

**Solution 0.1** (Problem 1) Label the left and right vertices  $l, r$  Make an Adjacency matrix,  $A$ , with columns  $a, b, l, r$ :

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then:

$$A^4 = \begin{pmatrix} 177 & 136 & 136 & 176 \\ 136 & 177 & 176 & 136 \\ 136 & 176 & 177 & 136 \\ 176 & 136 & 136 & 177 \end{pmatrix}$$

1. Thus the number of paths from  $a$  to  $b$  of length 4 is 136
2. The number of loops is the trace of  $A^4 = 4 \times 177 = 400 + 280 + 28 = 708$

Note that in class we oriented all edges.

**Solution 0.2** (problem 3)

1. the rank is the same as the dimension of the span of the column vectors. the first three columns, counting from the right are linearly independent so:

$$\text{rank} \geq 3$$

On the other hand, The leftmost column vector is a linear combination of the middle two so:

$$\text{rank} \leq 3$$

Thus,

$$\text{rank} = 3$$

2. From the last part of this question, we know  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is linearly dependent on the two given vectors.

The next two standard basis vectors,  $e_2, e_3$  are a natural next guess and do work as can be checked by taking, for example the determinant a the matrix having the given two  $\cup e_2, e_3$  as columns.

3.  $i = 0$  This follows by identifying each of the given polynomials with the given vectors in the previous part of the problem.

**Solution 0.3** (Problem 5) Let's do this by cofactor expansion along the first column:

$$(1) \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 0 & 9 & 10 \\ 0 & 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix} + (-5) \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 9 & 10 \\ 0 & 11 & 12 \end{bmatrix} + 0 - 0$$

now compute the  $3 \times 3$ 's :

$$(1) [(6)(9 \cdot 12 - 10 \cdot 11) - 0 + 0] + (-5) [(2)(9 \cdot 12 - 10 \cdot 11) - 0 + 0] \\ = (-4)(-2) = 8$$

**Solution 0.4** (Problem 7)

1. Let  $Id_k$  and  $Id_{n-k}$  be identity matrices. Then switching the first  $k$  for the last  $n - k$  rows of a matrix is the same as multiplying by:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & Id_{n-k} \\ Id_k & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

By induction on  $k$  with  $j = n - k$  fixed, you can show:

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Id_{n-k} \\ Id_k & 0 \end{pmatrix} = (-1)^{(n-k)}$$

2.

$$\text{rank}(A) \leq \text{rank}(B) \leq 5$$

$\Rightarrow A$  does not have full rank (would need  $\text{rank} = 10$ )  $\Rightarrow A$  is singular  $\Leftrightarrow \det A = 0$

**Solution 0.5** (Problem 9)

1.
  - 3 : 10 positive
  - 6 : 05 positive
  - 7 : 10 negative
  - 12 : 00 1-dimensional.

2. negatively oriented. Area is 7.

**Solution 0.6** (Problem 11) This follows from showing

$$\text{Im}(A + B) \subset \text{Im}(A) + \text{Im}(B)$$