
Math 22 –
Linear Algebra and its
applications

- Lecture 5 -

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GENERAL INFORMATION

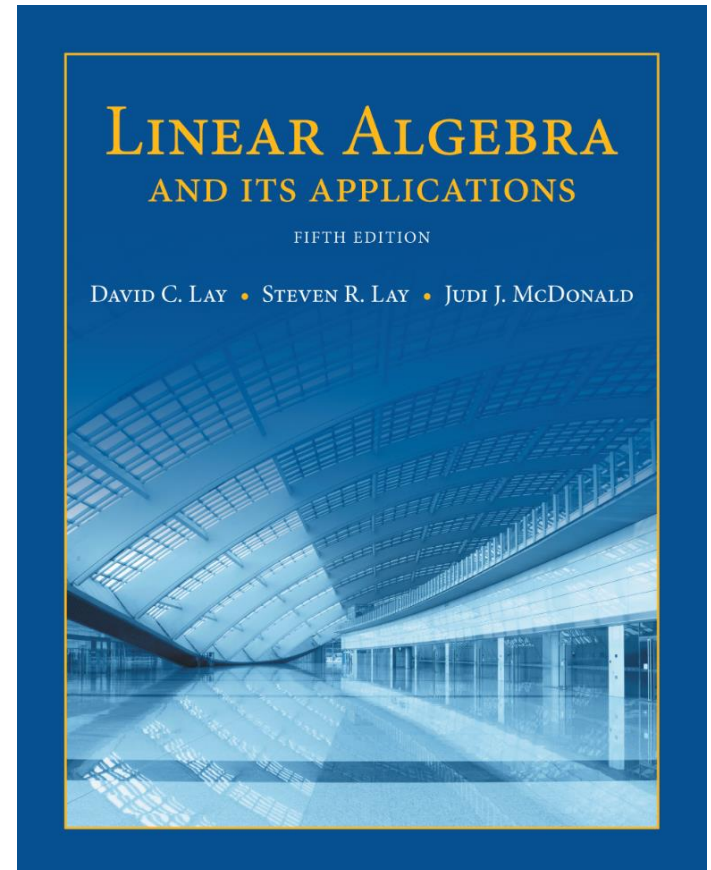
- **Office hours:** Tu 1-3 pm, Th, **Sun** 2-4 pm in KH 229
- **Tutorial:** Tu, Th, **Sun** 7-9 pm in KH 105
- **Homework:** Homework 2 due **next Wednesday** at 4 pm in the boxes outside Kemeny 008. Separate your homework into **part A, part B, part C** and **part D** and staple it.

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Linear Equations in Linear Algebra

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APPLICATIONS OF LINEAR SYSTEMS



WHY LINEAR ALGEBRA?

- 1.) Almost **all functions** can be **approximated** by piecewise **linear functions**
- 2.) **20 % of all CPU time** goes into solving **linear equations**
- 3.) **Mastering Linear Algebra** is **essential** for **all basic sciences**



A SIMPLE ECONOMY

- **Example:** Our sandbox economy has a three sectors:
Coal (**C**), Electricity (**E**) and Steel (**S**).

Let p_c = price of the total amount of output of **coal**

p_e = price of the total amount of output of **electricity**

p_s = price of the total amount of output of **steel**

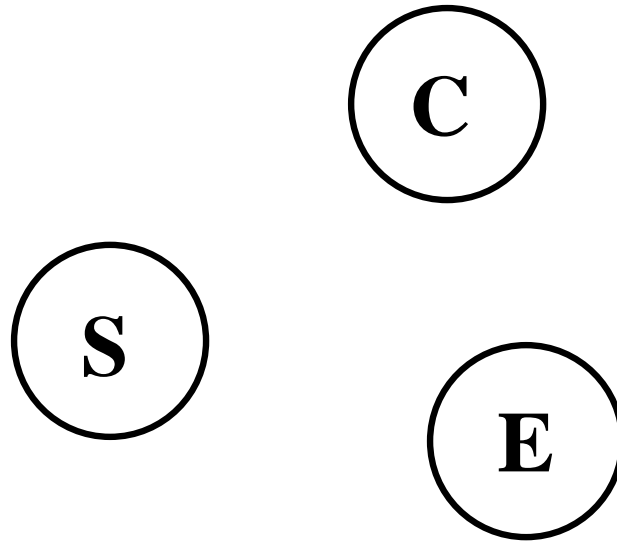
- We know that the **output of goods** is distributed in the following way:

