

MA162: Finite mathematics

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SCHEDULE:

- HW 1.1-1.4 are due Friday, Sep 2nd, 2011.
- HW 2.1-2.2 are due Friday, Sep 9th, 2011.
- Exam 1 is Monday, Sep 26th, 5:00pm-7:00pm in CB106.

Today we will cover chapter 2.1:

- Setting up word problems and reading the answers
- Number of solutions to a (small) system of linear equations

2.1 Linear models

- Situation: You supervise 40 hours of assembly crew and 15 hours of shipping crew. They handle two products the MintyBoost and the TV-B-Gone. The MB takes 15 minutes to assemble, and 5 minutes to pack, while the TV takes 10 minutes to assemble, and 5 minutes to pack. Middle management has given you free reign on how many to produce for now.

	MB	TV	Labor
Assembly	15 min	10 min	40 hrs
Shipping	5 min	5 min	15 hrs

- Goal: Keep the crew busy

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- Good, now we need to write down the goal in terms of x and y

2.1 Writing down the goal

- The goal is to use up all the labor
- We can write this as "Assembly labor used = Assembly labor available"
- Each MintyBoost uses 15 minutes of assembly labor, so $15x$ total
- Each TV-B-Gone uses 10 minutes of assembly labor, so $10y$ total
- 40 hours available, that is 2400 minutes
- So $15x + 10y = 2400$ (assembly)
- And $5x + 5y = 900$ (shipping)

2.1 Solve it using “balancing”

- So we try to solve it:

$$\begin{cases} 15x + 10y = 2400 \\ 5x + 5y = 900 \end{cases}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{Subtract 2·bot from top}} \begin{cases} 5x + 0y = 600 \\ 5x + 5y = 900 \end{cases}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{Subtract top from bot}} \begin{cases} 5x + 0y = 600 \\ 0x + 5y = 300 \end{cases}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{Divide by 5}} \begin{cases} 1x + 0y = 120 \\ 0x + 1y = 60 \end{cases}$$

- Great so:

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- Since x is the number of MintyBoosts to make, and $x = 120$, we should make 120 MintyBoosts.
 - In this modern world, you'll be expected to **interpret** and **apply**, not just work math problems at your desk.

WolframAlpha is neat

2.1: Middle management adds more constraints

- Word comes down that you need to make twice as many MintyBoosts as TV-B-Gones
- They don't care about your need to keep the workers busy
- Now we must solve:

$$\begin{cases} 15x + 10y = 2400 \\ 5x + 5y = 900 \\ x - 2y = 0 \end{cases}$$

- Can we do it?
- You bet your minty boots we can!

2.1: Another system

- Ok, what about this system:

$$\begin{cases} x + y = 4 \\ x + y = 8 \end{cases}$$

What should x be?

(L) $x = 2$

(R) $x = 4$

(B) no such x

2.1: Impossible mission

- People rarely are so direct about asking the impossible

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 2y = 8 \\ x + y = 8 \end{cases}$$

- But with two equations can the impossible really be disguised?

$$\begin{cases} 5x + 5y = 20 \\ 4x + 4y = 32 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 10x - 15y = 20 \\ 4x - 6y = 32 \end{cases}$$

2.1: The impossible game, k ?

- Ok, so maybe if we have one equation and part of another, we can make it impossible

$$\begin{cases} x + y = 4 \\ 7x + ky = 56 \end{cases}$$

What value of k makes it impossible?

- Another:

$$\begin{cases} 3x - 7y = 13 \\ 6x + ky = 38 \end{cases}$$

What value of k makes it impossible?

Ch 2.1 summary

- Variables are the business decision; parallel lines look parallel
- Two more word problems on the homework
- Homework is due Friday, 1.1-1.4. Today's homework is due next Friday, but do it today.
- I am heading to the mathskeller now