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Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} x + \frac{1}{z} = 3 \\ y + \frac{1}{x} = 2 \\ xyz = 1 \end{cases}$$

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$$x + \frac{1}{z} = 3 \text{ then } z = \frac{1}{3-x}, y + \frac{1}{x} = 2 \text{ then } x = \frac{1}{2-y}$$

$$xyz = 1 \text{ or } \frac{y}{(3-x)(2-y)} = 1 \text{ or } \frac{y}{\left(3 - \frac{1}{2-y}\right)(2-y)} = 1$$

$$\frac{y}{5-3y} = 1 \text{ or } y = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2-y} = \frac{1}{2-\frac{5}{4}} = \frac{4}{3} \text{ and } z = \frac{1}{xy} = \frac{1}{\frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{5}{4}} = \frac{3}{5}$$