

# THE PROBABILISTIC METHOD

## WEEK 10: APPLICATIONS



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# READING QUIZ

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## Problem:

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Problem

How can Alice and Bob *reliably* communicate over an *unreliable* channel?

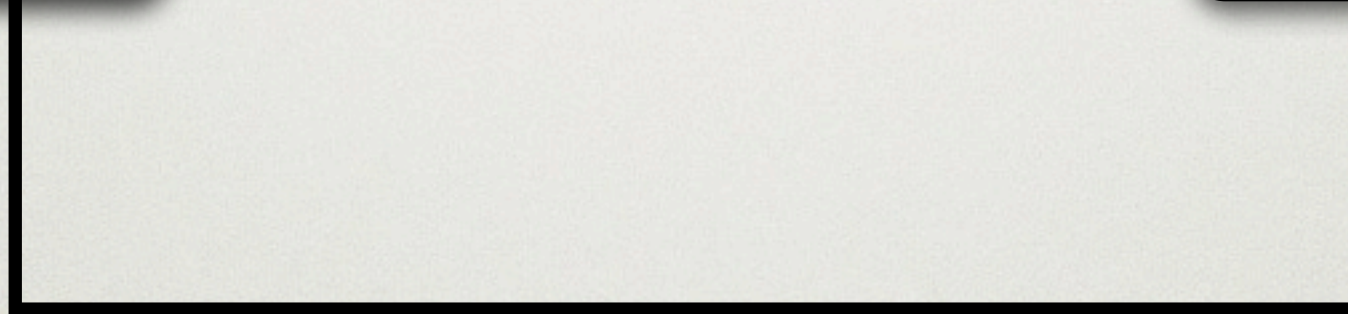
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$a_{ij} = 1$  iff  $(v_j, r_i)$  is  
edge in magic graph

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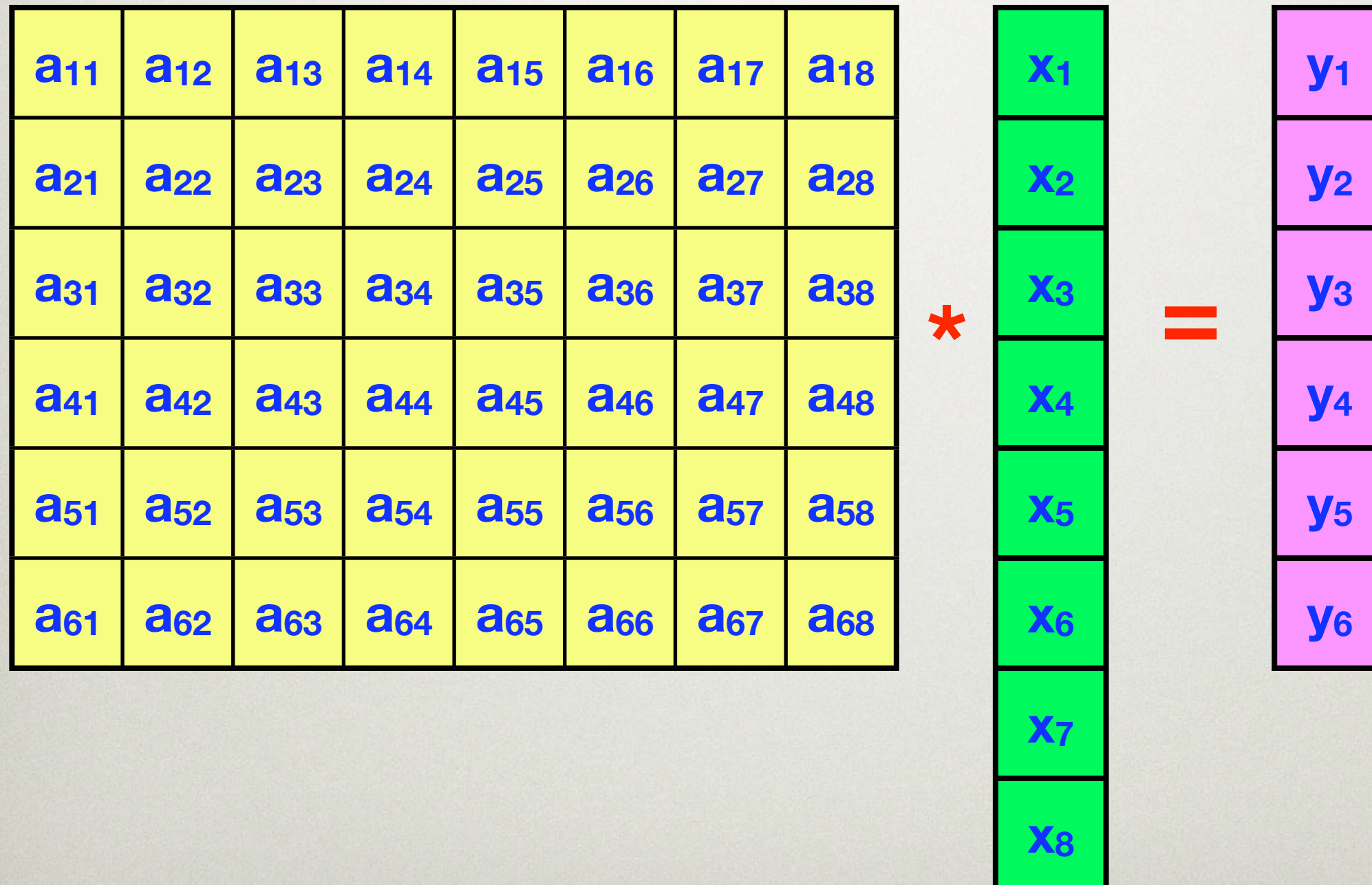
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| $x_4$ |
| $x_5$ |
| $x_6$ |
| $x_7$ |
| $x_8$ |

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| $y_1$ |
| $y_2$ |
| $y_3$ |
| $y_4$ |
| $y_5$ |
| $y_6$ |

$$y_i = \sum_k a_{ik} * x_k$$



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Some of us see the world in terms of expected value. We are very different from the rest of you.

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