

Moran equation

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^d + 7\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^d + 2\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^d = 1$$

Write  $x = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^d$ . Then  $\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^d = x^2$  and  $\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^d = x^3$

Moran becomes

$$x + 7x^2 + 2x^3 = 1$$

$$\text{or } 2x^3 + 7x^2 + x - 1 = 0$$

This is a cubic, so try dividing

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^2 + 5x - 4 \\ x+1 \overline{) 2x^3 + 7x^2 + x - 1} \\ \underline{- 2x^3 + 2x^2} \phantom{- 1} \\ 5x^2 + x \phantom{- 1} \\ \underline{- 5x^2 + 5x} \phantom{- 1} \\ -4x - 1 \phantom{- 1} \\ \underline{- -4x - 4} \\ 3 \end{array}$$

Remainder, so  $x+1$  is not a factor of  $2x^3 + 7x^2 + x - 1$

Try 
$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 3x - 1 \\ 2x+1 \overline{) 2x^3 + 7x^2 + x - 1} \\ \underline{- 2x^3 + x^2} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6x^2 + x \\ - 6x^2 + 3x \\ \hline -2x - 1 \\ - -2x - 1 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

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That is

$$2x^3 + 7x^2 + x - 1 = 0 \quad (\text{Moran})$$

is the same as

$$(2x+1)(x^2+3x-1) = 0$$

Either  $2x+1=0$ , so  $x = -1/2$  because  $x = (1/2)^d$  is impossible

Or  $x^2 + 3x - 1 = 0$

$$a=1 \quad b=3 \quad c=-1$$

$$x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{3^2 - 4(1)(-1)}}{2 \cdot 1}$$

$$= \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{13}}{2} \quad \text{Take } x = \frac{-3 + \sqrt{13}}{2}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^d = x, \text{ so } d = \frac{\log(x)}{\log(1/2)} = \frac{\log\left(\frac{-3 + \sqrt{13}}{2}\right)}{\log(1/2)}$$

# Algebra of Dimensions

1. The dimension of a part cannot exceed the dimension of the whole.  
(Monotonicity)

2. If we transform a space by rotation, reflection, translation, or scaling, we do not change its dimension.  
(Invariance)

$$3. d(A \times B) = d(A) + d(B)$$

↑ A and B lie in perpendicular spaces  
(product rule)

$$4. d(A \cup B) = \max\{d(A), d(B)\}$$

(union rule) → A and B lie in the same space

5. If A and B lie in n-dimensional space, typically  $d(A \cap B) = d(A) + d(B) - n$   
If  $d(A \cap B) < 0$ , then A and B don't intersect.

Example: Find the smallest dimension (whole number) of a space so that two gaskets in that space typically don't intersect.



Don't intersect means  $d(\text{gasket} \cap \text{gasket}) < 0$

$$d(\text{gasket} \cap \text{gasket}) = d(\text{gasket}) + d(\text{gasket}) - n$$

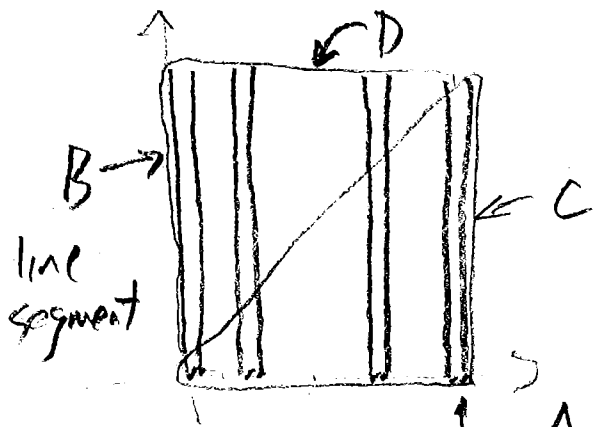
$$= \frac{\log 3}{\log 2} + \frac{\log 3}{\log 2} - n < 0$$

$$\text{so } 2 \cdot \frac{\log 3}{\log 2} < n$$

$$2 \cdot 1.58 < n$$

$$3.16 < n$$

$$\text{so } n = 4$$



$$d(A \times B) = d(A) + d(B) \\ = \frac{\log 2}{\log 3} + 1$$

$A = \text{Center MTS}$

Take  $C$  to be the half of  $A \times B$  below the diagonal line. What is  $d(C)$ ?

Take  $D$  to be the other half of  $A \times B$

$$C \cup D = A \times B$$

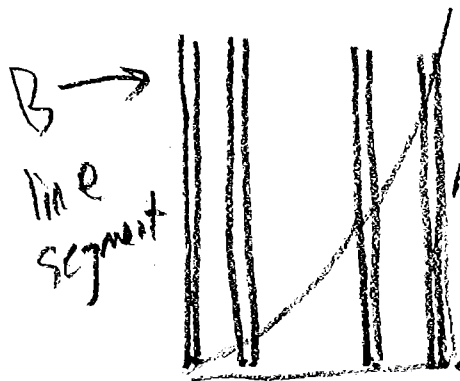
$$d(C \cup D) = d(A \times B) = \frac{\log 2}{\log 3} + 1$$

$$\max\{d(C), d(D)\}$$

$D$  is  $C$  rotated, so  $d(C) = d(D)$

$$\text{so } \max\{d(C), d(D)\} = d(C), \text{ and } d(C) = \frac{\log 2}{\log 3} + 1$$

$$y = x^2$$



$C$  is the part of  $A \times B$  under the parabola. Find  $d(C)$ .

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