
Problem of the Week

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This week we have a more challenging alphametic for you:

In the addition problem below, each letter stands for a different digit. However, each letter stands for the same digit in every place where it appears. Find the only possible value for each digit to make a correct addition statement:

$$\begin{array}{rcccccc} & D & O & U & B & L & E \\ & D & O & U & B & L & E \\ + & & & & T & O & I & L \\ \hline T & R & O & U & B & L & E \end{array}$$

Of course, this problem is an homage to a line from *MacBeth*, which was written by Shakespeare. So how about we include my favorite Shakespearean sonnet:

*My mistress' eyes are nothing like the sun;
Coral is far more red than her lips' red;
If snow be white, why then her breasts are dun;
If hairs be wires, black wires grow on her head.
I have seen roses damask'd, red and white,
But no such roses see I in her cheeks;
And in some perfumes is there more delight
Than in the breath that from my mistress reeks.
I love to hear her speak, yet well I know
That music hath a far more pleasing sound;
I grant I never saw a goddess go;
My mistress, when she walks, treads on the ground:
And yet, by heaven, I think my love as rare
As any she belied with false compare.*

Gets me every time. Now get to work on that problem! When you've solved it, be sure to follow the directions on the back of this page \implies

*Solutions are due to Jason Rosenhouse by 5:00 on Friday, October 17. **Solutions should be written on an official POTW handout, on the back of this page.** Place your name, e-mail address, and the section numbers and professors of any math courses you are taking, in the **upper right corner** of the front of the page. One weekly winner will receive a five-dollar gift card from Starbucks. Please make sure that the answer to the problem is displayed clearly and prominently, in a box when appropriate. **Keep in mind, however, that to be considered correct, your answer to the problem must be accompanied by a clear, concise explanation.** Problems are available at the bulletin board outside Roop 119, and also at the website:*

<http://educ.jmu.edu/~rosenhjd/POTW/Fall14/homepage.html>