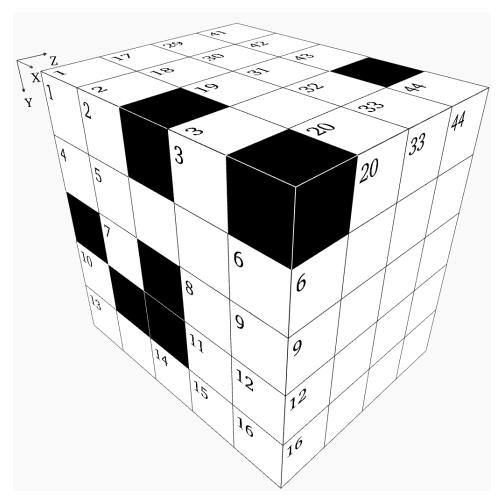


Box - Hard Puzzle #23



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		17	18	19		20	29	30	31	32	33
4	5			6	21					34		35	36	
	7		8	9		22	23				37		38	
10			11	12	24	25	26	27		39				
13		14	15	16			28				40			
					41	42	43		44					
					45			46						
							47							
					48	49								
					50									

X Direction

- 1 Mean of Y49 and Y24
- **4** Sixty-eight times a prime number
- 8 Twice the result of X40 minus Z14
- 11 Mean of Y49 and Z40
- 13 Consecutive digits unordered
- **17** Twice the result of Y3 plus Z6
- 21 A square
- **22** A square
- **24** Eighty-five times a prime number
- **28** X37 minus X48
- **29** Twenty-nine times a prime number
- 34 Nine thousand six hundred five less than Y30
- **37** Sixteen times a prime number
- **39** Forty-five times a prime number
- **40** Three times a prime number
- **41** Mean of X48 and Z35
- 45 Twice the result of Y31 minus Z4
- **47** Rearranged digits of Z3
- **48** Three times a prime number
- **50** Twelve times a prime number

Y Direction

- **1** Mean of X1 and X8
- **2** A prime number
- 3 First two digits are the same as first two digits of Y2
- **6** Three times a prime number
- **10** X39 divided by Y18
- 17 Mean of X21 and Z40
- **18** Three times a prime number
- **20** Forty-seven times a prime number
- **23** Seventeen times Y42
- 24 X22 minus Y10
- 27 Mean of Z35 and Y10
- 29 Z40 minus Y27
- **30** Mean of Y41 and X50
- **31** Sixteen times a prime number
- **32** A prime number
- **33** A prime number
- **41** Four times a prime number
- **42** Z2 divided by Y2
- **43** Two thousand eight hundred ninety-three less than X17
- **44** X13 plus Z3
- 46 Z23 minus X8
- **49** Z38 plus Z13

Z Direction

- 1 Z16 minus half of Z19
- 2 Eleven times a prime number
- 3 A square
- 4 Two hundred thirty-three more than Z5
- **5** Eleven times a prime number
- **6** Sixty-two times a prime number
- 7 Mean of Z3 and X11
- **9** A square
- **10** Fifteen times a prime number
- **11** X28 minus Y10
- 12 Nineteen times Y23
- 13 Y43 minus X24
- **14** A prime number
- 15 Nine times a prime number
- **16** Four times a prime number
- **19** Y24 times Y42
- **20** Twenty-nine times Y10
- **23** Y46 plus Z36
- **25** Thirteen times a prime number
- 26 Rearranged digits of Z3
- **35** Z40 minus Y10
- 36 Mean of Y49 and Y1
- **38** Z13 minus Y27
- 40 Mean of X1 and X21

Solution:

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