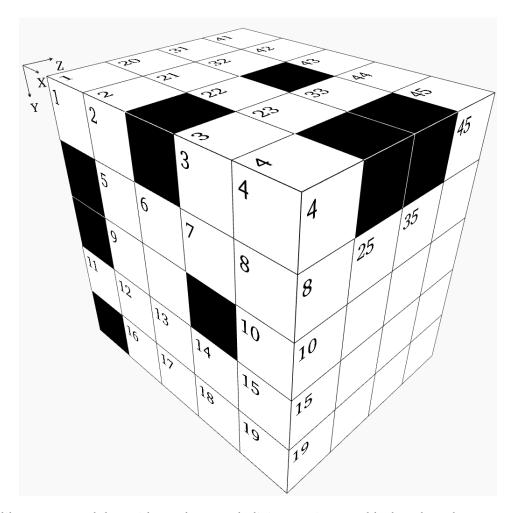


Box - Hard Puzzle #9



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 | 4 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | | 31 | 32 | | 33 | |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | 24 | | | 25 | 34 | | | | 35 |
| | 9 | | | 10 | 26 | | | 27 | | 36 | | | 37 | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 28 | | 29 | | | | 38 | 39 | | |
| | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | | 30 | | | | 40 | | | | |
| | | | | | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | | | | | |
| | | | | | 46 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 47 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 48 | | | | | | | | | |
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X Direction

- 1 X5 minus half of Z7
- **3** Z40 plus Y22
- **5** Five times a prime number
- **9** X30 minus half of Z16
- **11** Mean of X41 and Z3
- **16** A prime number
- **20** A prime number
- **24** One thousand seven hundred two less **23** Three times a prime number than Z2
- 26 Mean of X31 and X9
- 27 Y3 plus X9
- 28 Z19 plus Z9
- 30 Mean of Y3 and Z16
- 31 X3 plus half of X26
- **34** Thirty-six times a prime number
- 36 Mean of Z40 and Y26
- 37 Mean of Y29 and X3
- 38 Y39 times X36
- **40** Last two digits are the same as last two digits of Y44
- **41** A prime number
- **46** Y23 minus Y6
- **47** Y43 plus X20
- 48 Half of Y32, then subtract Z18
- 49 Mean of X27 and Y22

Y Direction

- 2 Y33 plus Z15
- 3 A square
- **4** Seventeen times a prime number
- **6** Seventeen times a prime number
- **14** X38 divided by X36
- 21 Z8 plus Z10
- **22** Y26 minus Z40
- **25** Six times a prime number
- **26** Same as X3
- 29 Y14 minus Z40
- 31 A prime number
- **32** First two digits are the same as first two digits of Z6
- 33 Twenty thousand six hundred fifty-two less than Y45
- **35** Seven times a prime number
- 39 Mean of X36 and X1
- 41 Y33 minus Z6
- **42** Fifteen thousand eight hundred fourteen more than X34
- **43** One thousand eight hundred one less
- **44** Twenty-one times a prime number
- 45 Nineteen thousand nine hundred ninety-six more than Y42

Z Direction

- 1 Four times a prime number
- **2** A prime number
- 3 One thousand one hundred sixteen more than Y44
- Twenty times a prime number
- Z19 minus Z14
- Eight hundred fifty-one less than X20
- **8** Forty times a prime number
- **9** Four times a prime number
- **10** Rearranged digits of Y35
- 11 Half of X26
- 12 Rearranged digits of X30
- 13 Forty-five times Z34
- 14 A cube
- **15** Sixty times a prime number
- **16** Forty times a prime number
- **17** Twice a prime number
- **18** Thirty-eight times a prime number
- **19** Last two digits are the same as X27
- **26** A prime number
- 27 Eighteen times a prime number
- **34** X27 minus X36
- 40 Sum of digits in Y31

Solution:

| 9 | 7 | | 6 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 7 | | 9 | 2 | | 6 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2 | 2 | 4 | 5 | | 5 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 6 |
| | 3 | 2 | | 9 | 6 | 2 | | 9 | 6 | 3 | 9 | | 5 | 6 |
| 3 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 8 | | 2 | 6 | 5 | 2 |
| | 4 | 7 | 8 | 9 | | 2 | 1 | Ŧ | 2 | 1 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 9 |
| | | | | | 6 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 9 | | | | | |
| | | | | | 7 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 0 | | | | | |
| | | | | | 1 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 2 | | | | | |
| | | | | | 1 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 0 | | | | | |
| | | | | | 7 | 0 | | | 6 | | | | | |