

## EECS 16A

State Transition Systems and  
Inversion

## Discussion Section Adjustments #92



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Yesterday in Discussion



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Happy Sunday everyone!

I hope you all have been having a great weekend :) Based on attendance we have been seeing in our sections, we have decided to make some adjustments to our discussion discussion section offerings.

These changes are **effective immediately-i.e. Monday's (2/6) discussions sections will follow this changed format.** The website will be updated shortly.

1. **Tiffany's 11 AM section in Wheeler 224** will be **replaced** by an **'Exam Prep'** section taught by **Avikam, at 11 AM, in Wheeler 224.** Exam Prep Sections will go over past exam problems as a way to help prepare for the exam. They will not use the standard discussion worksheet-this is a great way to prepare for exam style problems with the help of a discussion TA, particularly if you feel relatively comfortable with the material introduced in lecture that week.

2. **Tiffany's 4 - 5 PM section will be converted** to an extended, slower-paced section. It will last from **4 - 6 PM**, beginning in **Wheeler 222 from 4 - 5 PM** and shifting to **Wheeler 220 from 5 - 6 PM**, as a means to provide a short break to stretch your legs. This is a 2-hour section which will have a slower pace, potentially include a lengthier mini-lecture, and is highly likely to finish the entire discussion worksheet. You should attend this discussion if you want a little extra help or would prefer to have more time and guidance when working through the worksheet.

3. **Dahlia's 5-6 PM section will be moved to Etcheverry 3107** (replacing Avikam). Her section will also take the place of Tiffany's as a designated Underrepresented Students section (although everyone is welcome to attend).

4. **Nathan's 5-6 PM section will be hybrid.** In other words, he will teach in-person in **Etcheverry 3111**, and on Zoom at this [link](#).

Any section not mentioned here will continue as planned (no adjustments). Discussions will continue to meet on both Mondays and Wednesdays. As a reminder, you are welcome to attend any section that works with your schedule and learning style, regardless of whether or not you match with any of the groups it has been marked for. Please post any followups or questions in this thread.

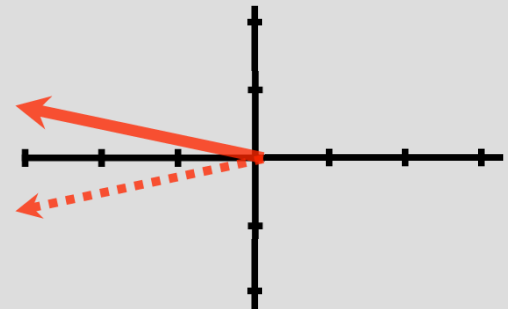
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## Last time: Matrices transform vectors

$$A \vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

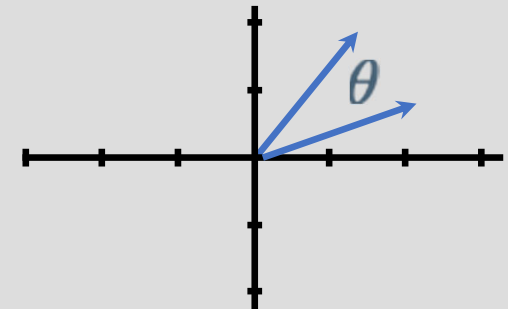
**Reflection  
Matrix**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ -x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



**Rotation  
Matrix**

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

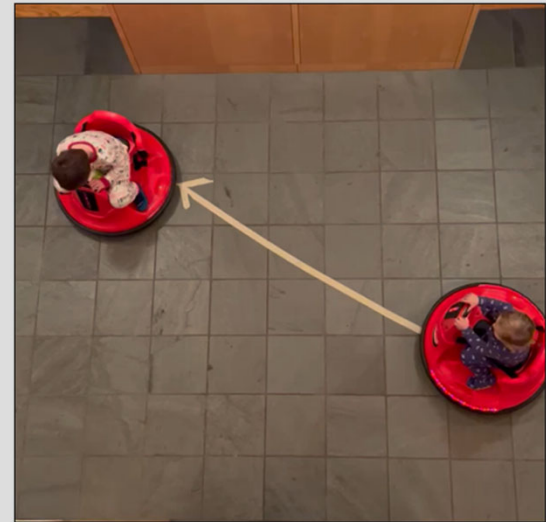


# This time: Vectors as states

Vectors can represent states of a <sup>dynamic!</sup> system

Example: The state of a car at time = t

$$\vec{s}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \\ v(t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \left. \vphantom{\begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \\ v(t) \end{bmatrix}} \right\} \text{position} \\ \leftarrow \text{speed} \end{array}$$

