# Matrix Inverses

Geometric Algorithms
Lecture 10

### Objectives

- 1. Define a few more important matrix operations
- 2. Motivate and define matrix inverses
- 3. Application: Adjacency Matrices

## Keywords

Matrix Transpose Inner Product Matrix Power Square Matrix Matrix Inverse Invertible Transformation 1-1 Correspondence numpy.linalg.inv eterminant

Invertible Matrix Theorem

# Recap Problem

Suppose that A,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{b}_2 & \mathbf{b}_3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $C = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{c}_1 & \mathbf{c}_2 & \mathbf{c}_3 \end{bmatrix}$  are matrices such that

$$A(B+5I)=C$$

Find a solution to the equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}_2$ .

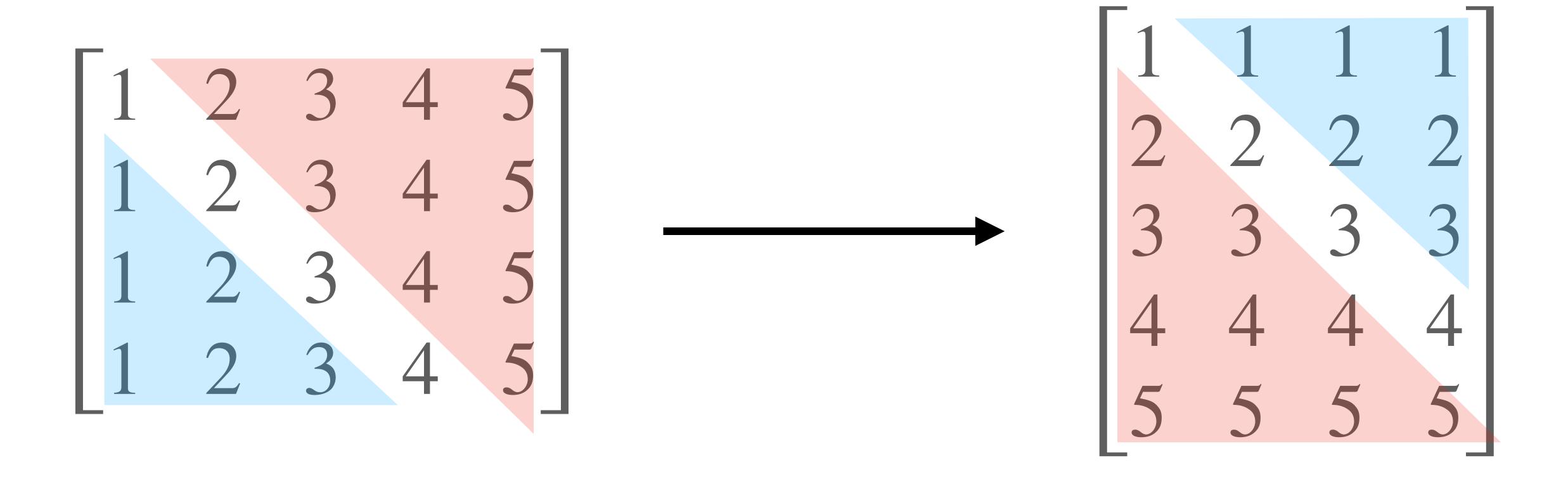
# Answer: $b_2 + 5e_2$

# More Matrix Operations

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**Definition.** For a  $m \times n$  matrix A, the **transpose** of A, written  $A^T$ , is the  $n \times m$  matrix such that

$$(A^T)_{ij} = A_{ji}$$

Example.

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

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## Challenge Problem (Not In-Class)

Show that  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$ .

Example: 
$$\left(\begin{bmatrix}1 & 0\\1 & 1\end{bmatrix}\begin{bmatrix}1 & 1\\1 & 0\end{bmatrix}\right)^{T}$$

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3. If AB=0 (the zero matrix) it is not necessarily the case that A=0 or B=0.

