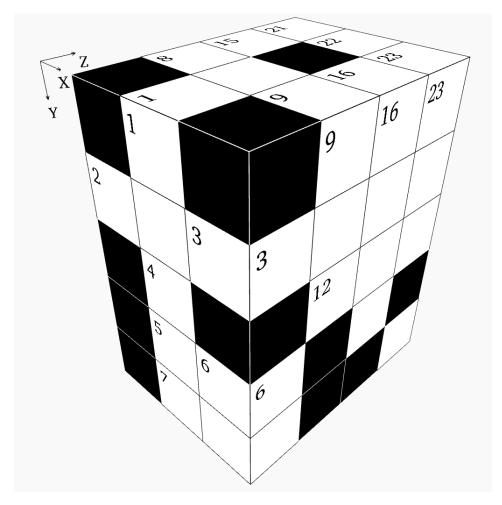


Box - Challenging Puzzle #73



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		8		9	15		16	21	22	23
2		3				17	18		24		
	4		10	11	12	19			25		
	5	6	13				20		26		
	7		14						27		

X Direction

- 2 Z10 minus Z7
- **5** Z10 minus X2
- 7 Two-thirds of Z1
- 8 Z8 minus X26
- 10 X21 minus half of X7
- **13** X20 minus X26
- **14** All digits are the same
- 17 Rearranged digits of X8
- **19** X10 plus X26
- **20** X21 minus Z10
- 21 Mean of Z14 and Z7
- 24 Mean of X2 and Z7
- **25** Same as Z9
- 26 Sum of digits in Y9
- **27** A prime number

Y Direction

- **1** A prime number
- **6** Twice a prime number
- 8 Last two digits are the same as X5
- **9** X24 plus Y23
- **11** Twenty-nine times Z1
- **15** Half of X8, then subtract Y6
- **16** Sixty-two times a prime number
- **18** Forty-two times Z1
- 21 Last two digits are the same as Z7
- 22 Its digits total Z1
- **23** Thirty-one times X7

Z Direction

- **1** X10 minus Z10
- **2** Four times a prime number
- **3** Three times a prime number
- 4 Nineteen times a prime number
- **5** Z14 plus X14
- 7 Same as X5
- 8 Six times a prime number
- **9** Mean of Z8 and Y23
- **10** Mean of Y18 and X13
- **12** Z2 minus Y16
- 14 X27 plus X26
- 18 X20 reversed

Solution:

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