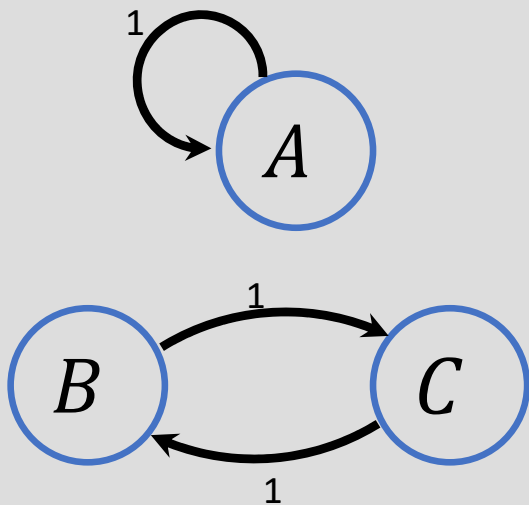


Q: Is that enough to predict future path?

A: no, need starting position + direction

# Graph Transition Matrices

Example: Reservoirs and Pumps



Q: What is the state?

A: Water in each reservoir

$$\vec{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_A(t) \\ x_B(t) \\ x_C(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

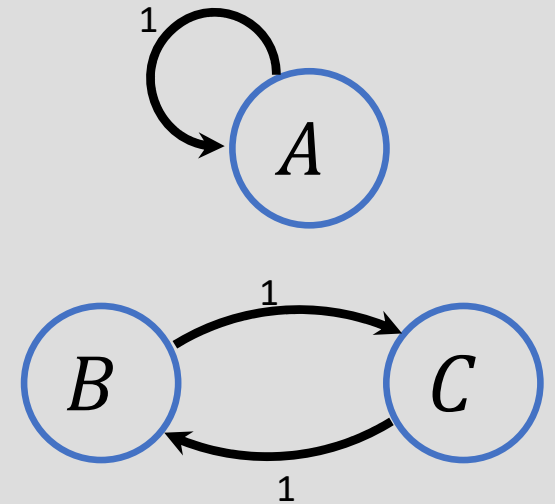
Pumps move water...

What would the state be tomorrow?

$$\vec{x}(t+1) = \begin{bmatrix} x_A(t+1) \\ x_B(t+1) \\ x_C(t+1) \end{bmatrix}$$

# State Transition Matrices

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_A(t+1) &= x_A(t) \\ x_B(t+1) &= x_C(t) \\ x_C(t+1) &= x_B(t) \end{aligned} \right\} \text{system of eqn's that describes how state evolves over time}$$



Write as a matrix-vector multiplication:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_A(t+1) \\ x_B(t+1) \\ x_C(t+1) \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_Q \begin{bmatrix} x_A(t) \\ x_B(t) \\ x_C(t) \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \boxed{\vec{x}(t+1) = Q \vec{x}(t)}$$

↑ state @ t+1
↑ state @ t

state transition matrix

What is the state after 2 time steps?  $\vec{x}(t+2) = Q \vec{x}(t+1) = Q Q \vec{x}(t) = Q^2 \vec{x}(t)$

3x? (same as 1)    4x? (same as 2)

# State Transition Matrices

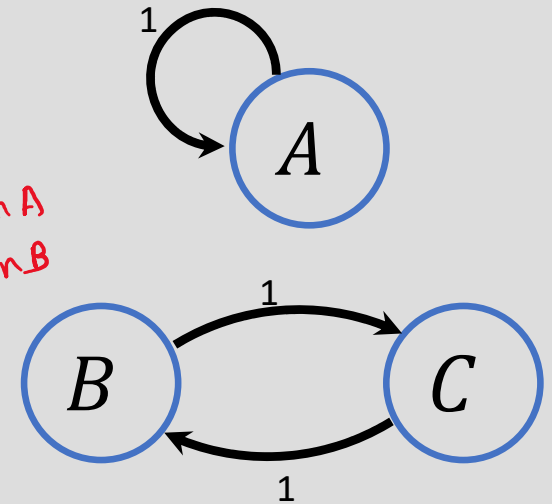
$$\begin{bmatrix} x_A(t+1) \\ x_B(t+1) \\ x_C(t+1) \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_Q \begin{bmatrix} x_A(t) \\ x_B(t) \\ x_C(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$\vec{x}(t+1)$   $Q$   $\vec{x}(t)$

Initial condition:

$$\vec{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

← water in A  
← water in B



What is the state at t=1?

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

$Q$   $\vec{x}(0)$   $\vec{x}(1)$

← no changes in A  
↗ B and C swap

What is the state at t=2?