#### Question

Find two nonzero  $2 \times 2$  matrices A and B such that AB = 0.

**Challenge.** Choose A and B such that they have all nonzero entries.

#### Answer

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

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$$A^{-1}A\mathbf{x} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$$

$$I_{\mathbf{X}} = A^{-1}\mathbf{b}$$

$$x = A^{-1}b$$

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No.

# When does a matrix have an inverse?

# Square Matrices

**Definition.** A  $m \times n$  matrix A is square if m = n

i.e., it has same number of rows as columns.

They are the only kind of matrices...

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The only way for the dimensions to make sense is if A is square

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## Example: Geometric

Reflection across the  $x_1$ -axis in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is it's own inverse.

Verify:

## Example: No inverse

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

Verify:

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If A is invertible, then we write  $A^{-1}$  for the inverse of A.

# Solutions for Invertible Matrix Equations

**Theorem.** For a  $n \times n$  matrix A, if A is invertible then

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$$

has a <u>unique</u> solution for any choice of **b**. Verify:

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- » T is onto
- » T is one-to-one

where T is implemented by A

**Definition.** A linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$  is **invertible** if there is a linear transformation S such that

$$S(T(\mathbf{v})) = \mathbf{v}$$
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for any  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

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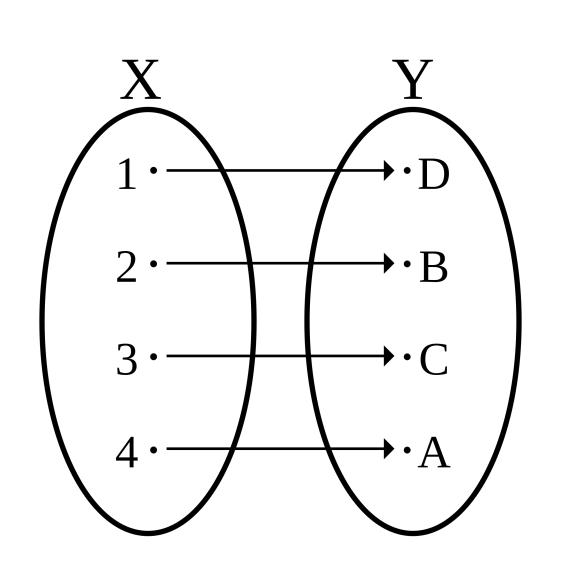
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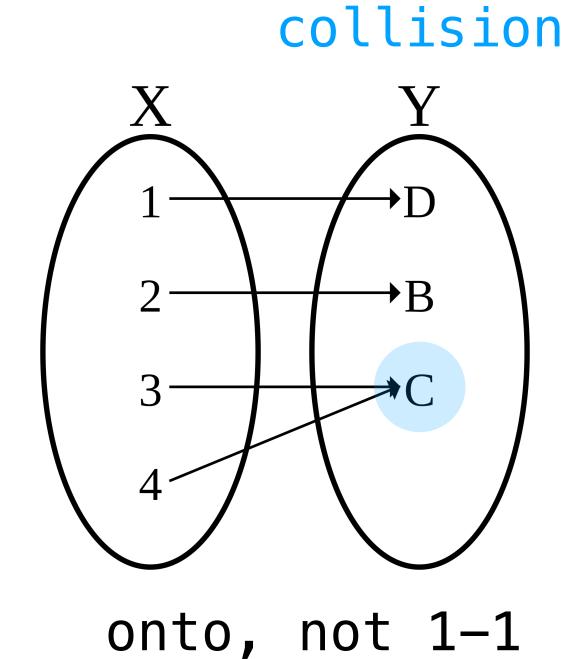
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Invertible transformations are 1-1 correspondences.

