

Independent systems of  
**Word Equations**  
in three unknowns  
**and Polynomials**

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# Big open problems

**Are there three independent equations over three unknowns with a common solution?**

Open even replacing “three” with an arbitrary larger number.

**How many solutions can an equation with constants in one variable have?**

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$$P:\mathbb{N}^*\rightarrow\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$$

$$a_0a_1a_2\cdots a_n\mapsto a_0+a_1\alpha+a_2\alpha^2+\cdots+a_n\alpha^n$$

$$\mathcal{V}_E=(V_{E,X},V_{E,Y},V_{E,Z})\in\mathbb{Q}(X,Y,Z)^3$$

$$\Omega_{L(\varphi)}:\mathbb{Q}(X,Y,Z)\rightarrow\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$$

$$X\mapsto \alpha^{|\varphi(X)|}\quad Y\mapsto \alpha^{|\varphi(Y)|}\quad Z\mapsto \alpha^{|\varphi(Z)|}$$

$$\mathcal{P}(\varphi)=(P\left(\varphi(X)\right),P\left(\varphi(Y)\right),P\left(\varphi(Z)\right))\in\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)^3$$

$$\Omega_{L(\varphi)}(\mathcal{V}_E)\cdot\mathcal{P}(\varphi)=0\,.$$