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

$Q$   $\vec{x}(1)$   $\vec{x}(2)$

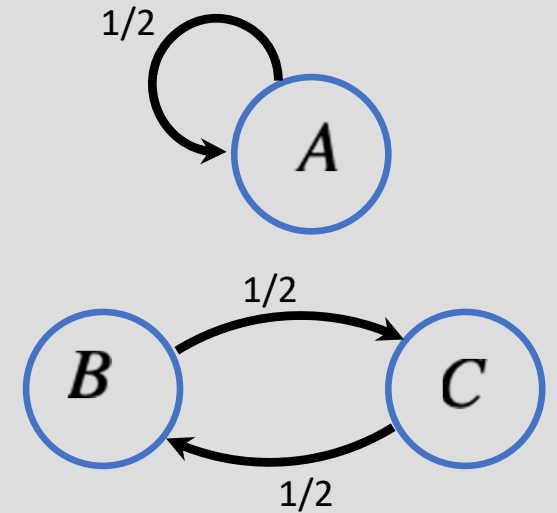
$\vec{x}(2) = \vec{x}(0)$ ?

✓ water is flip flopping b/w B & C (Not generally true)

check:  $Q^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I \rightarrow$  so  $\vec{x}(2) = I \vec{x}(0)$   
same! ✓

# Now what will happen?

$$\vec{x}(t+1) = \underbrace{Q}_{\text{matrix}} \vec{x}(t)$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} x_A(t+1) \\ x_B(t+1) \\ x_C(t+1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_A(t) \\ x_B(t) \\ x_C(t) \end{bmatrix}$$



$$Q^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/4 \end{bmatrix}$$

numbers will  
get smaller  
and smaller  
with every time step

What will happen after many time steps?

Numbers will diminish to zero  $\rightarrow$  system is “**non-conservative**”!

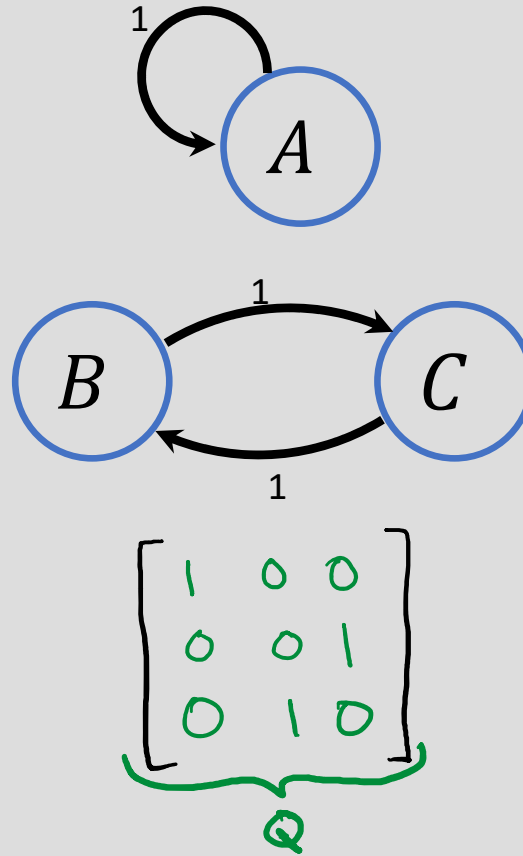


# Conservative systems conserve!

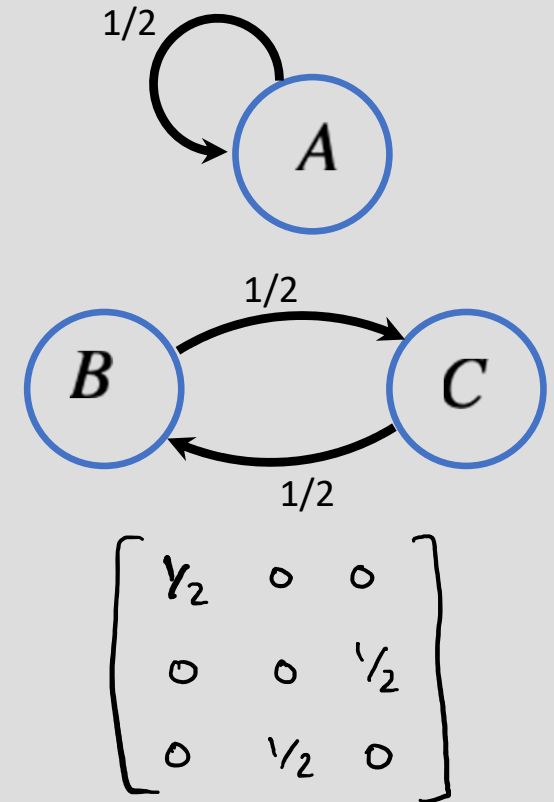
A → A	B → A	C → A	Row is all inputs to A
A → B	B → B	C → B	B
A → C	B → C	C → C	C

↑  
1st col is all outputs from A

(if = 1 then conservative?)



