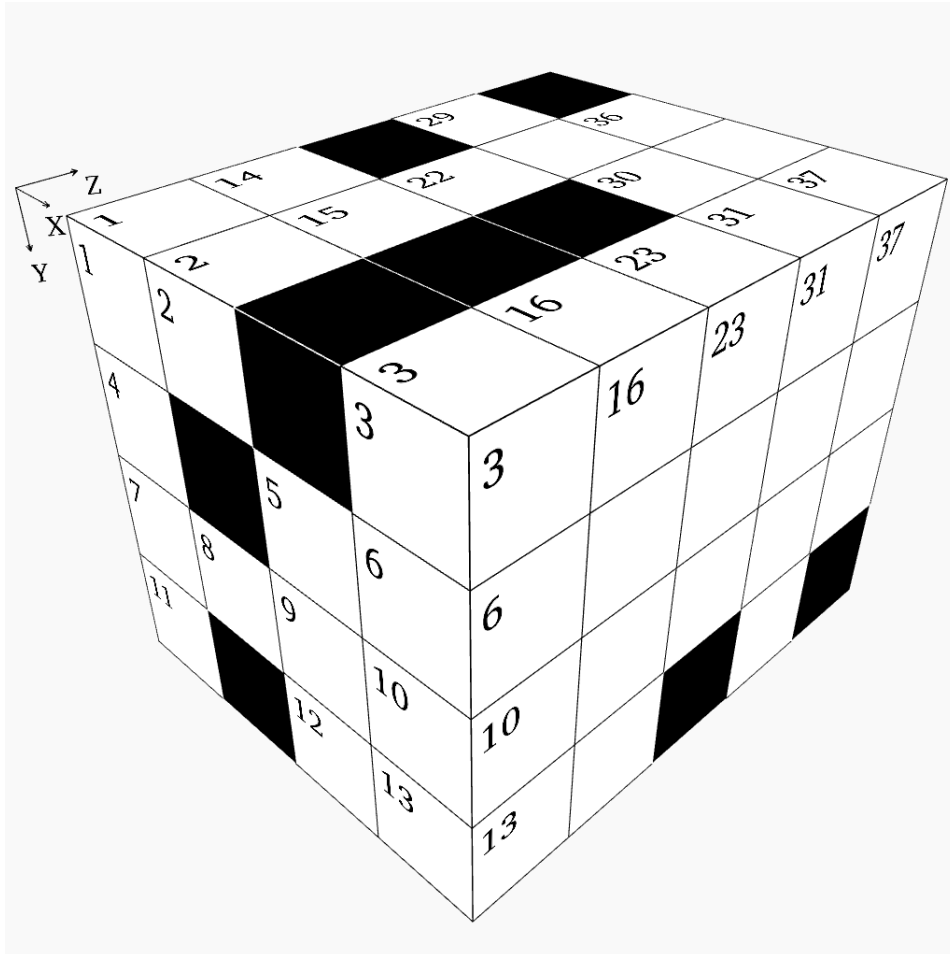


Box - Challenging Puzzle #23



This puzzle is like a crossword, but with numbers. Each digit occupies a 3D block and can be a part of a "word" in the X,Y, and Z directions.

Rules:

1. "Words" may not start with a zero.
2. "Words" in the X direction read from left to right.
3. "Words" in the Y direction read from top to bottom.
4. "Words" in the Z direction read from front to back.
5. There is one unique solution which satisfies all the clues given below.
6. Some "words" may not have clues. They will be determined by the "words" which intersect them.

If we take the box pictured above and divide it into individual X-Y layers, we will get these planes:

1	2		3	14	15		16		22		23
4		5	6	17	18	19		24			
7	8	9	10	20					25	26	
11		12	13			21		27	28		
				29		30	31		36		37
								38			
				32	33	34		39		40	
				35							

X Direction

- 1 Twice the result of Y5 minus Y34
- 5 A square
- 7 A prime number
- 12 Y14 divided by Y23
- 14 Z1 reversed
- 17 Three times a prime number
- 20 Twenty-seven times a prime number
- 21 Y33 minus X38
- 24 Y5 minus Z28
- 25 Thirteen times X12
- 27 Y22 minus Z28
- 29 X17 minus half of Y14
- 32 Seventy-five times a prime number
- 35 Twenty-seven times a prime number
- 36 A prime number
- 38 X35 divided by X36
- 39 Four times a prime number

Y Direction

- 1 Sixty-eight times Y5
- 3 Y37 times Z28
- 5 Y33 plus X24
- 14 Rearranged digits of Y1
- 15 Z18 times Z30
- 16 Four times a prime number
- 19 Mean of X14 and Y38
- 22 Y33 plus X27
- 23 Y1 divided by Y40
- 26 Y40 minus X14
- 29 Mean of X39 and Y14
- 31 Z8 minus Y16
- 33 Z13 plus X38
- 34 Mean of Y19 and X12
- 36 A prime number
- 37 Y3 divided by Y33
- 38 Z32 times Z18
- 40 Mean of Y37 and Z13

Z Direction

- 1 Z28 plus Z18
- 2 Thirty-one times a prime number
- 3 Three thousand nine hundred eighty-two less than Z2
- 4 Z12 plus X24
- 5 Z32 minus Z18
- 6 Three times a prime number
- 7 Mean of X24 and Y40
- 8 Three times a prime number
- 9 Twice a prime number
- 10 Mean of Z9 and X14
- 12 Four times a prime number
- 13 Mean of Z30 and Z5
- 18 Z1 minus Y33
- 28 Mean of Y26 and Y23
- 30 A square
- 32 Y23 minus Z30

Solution:

8	8	■	8	3	8	■	4	■	1	■	1
3	■	1	6	4	1	1	9	5	0	■	0
6	1	2	1	6	0	2	1	■	4	4	2
4	■	3	4	8	■	4	6	9	7	4	■
2				3	8	5	■	3	1	1	
4				■	■	5	2	7	■	1	
2				7	7	5	1	3	8	8	
8				3	9	7	0	■	2	■	