# CMPT 210: Probability and Computing

Lecture 11

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**Computational complexity**: Step 1 can be done in O(n) time. Step 2 requires 3 matrix vector multiplications and can be done in  $O(n^2)$  time. Step 3 requires comparing two n-dimensional vectors and can be done in O(n) time. Hence, the total computational complexity is  $O(n^2)$ .

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One sided in the sense that an error only occurs if D != AB

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Let 
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If E only has zeros, AB = D

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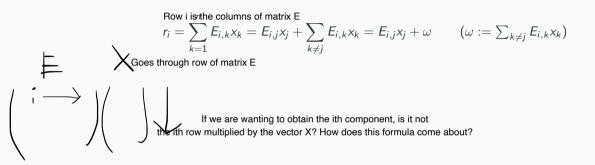
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To complete the proof, on the next slide, we will prove that  $\Pr[r_i = 0] \leq \frac{1}{2}$ .



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 ${f Q}$ : What is the probability that algorithm  ${\cal B}$  correctly outputs Yes if the true answer is Yes, and correctly outputs No if the true answer is No?

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When the true answer is Yes, both  $\mathcal B$  and  $\mathcal A$  correctly output Yes. When the true answer is No,  $\mathcal A$  incorrectly outputs Yes with probability  $<\frac{1}{2}$ , but  $\mathcal B$  incorrectly outputs Yes with probability  $<\frac{1}{2^m}<<\frac{1}{2}$ . By repeating the experiment, we have "amplified" the probability of success.