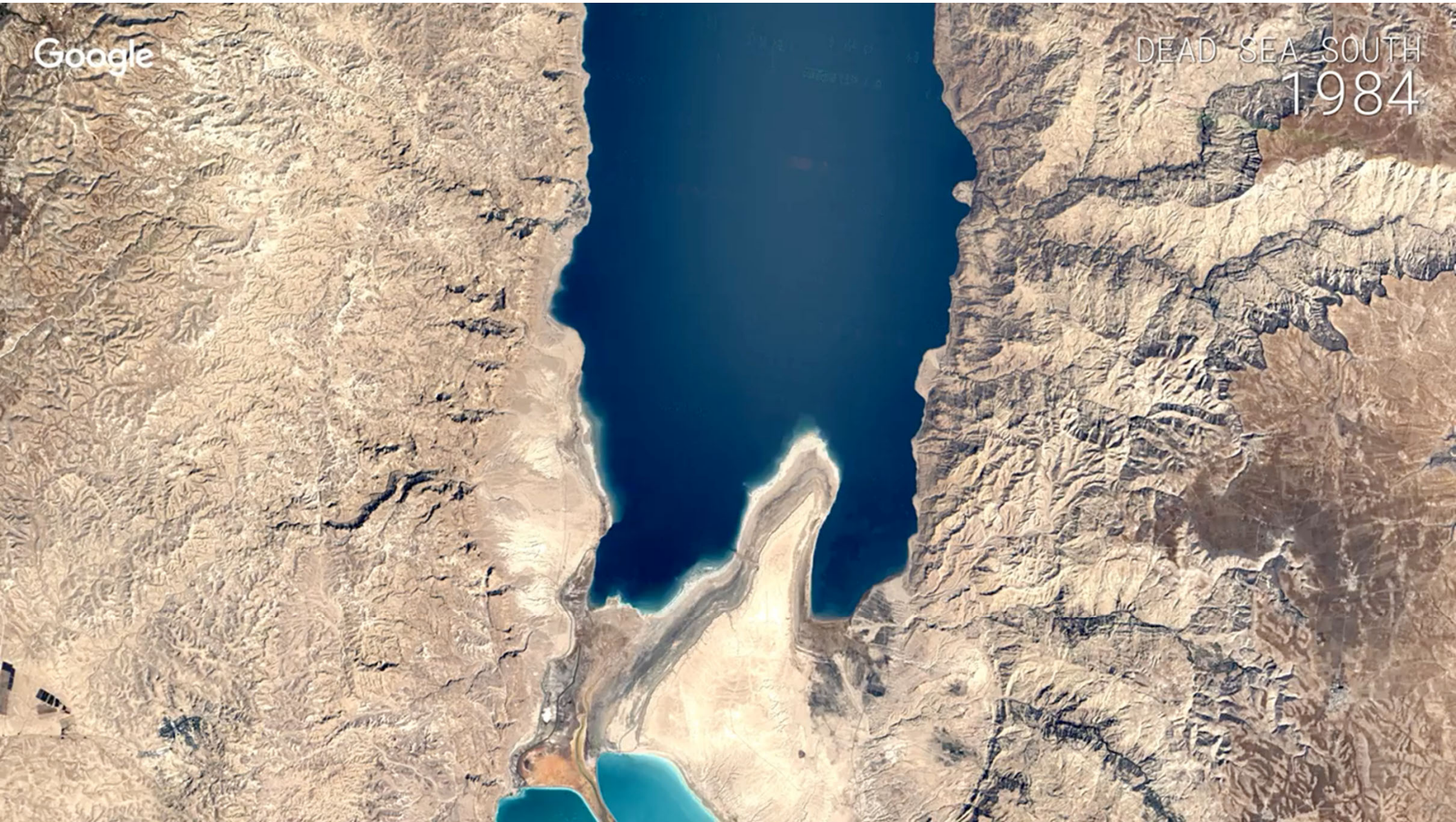
**conservative**  
each col total = 1



**non-conservative**  
each col total not = 1

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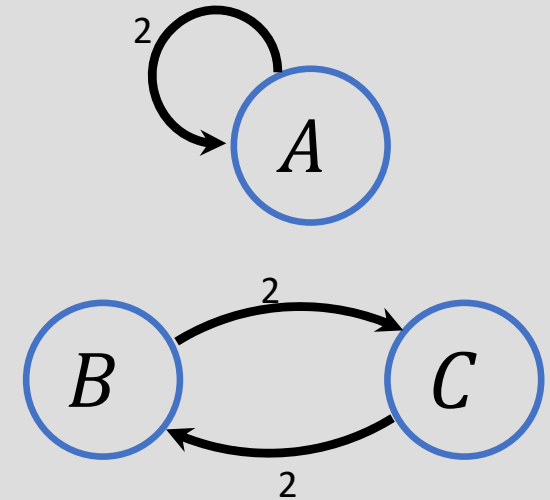
DEAD SEA SOUTH  
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## Now what will happen?

