

Project 1

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1 Exercise 1

Exercise 1.1 Set up a system of linear equations based on this problem from the *Nine Chapters on the Mathematical Art*.

The text then shows three columns set up on a counting board (a tool for mathematical calculation) in the following manner:

The given augmented matrix is:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 26 & 34 & 39 \end{array}$$

Solution:

Setting the system of linear equations:

$$\begin{array}{l} 3x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 39 \\ 2x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 = 34 \\ x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 26 \end{array} \tag{1}$$