

# Reduction identities of the minimum rank on loop graphs

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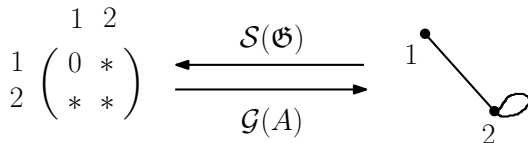
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# Minimum Rank of Loop Graphs



$$\text{mr}(\mathfrak{G}) = \min\{\text{rank}(A) : A \in \mathcal{S}(\mathfrak{G})\}$$

# Example: $K_2$

Loop graph  $\mathfrak{G}$

Simple graph  $G$



$$\begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ * & * \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & * \\ * & * \end{pmatrix}$$



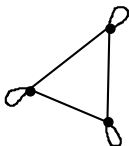
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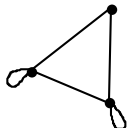
$$\text{mr}(\mathfrak{G}_1) = 1 \quad \text{mr}(\mathfrak{G}_2) = 2 \quad \text{mr}(\mathfrak{G}_3) = 2 \xrightarrow{\min} \text{mr}(G) = 1$$

# Example: Complete Graphs



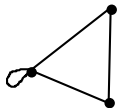
$$\begin{pmatrix} * & * & * \\ * & * & * \\ * & * & * \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{mr}(\mathcal{G}_1) = 1$$



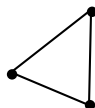
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & * & * \\ * & * & * \\ * & * & * \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{mr}(\mathcal{G}_2) = 2$$



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$$\text{mr}(\mathcal{G}_3) = 2$$



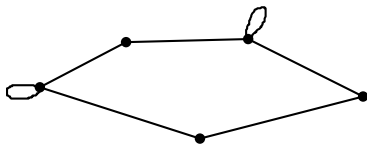
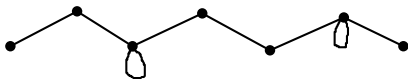
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & * & * \\ * & 0 & * \\ * & * & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{mr}(\mathcal{G}_4) = 3$$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ a & 0 & c \\ b & c & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 2abc \neq 0$$

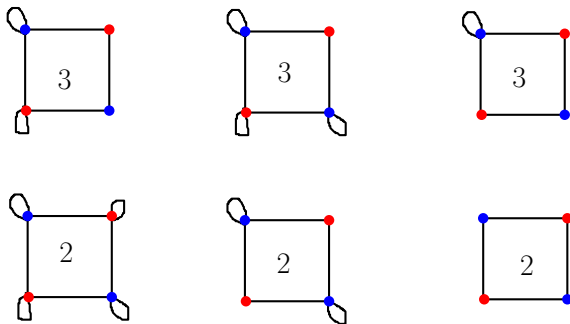
# Paths and Cycles

$$n - 1 = \text{mr}(P_n) \leq \text{mr}(\mathfrak{P}_n) \leq n$$



$$n - 2 = \text{mr}(C_n) \leq \text{mr}(\mathfrak{C}_n) \leq n$$

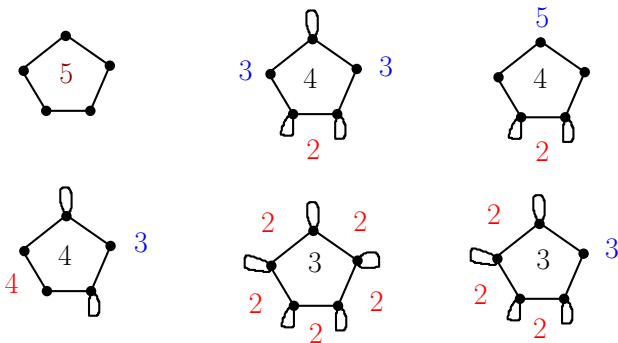
# Even Cycles



$n - 1 \Leftrightarrow$  at least one of blue or red has exactly one loop;

$n - 2 \Leftrightarrow$  otherwise.

# Odd Cycles



$n \Leftrightarrow$  loopless;

$n - 1 \Leftrightarrow$  exactly one even end-loop interval;

$n - 2 \Leftrightarrow$  otherwise.

# Main Lemma

$$\text{mr}\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{red path} \\ \text{black path} \\ \text{loop} \end{array}\right) = \text{mr}\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{red path} \\ \text{yellow path} \\ \text{loop} \end{array}\right)$$

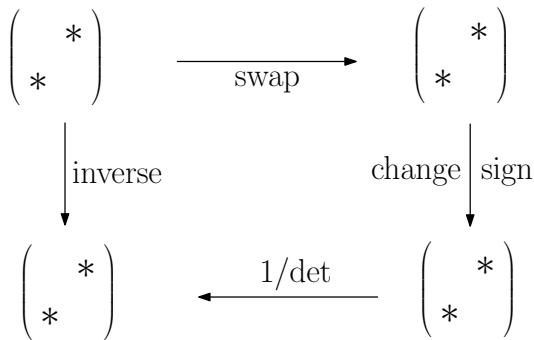
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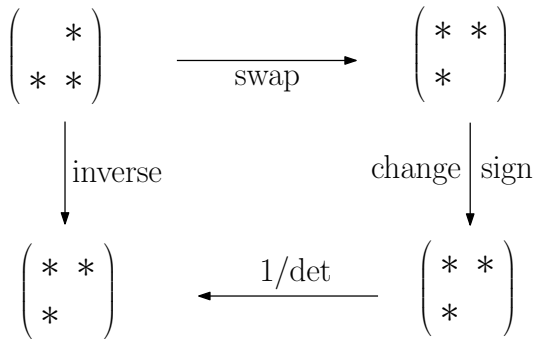
# Inverse of $2 \times 2$ matrices