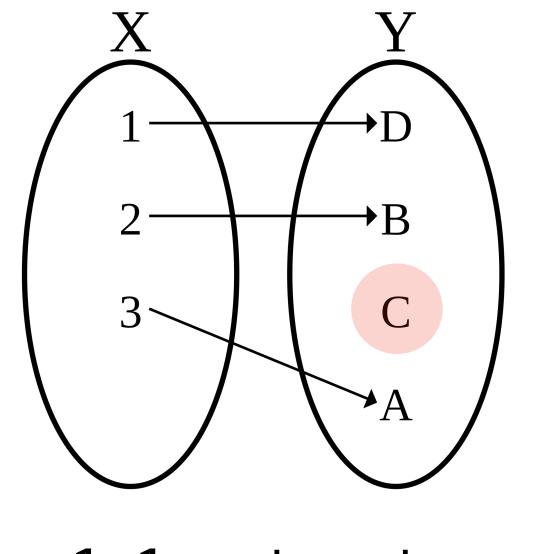
# Kinds of Transformations (Pictorially)



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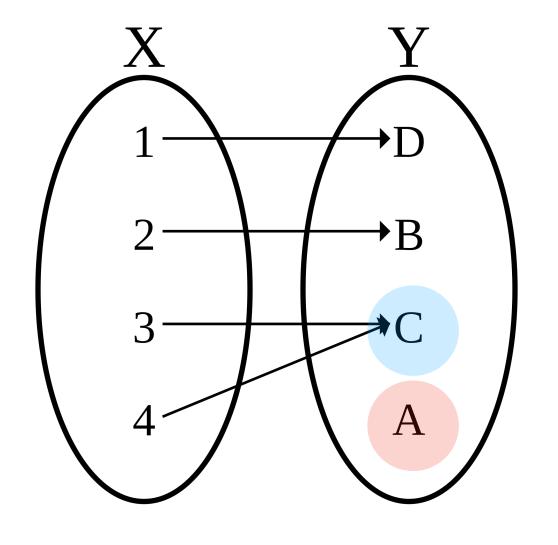


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not covered collision



not 1-1, not onto

# Computing Matrix Inverses

#### In General

$$A \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_1 & \mathbf{b}_2 & \mathbf{b}_3 \end{bmatrix} = I$$

Can we solve for each  $b_i$ ?:

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Suppose that A is a  $n \times n$  invertible matrix such that  $A = A^T$  and B is a  $m \times n$  matrix.

Simplify the expression  $A(BA^{-1})^T$  using the algebraic properties we've seen.

### Answer: $B^T$

$$A(BA^{-1})^{T}$$

$$A = A^{T}$$

# Invertible Matrix Theorem

#### High Level

How do we know if a matrix is invertible?

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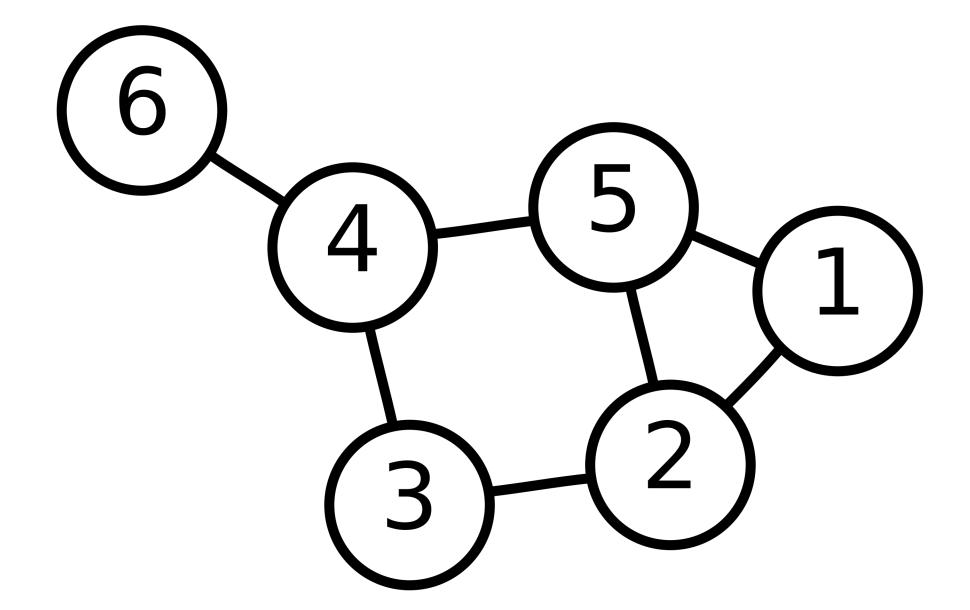
A is invertible  $\equiv$  Ax = 0 implies x = 0

