

Thursday, February 13, 2020 Tuesday, February 18



### Bell Work

**Problem:** The sum of Jim and Kim's ages is 53. Half of Jim's age is eight less than Kim's age.

**Define Variables:** Please identify your unknowns in this question.

Let  $j$  be Jim's age and  $k$  be Kim's age.

**Equations:** The equations to represent this situation are given below. Explain why they make sense, or write down some questions if they don't make sense to you.

① Total Age:  $j + k = 53$    
 ② Relative Values:  $\frac{1}{2}j = k - 8$    
 (Handwritten notes: "sum of ages is 53", "half of Jim's age", "if Kim's age minus 8")

**Solve:** Find their ages by solving the system of equations.

From ①:  $j = 53 - k$    
 Sub into ②:  $\frac{1}{2}(53 - k) = k - 8$    
 $53 - k = 2k - 16$    
 $69 = 3k$    
 $23 = k$    
 $j = 30$



### 1.4 Solving Linear Systems: Substitution (Continued)

### Applications of Linear Systems: Word Problems

We can use linear systems to model many real life situations. For example, in economics you will often be asked to use linear systems to find break even points for companies. In order to be able to use our ability to solve linear systems, we first need to be able to turn words in to equations. You have already had a little bit of practice with this, but we are going to revisit it today!

### Helpful Hints for Word Problems

- If there are percentages in a question, express them as decimals;
- If there are dollars and cents, express them in the same units (either all dollars or all cents);
- In most cases, your equations will look like the ones below if you have defined things properly.

$$\begin{aligned}
 x + y &= c && \text{(where a, b, c, and d are just numbers)} \\
 ax + by &= d
 \end{aligned}$$