$$\vec{x}(t+1) = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_Q \vec{x}(t)$$

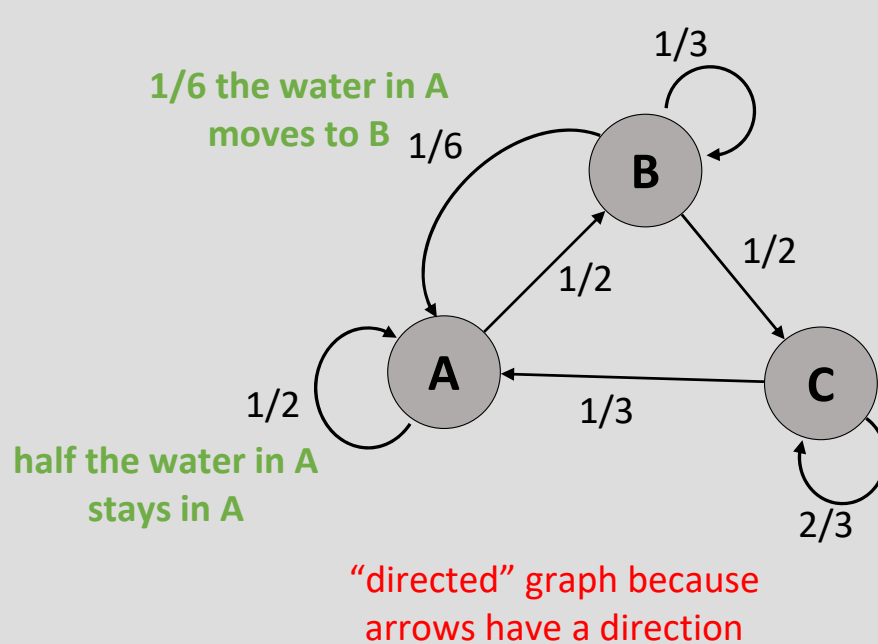


$$Q^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \text{ not conservative, not diminishing}$$

What will happen after many time steps?

Numbers will explode to infinity

# Graph Representation in general



## Nodes

I have 3 reservoirs: A,B,C and I want to keep track of how much water is in each

When I turn on some pumps, water moves between the reservoirs.

## Edges

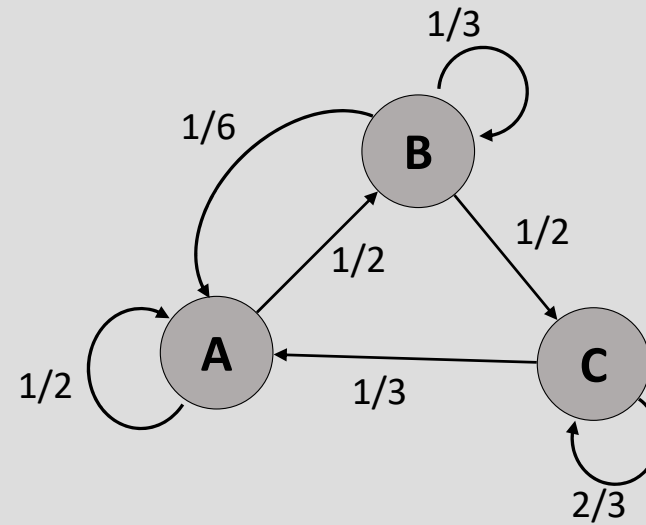
Where the water moves and what fraction is represented by arrows.

## Edge weights

**What else could nodes and edges represent?**

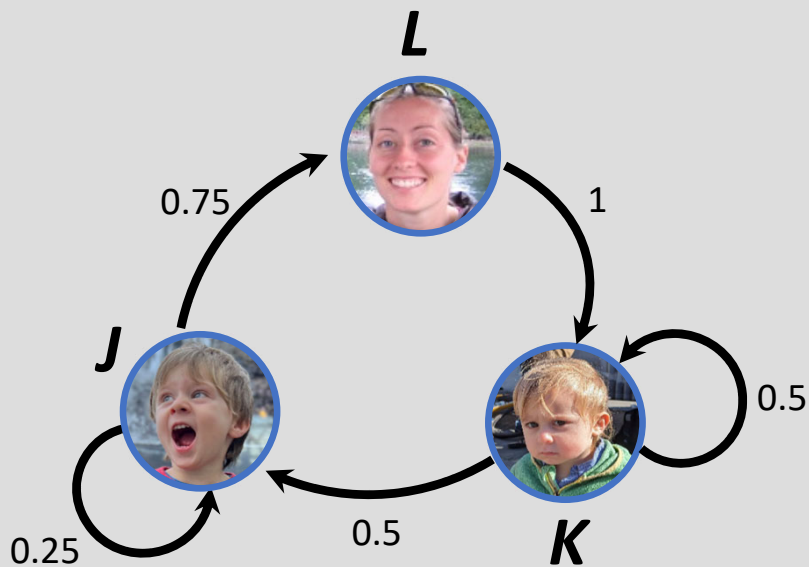
People and traffic flow, money and purchases, ...

