

## Step-1

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Given that the voltages of the cities are  $x_B, x_C, x_S$ .

With unit resistances between the cities, the three currents are in  $y$  given as

$$y = Ax \text{ as } \begin{bmatrix} y_{BC} \\ y_{CS} \\ y_{BS} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_B \\ x_C \\ x_S \end{bmatrix}$$

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

Here the matrix  $A$  is

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

The transpose of  $A$  is

## Step-2

(a) We have to find the total currents  $A^T y$  out of the three cities.

The total currents out of the three cities is  $A^T y$ .

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} A^T y &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_{BC} \\ y_{CS} \\ y_{BS} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} y_{BC} + y_{BS} \\ -y_{BC} + y_{CS} \\ -y_{CS} - y_{BS} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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Hence the total currents in three cities is

### Step-3

(b) We have to verify that  $(Ax)^T y$  agrees with  $x^T (A^T y)$ .

Now

$$\begin{aligned} (Ax)^T y &= (x^T A^T) y && \left( \text{Since } (AB)^T = B^T A^T \right) \\ &= x^T (A^T y) && \left( \text{By Associative property} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $(Ax)^T y$  agrees with  $x^T (A^T y)$ .

Now

$$\begin{aligned} x^T (A^T y) &= \begin{bmatrix} x_B & x_C & x_S \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_{BC} + y_{BS} \\ -y_{BC} + y_{CS} \\ -y_{CS} - y_{BS} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} x_B y_{BC} + x_B y_{BS} - x_C y_{BC} + x_C y_{CS} - x_A y_{CS} - x_A y_{BS} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $x^T (A^T y) = \begin{bmatrix} x_B y_{BC} + x_B y_{BS} - x_C y_{BC} + x_C y_{CS} - x_A y_{CS} - x_A y_{BS} \end{bmatrix}$