

Problem set 4

1. FALSE,
consider

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then,

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{rref}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{rref}(B) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

so $\text{rref}(AB) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \neq \text{rref}(A)\text{rref}(B) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$.

2. I will do this the slow way so that the solution is clearer.

① Calculate $\text{rref}(A)$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \textcircled{2} + \textcircled{2} - \textcircled{1} \\ \\ \textcircled{3} \leftarrow \textcircled{3} + \textcircled{2} \end{matrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \\ \textcircled{3} \leftarrow \textcircled{3} + \textcircled{2} \\ \end{matrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \\ \textcircled{2} \leftarrow -\textcircled{2} \\ \end{matrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \textcircled{1} \leftarrow \textcircled{1} - 2\textcircled{2} \\ \\ \end{matrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \text{rref}(A).$$

Therefore $C(A) = \text{span of } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$ (go back to original matrix!)

$$N(A) = \text{span of } \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

↑ free-variable

② Calculate $\text{rref}(A^T)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore, $C(A^T) = \text{span of } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

$$N(A^T) = \text{span of } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

① calculate $\text{ref}(B)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $C(A) = \text{span of } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\} = \mathbb{R}^3$.

$$N(A) = \text{span of } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

↑ free-variable

② calculate $\text{ref}(B^T)$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$C(B^T) = \text{span of } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$N(B^T) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

3. ① $\sum_{i=1}^6 A_{ii} = 0$ (= counts number of loops, nodes connected to themselves)

② $\sum_{i=1}^6 (A^2)_{ii} = 2 \times \# \text{ edges in the graph}$

③ $\sum_{i=1}^6 (A^3)_{ii} = 6 \times \# \text{ triangles in the graph.}$

For ②: To see this write out what $(A^2)_{ii}$ is as a sum:

$$\begin{aligned} (A^2)_{ii} &= A_{i1}A_{1i} + A_{i2}A_{2i} + \dots + A_{i6}A_{6i} \\ &= A_{i1}^2 + A_{i2}^2 + \dots + A_{i6}^2 \quad (A \text{ is symmetric}) \\ &= \# \text{ edges coming out of } i \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^6 (A^2)_{ii} = \# \text{ edges coming out of node } 1, 2, \dots, 6$$

$$= 2 \times \# \text{ edges in graph.}$$

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an edge comes out of
2 nodes so an edge is
double counted.

4. $C_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

This is invertible

$$C_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Not invertible. cols 1 and 3 are the same.

$$C_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This is invertible.

$$C_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

This is invertible.

b) If n is a multiple of 4, then

$$C_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

Therefore, C_n is not invertible.

5 a)

$$A = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \\ e \\ f \\ g \\ h \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

b i)

$$A \begin{pmatrix} | \\ | \\ | \\ | \\ | \\ | \\ | \\ | \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

sums up the columns of A.

(ii) LOOPS CORRESPOND TO LEFT NULL SPACE:

$$A^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(iii) $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ is another loop in the circuit, also

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$