

Let T be the linear transformation from \mathbb{R}^3 to \mathbb{R}^3 given by multiplication by a 3×3 matrix A . We endow \mathbb{R}^3 with the dot product.

1. Show that T is a rotation of \mathbb{R}^3 about some line through the origin (the axis of rotation), if and only if A satisfies the following two conditions:

- (i) $A^T A = I$ (in other words, the transpose of A is equal to the inverse of A) and
- (ii) $\det(A) = 1$.

2. (a) Show that the following two are matrices of rotations (check conditions (i) and (ii) above):

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) Consider a rotation given by some matrix A . Explain why any vector in the axis line of the rotation must be an eigenvector of A with eigenvalue 1.
- (c) Find a non-zero vector spanning the axis line of each of the two rotations given by the matrices A and B above. *Note: For the axis line of B , you will probably need to use the identity $(\sqrt{2} + 1)(\sqrt{2} - 1) = 1$.*
- (d) Find an orthonormal basis $\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ of \mathbb{R}^3 , such that $P^{-1}BP$ is in the normal form of Theorem 30.5 page 270, where $P = (u_1 u_2 u_3)$ is the (orthogonal) change of basis matrix.