Invertibility is completely determined by how A behaves on  $\mathbf{0}$ .

# Application: Adjacency Matrices

### Graphs

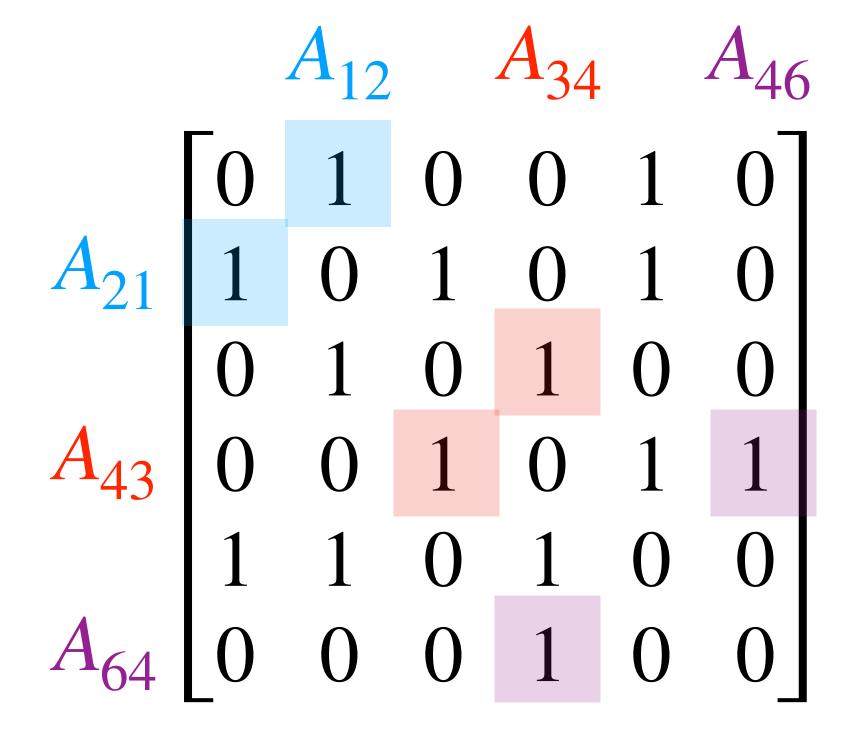
**Definition (Informal).** An undirected graph is a collection of nodes with edges between them.