# Pop Quiz:



$$\begin{bmatrix} x_A(t+1) \\ x_B(t+1) \\ x_C(t+1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A \rightarrow A & B \rightarrow A & C \rightarrow A \\ A \rightarrow B & B \rightarrow B & C \rightarrow B \\ A \rightarrow C & B \rightarrow C & C \rightarrow C \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_A(t) \\ x_B(t) \\ x_C(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

# Example: Learning to share toys



What is the state?  $\vec{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_J(t) \\ x_K(t) \\ x_L(t) \end{bmatrix}$

What is the state transition matrix?

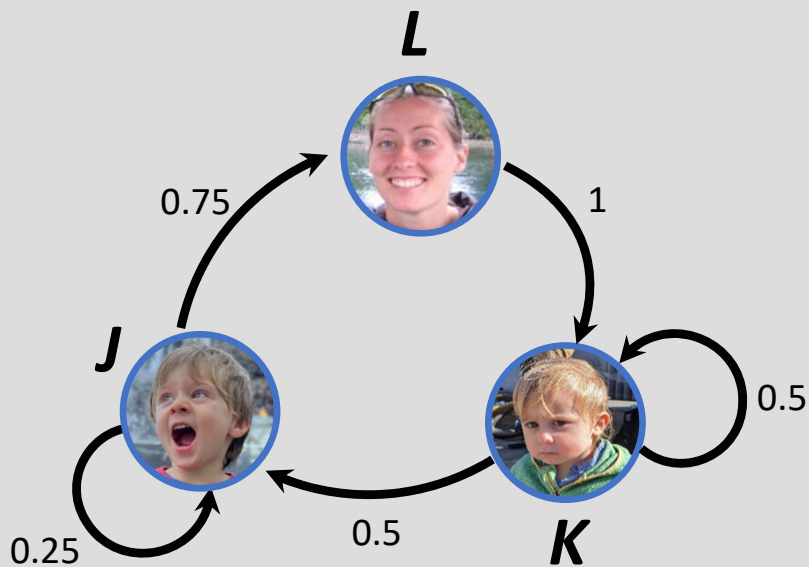
$$\begin{bmatrix} J \rightarrow J & K \rightarrow J & L \rightarrow J \\ J \rightarrow K & K \rightarrow K & L \rightarrow K \\ J \rightarrow L & K \rightarrow L & L \rightarrow L \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_J(t+1) \\ x_K(t+1) \\ x_L(t+1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.25 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 1 \\ 0.75 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_J(t) \\ x_K(t) \\ x_L(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Who will end up with all the toys?

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Initial condition:



What happens after 1 time step?

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_J(t+1) \\ x_K(t+1) \\ x_L(t+1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.25 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 1 \\ 0.75 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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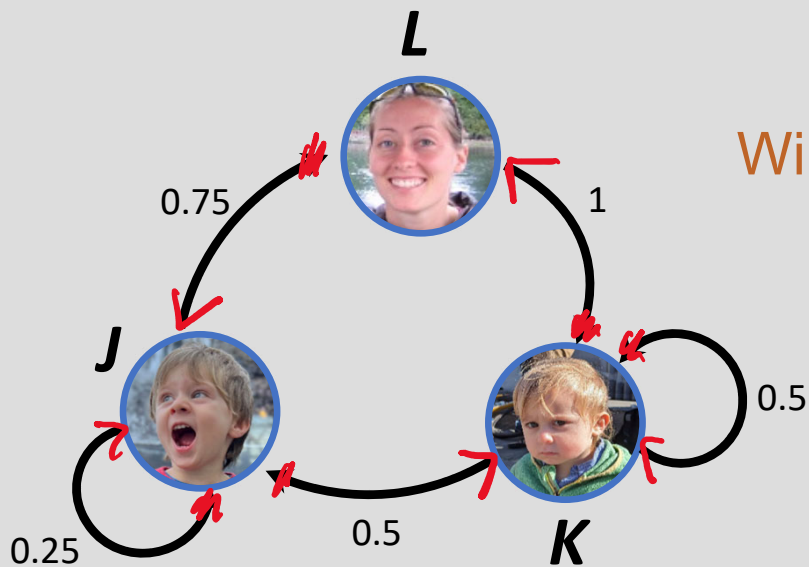
What happens after 100 time steps?

