

### 3. Traffic Flows

- (a). Given that  $\begin{cases} t_1 + t_3 = 0 & (1) \\ t_2 - t_1 = 0 & (2) \\ -t_3 - t_2 = 0 & (3) \end{cases}$  And that  $t_1 = 10$ , so substituting into Eq (2) and (3),

We have that  $t_2 = 10, t_3 = -10$ .

- (b). Similar to part (a), we obtain this set of equations from the graph:
- $$\begin{cases} t_1 + t_3 - t_4 = 0 & (1) \\ -t_1 + t_2 = 0 & (2) \\ -t_2 - t_3 + t_5 = 0 & (3) \\ t_4 - t_5 = 0 & (4) \end{cases}$$

→ **Yes**, it is possible with the Berkeley suggestion because we can rewrite Eq (1, 2, 4) so that  $t_2 = t_1, t_3 = -t_1 + t_4, t_5 = t_4$ .

Thus, given the measurements of  $t_1$  and  $t_4$ , we can determine all traffic flows,  $[t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5]^T$ .

→ **No**, it's not possible with the Stanford suggestion because we can write our system of linear equations as

$$\begin{cases} t_3 - t_4 = -t_1 \\ 0 = -t_1 + t_2 \\ -t_3 + t_5 = t_2 \\ t_4 - t_5 = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t_3 \\ t_4 \\ t_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -t_1 \\ -t_1 + t_2 \\ t_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

which can be turned into:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & | & -t_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & -t_1 + t_2 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & | & t_2 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

If only the measurements  $t_1, t_2$  are given.

$R_3$ : Add  $R_1$ .

Swap  $R_2$  and  $R_4$ .

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & | & -t_1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & | & -t_1 + t_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & -t_1 + t_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_2: \text{Add } R_3 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & | & -t_1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & -t_1 + t_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | & -t_1 + t_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now we have two rows of 0s.

If  $(-t_1 + t_2) \neq 0$ , then we have no solutions; if  $(-t_1 + t_2) = 0$ , then we only have two independent equations with 3 variables, which means that we can't deduce a unique solution to determine all traffic flows  $[t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5]^T$ .

(c).

From the graph, we can construct and from the system of equation in part (b), so,

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (d). From the system of equations in part (b), so  $\begin{cases} t_3 = -t_1 + t_4 \\ t_2 = t_1 \\ t_5 = t_4 \end{cases}$  and with  $t_1 = \alpha, t_4 = \beta$ .

Thus,  $\vec{t} = \begin{bmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ t_3 \\ t_4 \\ t_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} t_1 \\ t_1 \\ -t_1 + t_4 \\ t_4 \\ t_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \alpha + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \beta$  Thus, the subspace can

be expressed as  $\left( \text{span} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right), \mathbb{R} \right)$ . Justification provided in part (b).



(e). For  $B\vec{t} = \vec{0}$ , we can transform this system of linear equations into an augmented matrix with our calculated matrix  $B$  and the definition of matrix-vector multiplication, so:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$R_3$ : Add  $R_1$  and  $R_2$        $R_4$ : Add  $R_3 \Rightarrow$        $R_3: \times (-1)$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

So,  $t_3, t_5$  are free variables and we have that

$$\begin{cases} t_1 + t_3 - t_5 = 0 & (1) \\ t_2 + t_3 - t_4 = 0 & (2) \\ t_4 - t_5 = 0 \Rightarrow t_4 = t_5 & (3) \end{cases}$$

Substitute Eq. (3) into Eq. (2) and we have:  $t_1 = -t_3 + t_5$  and  $t_2 = -t_3 + t_4 = -t_3 + t_5$

Thus,  $\text{Nullspace}(B) = \begin{bmatrix} -t_3 + t_5 \\ -t_3 + t_5 \\ t_3 \\ t_5 \\ t_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} t_3 + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} t_5$

which gives us that the dimension of  $\text{Nullspace}(B)$  is  $\boxed{2}$ .

and a basis for it is  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

Yes, it does match my answer in part (d) since  $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

So the two basis representations are essentially the same.

f). No, this doesn't. Consider the network of Figure 5 used in part (d), graph  $G$ .

We have shown that its incidence matrix  $B_G$  has a 2-dimensional null space. Yet, if we measure just  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  (as the Stanford suggestion), we have proved in part (b) that we can't recover the exact (unique) flows.

g). In essence, the null space of  $M$  and the null space of  $B_G$  must have one and only one intersection.

In other words, if we concatenate  $M$  and  $B_G$  in axis=0, then the null space of the resulting matrix should have a unique solution.