TABLE 1 A Simple Economy

Distribution of Output from:

Coal	Electric	Steel	Purchased by:
.0	.4	.6	Coal
.6	.1	.2	Electric
.4	.5	.2	Steel

Exercise: Draw a flow diagram for the output of goods.

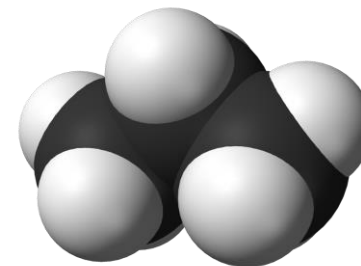


Goal: Set up the equations for p_c , p_e and p_s under the assumption that the system is closed i.e. no money leaves the system.

A SIMPLE ECONOMY

BALANCING A CHEMICAL EQUATION

Example: Burning propane.



Goal: We want to balance this equation.

NETWORK FLOW

Example: One way streets in Baltimore.

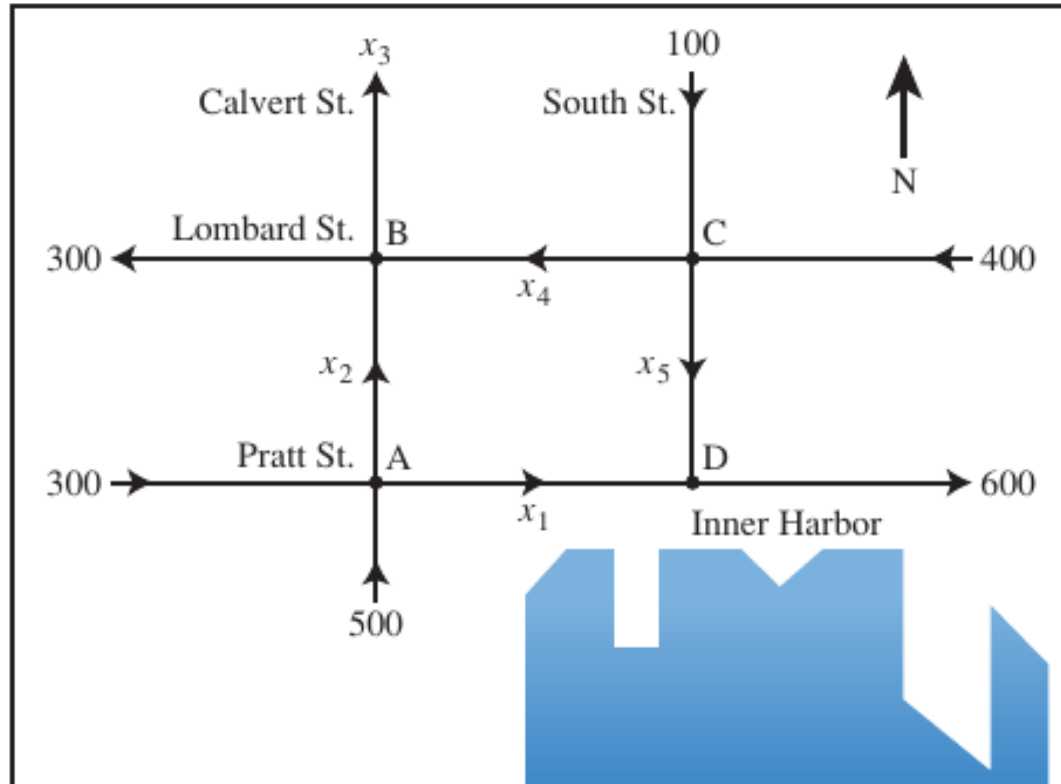


FIGURE 2 Baltimore streets.

Goal: Examine the flow of cars.

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