$$P^{100} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.31 & 0.31 & 0.31 \\ 0.46 & 0.46 & 0.46 \\ 0.23 & 0.23 & 0.23 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_J(t+100) \\ x_K(t+100) \\ x_L(t+100) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.31 & 0.31 & 0.31 \\ 0.46 & 0.46 & 0.46 \\ 0.23 & 0.23 & 0.23 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.31 \\ 0.45 \\ 0.23 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Example: Learning to share toys



$$\begin{bmatrix} x_J(t+1) \\ x_K(t+1) \\ x_L(t+1) \end{bmatrix} = \overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0.25 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 1 \\ 0.75 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}^P \begin{bmatrix} x_J(t) \\ x_K(t) \\ x_L(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Will flipping the arrows make us go back in time?

$$\vec{x}(t+1) = \begin{bmatrix} \overset{J \rightarrow J}{} 0.25 & \overset{K \rightarrow J}{} 0 & \overset{L \rightarrow J}{} 0.75 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}(t)$$

$P^T$  Matrix transpose

does not go  
back in time!

(Need inverse)

In general, no!

is not (necessarily) the same as

## Matrix transpose

→ swap the rows with the columns

$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \vec{x}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \vec{x}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

If the elements of the matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M}$  are  $a_{ij}$   
The elements of  $A^T \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$  are  $a_{ji}$   
Matrix transpose is not (generally) an inverse!

