

$$2x + 4y + 2z = 16$$

$$-2x - 3y + z = -5$$

$$2x + 2y - 3z = -3$$

Hints :

- Can I use elimination, substitution, or both?
- Look at the x “column”, can you “cancel” any variable out by elimination?
- After you cancel out x’s, can you use substitution and isolate one variable?

Solution :

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Step 1)} \quad 2x + 4y + 2z = 16 \\ \quad \quad \quad -2x - 3y + z = -5 \\ \hline \quad \quad \quad 2(3) = 16 \\ \quad \quad \quad \quad y + 3z = 11 \\ \quad \quad \quad 16 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Step 2)} \quad -2x - 3y + z = -5 \\ \quad \quad \quad \underline{2x + 2y - 3z = -3} \\ \quad \quad \quad \quad -y - 2z = -8 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Step 3)} \quad y + 3z = 11 \\ \quad \quad \quad \underline{-y - 2z = -8} \\ \quad \quad \quad \quad \mathbf{z = 3} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Step 4)} \quad y + 3z = 11 \\ \quad \quad \quad y + 3(3) = 11 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Step 5)} \quad 2x + 4y + 2z = 16 \\ \quad \quad \quad 2x + 4(2) + \\ \quad \quad \quad 2x + 8 + 6 = \\ \\ \quad \quad \quad 2x + 14 = 16 \\ \quad \quad \quad 2x = 2 \\ \quad \quad \quad \mathbf{x = 1} \end{array}$$

$$y + 9 = 11$$

$$\mathbf{y = 2}$$