

An airline operates 7 flights daily between New York & Chicago.

Crews are based in either city, and fly to-&-from the other city each day.

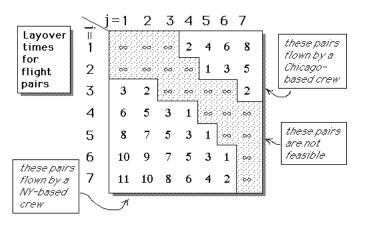
Flight	Leave	Arrive	Flight	Leave	Arrive
#	Chgo.	N.Y.	#	N.Y.	Chgo.
1	6 am	10 am	1	7 am	9 am
2	9 am	1 pm	2	8 am	10 am
3	noon	4 pm	3	10 am	noon
4	3 pm	7 pm	4	noon	2 pm
5	5 pm	9 pm	5	2 pm	4 pm
6	7 pm	11 pm	6	4 pm	10 am noon 2 pm 4 pm 6 pm 8 pm
7	8 pm	midnight	7	6 pm	8 pm

- Each of airline's crews live either in Chicago or in New York
- Each day, a crew must fly one NY-Chgo and one Chgo-NY flight
- There must be at least 1 hour layover time between flights
- At end of the day, a crew must be in its home city.

How many crews should be based in each city?

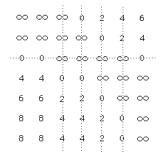
$$\label{eq:Xij} \textbf{X}_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ if a crew is assigned} \\ & \text{flight \#i from Chgo-NY} \\ \text{and flight \#j from NY-Chgo.} \\ 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

For example,  $X_{14}=1$  indicates that a crew is assigned Chgo-NY Flight #1, departing at 6 AM & arriving at 10 AM. After a 2-hour layover, they return to Chicago on NY-Chgo Flight #4, departing at noon and arriving in Chicago at 2 PM.



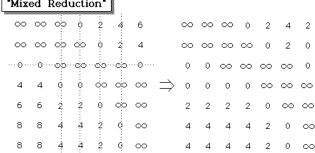
Row Reduction														
$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	2	4	6	8		$\infty$	$\infty$	00	0	2	4	6
$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	1	3	5		$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0	2	4
3	2	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	2		1	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	0
6	5	3	1	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\Rightarrow$	5	4	2	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
8	7	5	3	1	$\infty$	$\infty$		7	6	4	2	0	$\infty$	$\infty$
10	9	7	5	3	1	$\infty$		9	8	6	4	2	0	$\infty$
11	10	8	6	4	2	$\infty$		9	8	6	4	2	0	$\infty$

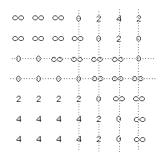




The zeroes can be covered by only five lines!

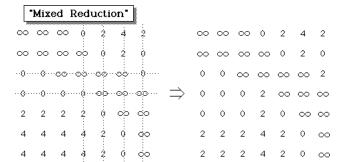
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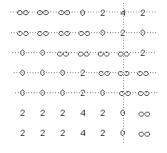




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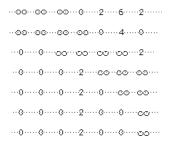


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## "Mixed Reduction"





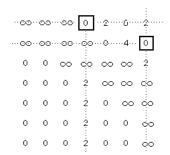
The zeroes cannot be covered by fewer than seven lines!

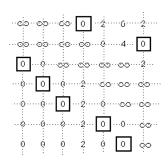
Therefore, we should be able to find a zero-cost assignment.

				2	6	2
$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	00	0	4	0
0	0	$\infty$	co	$\infty$	$\infty$	2
0	0	0	2	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
0	0	0	2	0	$\infty$	$\infty$
0	0	0	2	0	0	$\infty$
0	0	0	2	0	0	$\infty$

We look for a row or a column with a single zero...

... this indicates a necessary assignment





Total cost = 25 hours (= total layover time)

(there are several optimal solutions)

## Optimal Solution

2 Chicago-based crews, flying

Flight #1 to NY, then Flight #4 to Chgo. Flight #2 to NY, then Flight #7 to Chgo.

5 New-York-based crews, flying

Flight #1 to Chgo, then Flight #3 to NY

Flight #2 to Chgo, then Flight #4 to NY

Flight #3 to Chao, then Flight #5 to NY

Flight #5 to Chgo, then Flight #6 to NY

Flight #6 to Chgo, then Flight #7 to NY

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