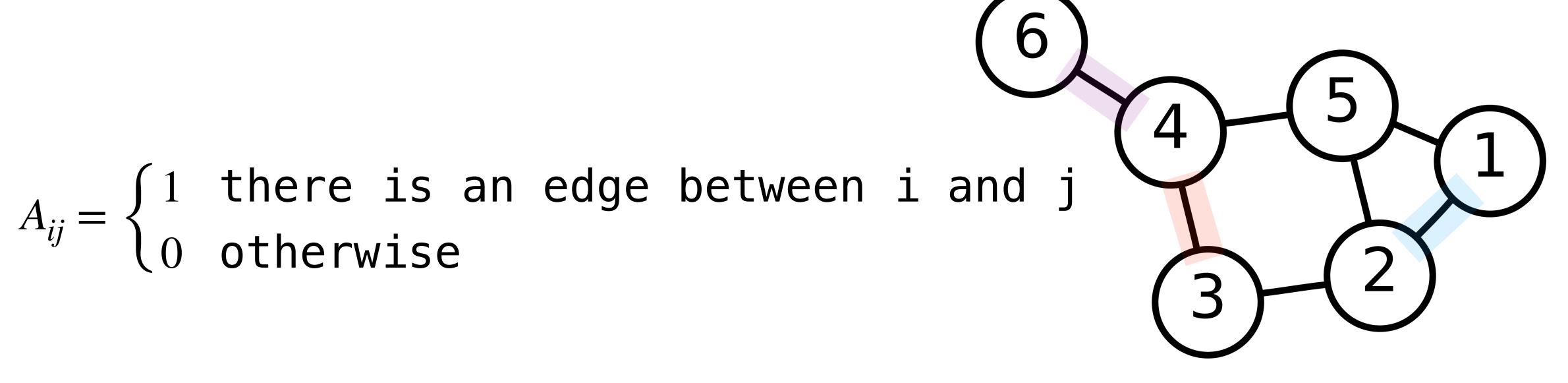


How do we represent these in computers?

## Adjacency Matrices

For an undirected graph G we can create the **adjacency matrix** A for G where:





# Spectral Graph Theory

Once we have an adjacency matrix, we can do linear algebra on graphs.

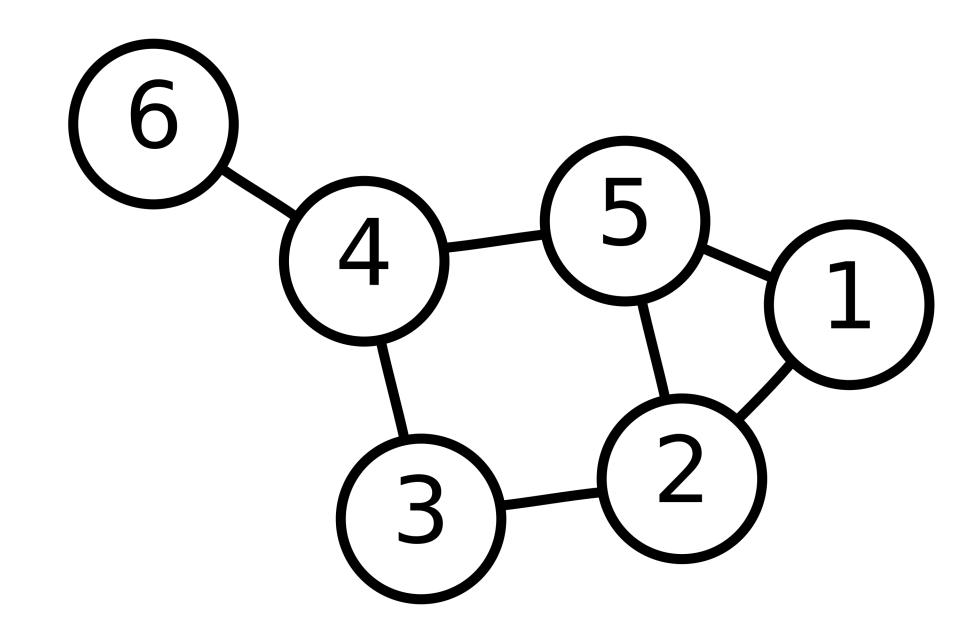
Given an adjacency matrix A

Can we interpret anything meaningful from  $A^2$ ?

