

Step-1

(a) Consider matrices of (2×2) with $1 \in \mathbb{F}_2$ and $0 \in \mathbb{F}_2$. Determine how many are invertible.

Recall that a matrix is invertible if its determinant is non-zero.

Step-2

Determinants of all the matrices (2×2) containing $1 \in \mathbb{F}_2$ and $0 \in \mathbb{F}_2$ are as follows:

Consider the matrices with only one $1 \in \mathbb{F}_2$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Determinant of all these matrices are zero. So, none of them are invertible.

Step-3

Consider the matrices with two $1 \in \mathbb{F}_2$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Determinant of all these matrices are zero. So, none of them are invertible.

Step-4

Consider the matrices with three $1 \in \mathbb{F}_2$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Determinant of all these matrices are nonzero. So, each one of them are invertible.

Step-5

Consider the matrix with $1 \in \mathbb{F}_2$ positioned on the diagonal and anti-diagonal.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Determinant of all these matrices are nonzero. So, each one of them are invertible.

Step-6

Consider the matrix with all 1's and 0's.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Determinant of all these matrices are zero. So, none of them are invertible.

Step-7

Therefore, from sixteen (2×2) matrices with 0's and 1's only 6 are invertible.

Step-8

(b) Consider matrices of (10×10) with 1's and 0's. These entries are done at random. Determine the matrix is more likely to be singular or invertible.

If entries 1's and 0's are filled at random in (10×10) matrix then it is likely to be more singular. As the effect of the element 1 can be cancelled out when multiplied by element 0. Therefore, matrix is more likely to be singular.