

### Puzzler:

There is a hallway with switches labelled 1 to 10, which are all in the "off" position. 10 people pass through the hallway.

The first person flips each switch (turning them all on).

The second person flips any switch whose label is a multiple of 2 (turning them all again)

The third person flips any switch whose label is a multiple of 3 (turning some off & some on)

This continues until all 10 people pass through, the last flipping only the 10th switch.

At the end, which switches are on, and which are off?

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HW: I'll move to Friday

in general, due Monday 11:33 pm

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Exam: Mon Feb ~~26~~ 23

## Rank and number of solutions

Observation Given a system of linear equations, then changing it to (reduced) row echelon form doesn't change the solutions.

Rank of a system  $\equiv$  # of rows in (reduced) row echelon form.

when reduce to RREF, easy to check if system is

consistent:

ex:  $\begin{matrix} 3x = 3 \\ 3x = 1 \end{matrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} 3 & | & 3 \\ 3 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & | & 1 \\ 3 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & | & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

Observation:

If we have a system in (Red) RREF which is inconsistent, it will have a row of the form

$$[0 \dots 0 \mid a] \quad a \neq 0$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x = 1 \\ 0 = -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{array} \right] \text{ inconsistent.}$$

On the other hand, if all the bottom rows look like  
 then system is always consistent. "0=0"

$$\begin{array}{c} x \quad y \quad z \quad w \\ \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 2 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \text{parametrized solution} \\ \begin{array}{l} z=t \quad w=s \\ x=3-2t-5s \\ y=7-3s \end{array} \end{array}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $x + 2z + 5w = 3$   
 $y + 3w = 7$

### Theorem (1.2.2)

Suppose we have a system of equations in  $n$  variables & rank  $r$ . If consistent then the solutions will involve exactly  $n-r$  parameters. If  $r < n$  this means we have infinitely many solutions. If  $r = n$  there is a unique solution.

$$\begin{array}{cccc|c}
 x & y & z & w & \\
 \hline
 1 & 0 & 2 & 5 & 3 \\
 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 7 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0
 \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{cccc|c} x & y & z & w & \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 2 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}} \right\} \text{rank } 2$$

4 variables

$\leftarrow 0=0 \Rightarrow \text{consistent}$

$$\Rightarrow 4 - 2 = 2 \text{ pivots.}$$

(1 pivot for each column w/out a leading 1)

(z, w = free pivots)

Observation If a system is homogeneous

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \text{---} & \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{matrix} \end{array} \right] \text{ then it's always consistent.}$$

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = 0$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + \dots = 0$$

$\vdots$

solution:

$$x_1 = 0$$

$$x_2 = 0$$

$\vdots$

$$x_n = 0$$

Recall: homogeneous systems are also nice because solutions form a space of vectors

Line through  $(2,4)$  &  $(1,3)$

$$y = mx + b \xrightarrow{(2,4)} 4 = m(2) + b$$

$$\swarrow (1,3) \rightarrow 3 = m(1) + b$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{array}{cc|c} m & b & \\ \hline 2 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & 1 & 4 \end{array}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ \hline 0 & -1 & -2 \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & -1 & -2 \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{y = 1x + 2}$$

$$m = 1$$

$$b = 2$$

$$\leftarrow \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array}$$

$$\leftarrow \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & -1 & -2 \end{array}$$

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$$y = mx + b \xrightarrow{(1,2)} 2 = m(1) + b$$

$$\swarrow (1,4) \rightarrow 4 = m(1) + b$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{array}{cc|c} m & b & \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{array}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 2 \end{array}$$

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given two points  $P = (p_1, p_2)$   $Q = (q_1, q_2)$

is there a line through them & for  $y = mx + b$ , and if so, how many?

$$y = mx + b \xrightarrow{P} p_2 = m(p_1) + b$$

$$\xrightarrow{Q} q_2 = m(q_1) + b \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} m & b \\ p_1 & 1 & | & p_2 \\ q_1 & 1 & | & q_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

swapping variables

$$\begin{bmatrix} b & m \\ 1 & p_1 & | & p_2 \\ 1 & q_1 & | & q_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & p_1 & | & p_2 \\ 0 & q_1 - p_1 & | & q_2 - p_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



if  $q_1 - p_1 = 0$  and  $q_2 - p_2 \neq 0$   
means  $\rightarrow$  no line

$q_1 = p_1$  (same x-coord)

$p_2 \neq q_2$   
(diff. y-coord)

if  $p_1 \neq q_1$  then

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & p_1 & | & p_2 \\ 0 & q_1 - p_1 & | & q_2 - p_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & p_1 & | & p_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

there's always a unique  
line through any 2 points  
w/ different x-coords

if km  
 $y = mx + b$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \frac{q_2 - p_2}{q_1 - p_1} \end{bmatrix}$$

or what if

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & p_1 & | & p_2 \\ 0 & q_1 - p_1 & | & q_2 - p_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

and  $q_1 - p_1 = 0$   
i.e.  $q_2 - p_2 = 0$

either  $q_1 = p_1$  or  $q_1 \neq p_1$   
 $q_1 - p_1 = 0$  or  $q_1 - p_1 \neq 0$

either  $q_2 - p_2 \neq 0$  or  
 $\Rightarrow$  contradicts  
(vertical line)

$q_2 - p_2 = 0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & p_1 & | & p_2 \\ 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ rk} = 1$$

only may be  
thru 2 point

}  
always unique  
soln

## Start of matrix algebra

### dot product

we think of coeffs of equation as a "row vector"

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 + 3x_2 + 5x_3 \\ 2x_1 + 6x_2 + 9x_3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 & | & 2 \\ 2 & 6 & 9 & | & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 + 3x_2 + 5x_3 = 2 \\ 2x_1 + 6x_2 + 9x_3 = 4 \end{array}$$

rows  $\longleftrightarrow$  coeffs

column on right = "output vector"

column vectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

as input or output.

rows = coeffs.

$$x_1 + 3x_2 + 5x_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 & | & 2 \\ 2 & 6 & 9 & | & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} x_1 + 3x_2 + 5x_3 = 2 \\ 2x_1 + 6x_2 + 9x_3 = 4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \quad \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 6 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \right.$$



$$[2 \ 6 \ 9] \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = 7 \quad \checkmark$$

Maat: matrix mult. is a bunch of dot products.

$$R_i = (1 \ 3 \ 5)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_1 \\ R_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 \cdot x \\ R_2 \cdot x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R x = B$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_1 \\ R_2 \\ \vdots \\ R_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} B \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_1 \\ R_2 \\ \vdots \\ R_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 x_1 & R_1 x_2 & \dots & R_1 x_d \\ R_2 x_1 & R_2 x_2 & \dots & R_2 x_d \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ R_m x_1 & R_m x_2 & \dots & R_m x_d \end{bmatrix}$$