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

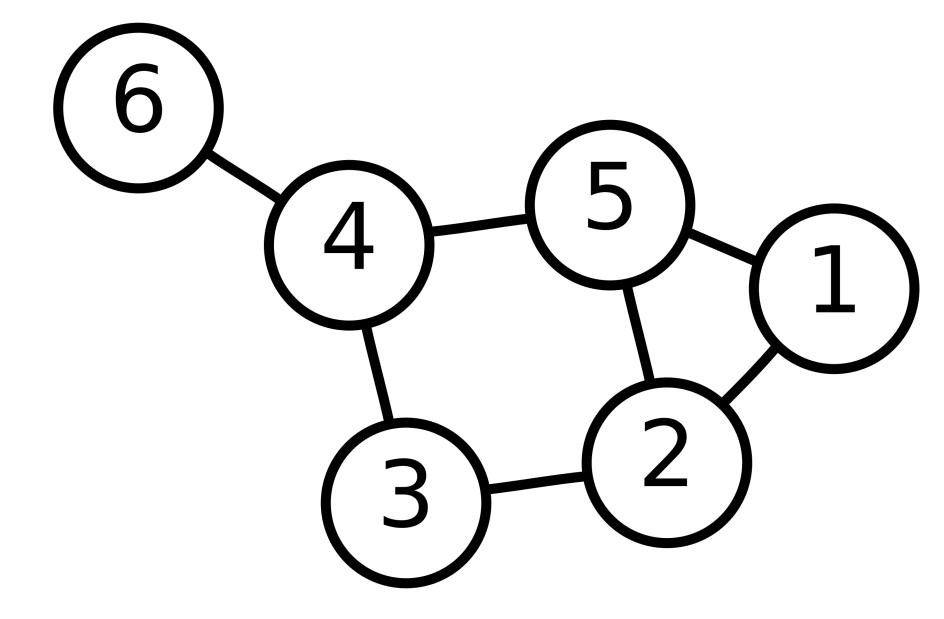
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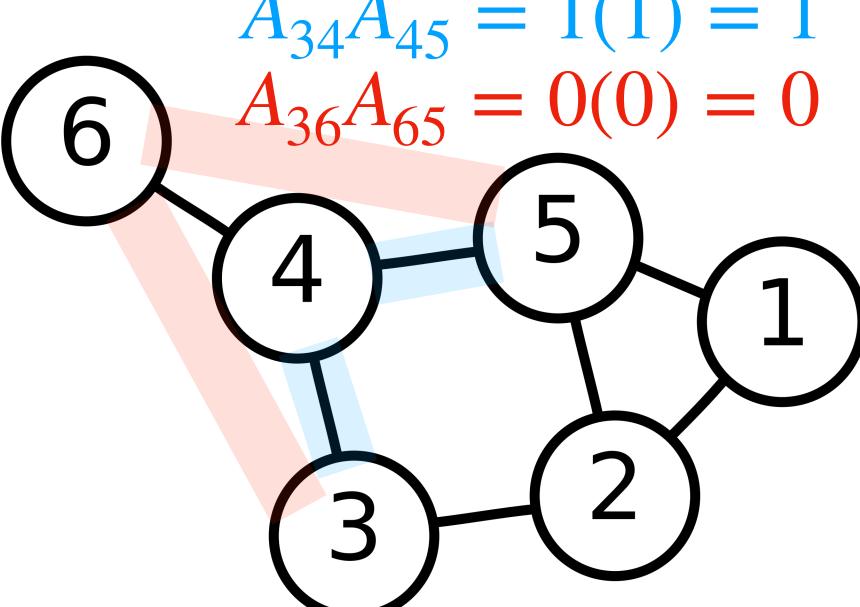
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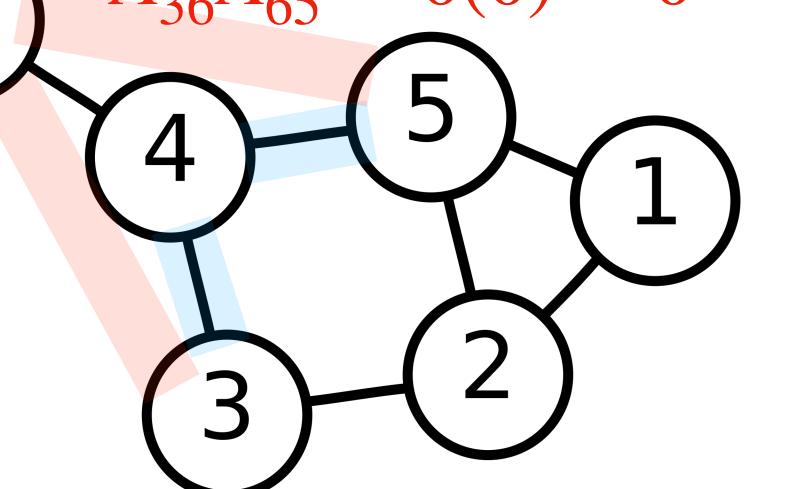
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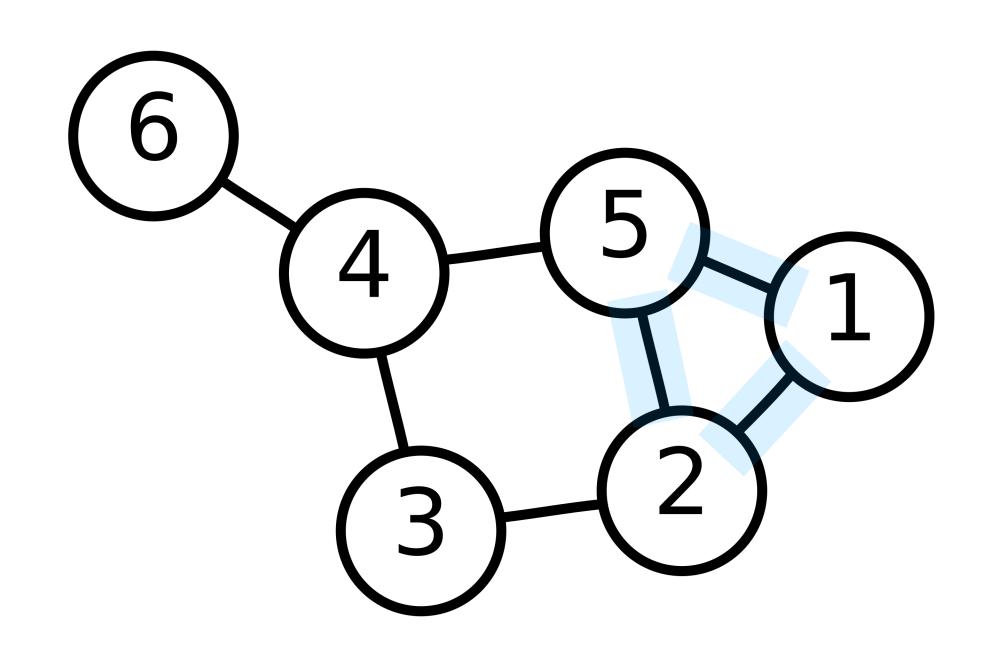
$$(A^2)_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{number of 2-step paths} \\ \text{from i to j} \end{bmatrix}$$



## Application: Triangle Counting

A **triangle** in an undirected graph is a set of three distinct nodes with edges between every pair of nodes.

Triangles in a social network represent mutual friends and tight cohesion (among other things)



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**Theorem.** For an adjacency matrix A, the number of triangle containing the edge (i,j) is

$$(A^2)_{ij}A_{ij}$$

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```
FUNCTION tri_count(A):

compute A^2

count \leftarrow sum of (A^2)_{ij}A_{ij} for all distinct i and j

RETURN count / 6 # why divided by 6?
```

## Summary

We can solve matrix equations by inverting the matrix, though not all matrices have inverses.

We can compute matrix inverses a simultaneous row reduction.

We can connect all the concepts we've defined so far by thinking about them in terms of invertibility (for square matrices).