## Matrix inverse

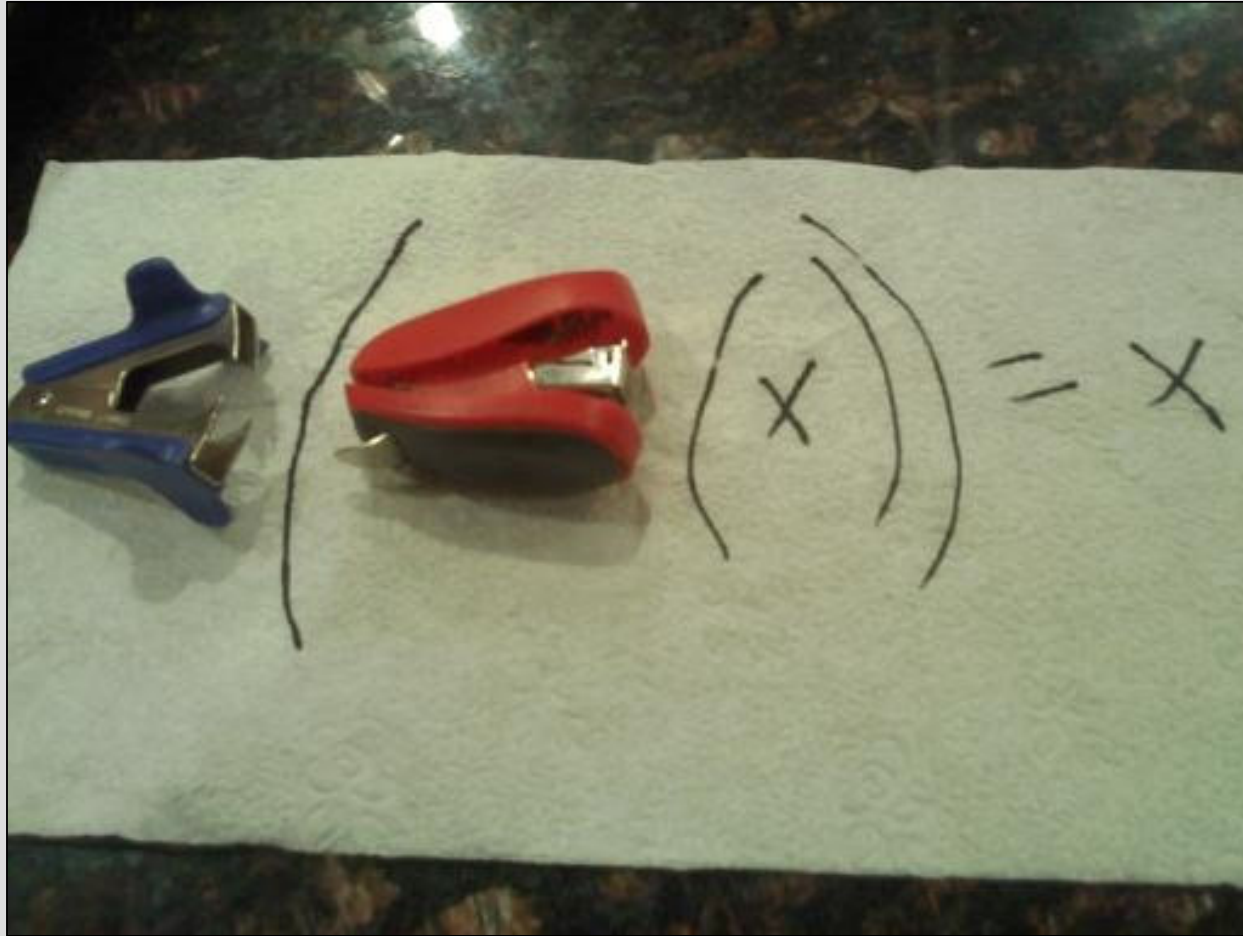
→ Undo what the matrix did

$$\vec{x}(t+1) = P \vec{x}(t)$$
$$\vec{x}(t) = P^{-1} \vec{x}(t+1)$$

*inverse matrix*

*can't divide by P*

# Example: inverse of a stapler



# Example: Invertibility brings justice!



Images released by Interpol in 2007 show the 'unswirling' of the internet pictures that led to the capture of Christopher Paul Neil.

# Invertible means we can recover input from output

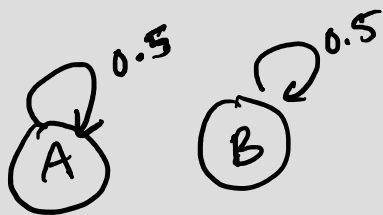
Is  $f(x)=0$  invertible? No!

Is eating a sandwich invertible? (not really...)

Is iPad **scribbling** invertible? Yes! (undo)

Is tomography invertible? (maybe)

Example:



$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{x}(t+1) = P \vec{x}(t)$$

inverse  $P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\vec{x}(t) = P^{-1} \vec{x}(t+1)$$

$$PP^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$$

# Matrix Inverse

$$\vec{x}(t + 1) = Q\vec{x}(t)$$

Is there a square matrix  $P$  such that we can go back in time?

$$\vec{x}(t) = P\vec{x}(t + 1)$$

Yes, if :  $PQ = I$

$$P\vec{x}(t + 1) = PQ\vec{x}(t)$$

$$P\vec{x}(t + 1) = I\vec{x}(t)$$

As consequence :  $QP = I$

$$\vec{x}(t + 1) = Q\vec{x}(t)$$

$$\vec{x}(t + 1) = QP\vec{x}(t + 1)$$

$$\vec{x}(t + 1) = I\vec{x}(t + 1)$$

# Matrix Inverse - Formal definition

- Definition: Let  $P, Q \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$  be square matrices.
  - $P$  is the inverse of  $Q$  if  $PQ = QP = I$

We say that  $P = Q^{-1}$  and  $Q = P^{-1}$

Matrix multiply is generally not commutative (order matters), but inverses are!

Does commutative imply inverses?  
No!

Q: What about non-square matrices?

A: EECS16B!

Properties of inverses:

- unique
- inverse can be multiplied on left or right
- if inverse exists  $\rightarrow$  unique sol'n to system

# Calculating matrix inverses

Pose as a linear set of equations.  
Solve with Gaussian Elimination

$$\begin{array}{c} Q \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \begin{array}{c} P \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} p_{11} & p_{12} & p_{13} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & p_{23} \\ p_{31} & p_{32} & p_{33} \end{array} \right] \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} I \\ \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

$\vec{p}_1$     $\vec{p}_2$     $\vec{p}_3$                        $\vec{b}_1$     $\vec{b}_2$     $\vec{b}_3$



# Calculating matrix inverses

Pose as a linear set of equations.  
Solve with Gaussian Elimination

$$P P^{-1} = I$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_{11} & P_{12} & P_{13} \\ P_{21} & P_{22} & P_{23} \\ P_{31} & P_{32} & P_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

↑ 1st solve for col 1  
↑ then solve for col 2  
↑ then col 3

how to solve for  $P^{-1}$

Treat each col of  $P^{-1}$  as a separate Mtx-vector problem to solve.

But Gauss. Elim. only depends on  $P$ , so can do all at once: 😊

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{R1, R2}]{\text{swap}} \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{R3-R1}]{2R1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & | & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & | & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{-R3}]{R1+2R3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$P^{-1}$

## Let's check it!

$$\begin{matrix} Q & & P \\ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & p_{13} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & p_{23} \\ p_{31} & p_{32} & p_{33} \end{bmatrix} & = & \begin{matrix} I \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \checkmark$$

And now we can take any number of steps backwards!