Problem 2.2:
Theorem: Let Z be an n x r null-space matrix for the matrix A. If Y is any invertible r x r matrix, $\hat{Z} = ZY$ is also a null-space matrix for A.

Proof: Given that Z is an n x r null-space matrix for matrix A, we know that $AZ = 0$, we also know that Y is an invertible matrix. We need to show that $A\hat{Z} = 0$ or $AZY = 0$ for $\hat{Z} = ZY$ to be a null-space matrix for A. Consider the following:

$$\begin{aligned} A\hat{Z} &= A(ZY) \\ A(ZY) &= (AZ)Y \\ A(ZY) &= 0Y \\ AZY = 0 \text{ or } A\hat{Z} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus proving $\hat{Z} = ZY$ is also a null-space matrix for A.

Problem 3.1: We will compute a basis for the null space for the following matrices using variable reduction:

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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad R_1 - R_2 \to R_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \frac{R_2}{2} + R_3 \to R_3$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 &= 0 & -2x_2 - 2x_3 &= 0 & -x_3 + x_4 &= 0 & x_4 &= x_4 \\ x_4 &= t & x_3 &= t & x_2 &= -t & x_1 &= -t \end{aligned}$$

Thus null(A) $= t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$