

## 1. Why Gauss elimination does not change the null space of matrix A?

let  $M$  be the product of elementary matrixes of  $A$ .

- suppose  $x \in N(A)$ , so  $Ax = 0$ . we have:

$$MAx = M(Ax) = M \cdot 0 = 0$$

so  $x \in N(MA)$  as well.

- suppose  $y \in N(MA)$ , so  $(MA)y = 0$ . we have:

$$Ay = M^{-1}MAy = M^{-1} \cdot 0 = 0$$

so  $y \in N(A)$  as well.

That means when you apply Gauss elimination, you do change the solution space.

## 2. Why every elementary is invertible?

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elementary\\_matrix](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elementary_matrix)

<https://math.vanderbilt.edu/sapirmv/msapir/prleelementary.html>