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} & \xrightarrow{\text{swap}} & \begin{pmatrix} d & b \\ c & a \end{pmatrix} \\ \downarrow \text{inverse} & & \text{change sign} \downarrow \\ \frac{1}{\det} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix} & \xleftarrow{1/\det} & \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

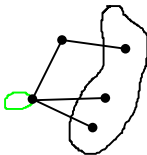
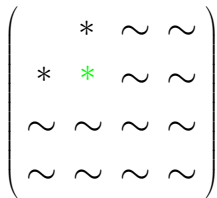
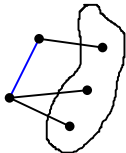
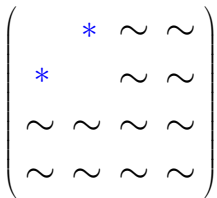
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# Graph Interpretation



$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B^\top \\ B & D \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{row 2} - BA^{-1} \text{row 1}} \begin{pmatrix} A & B^\top \\ O & D - BA^{-1}B^\top \end{pmatrix}$$

- If  $A$  is invertible, then  $D - BA^{-1}B^\top$  is called the *Schur complement*.
- Two matrices have the same rank.

# Schur Complement on Graphs

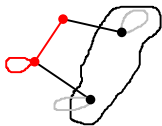
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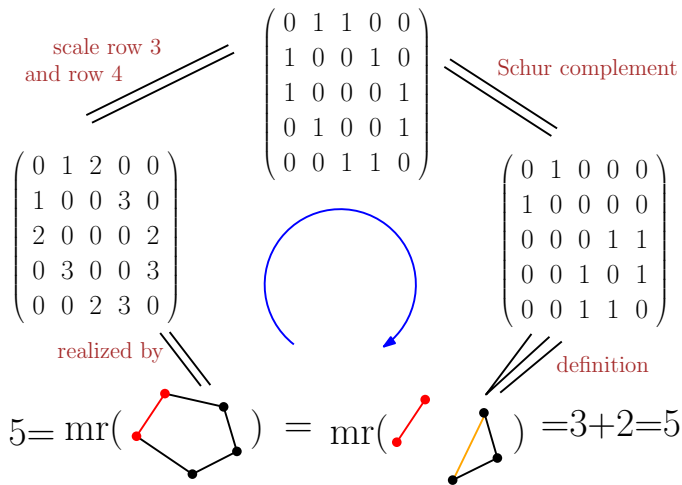
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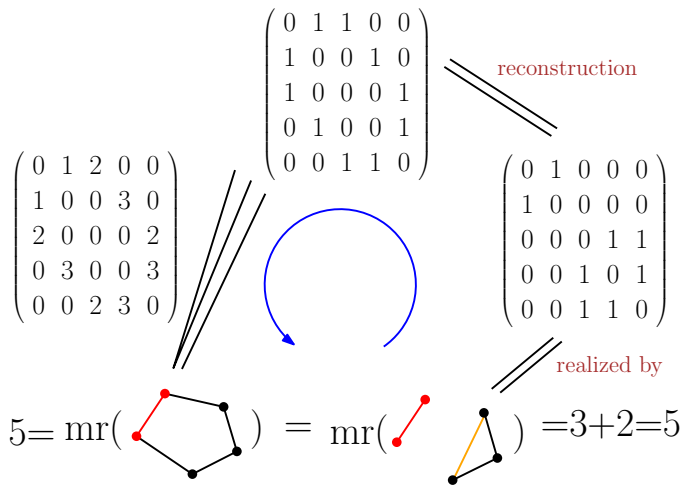
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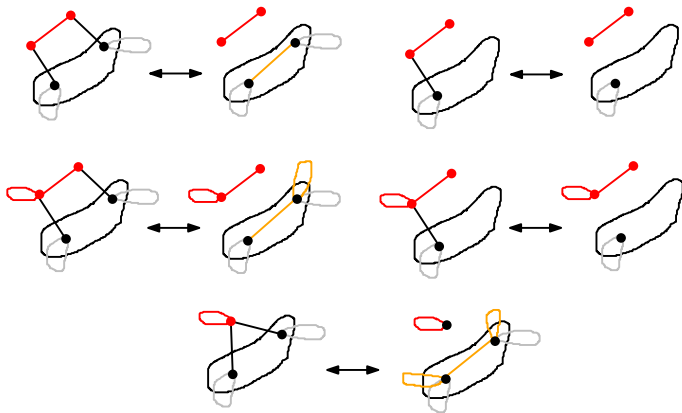
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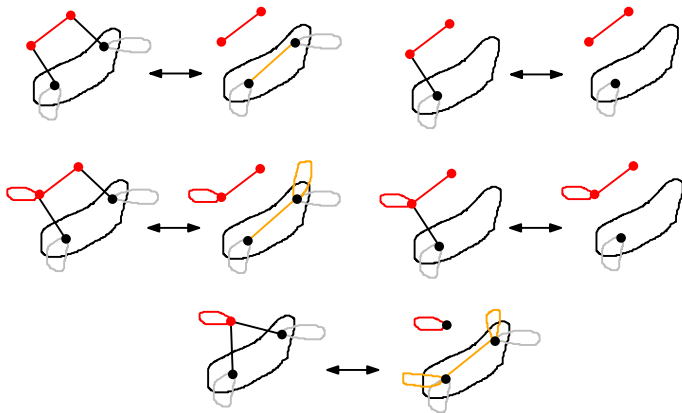
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