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(a) Let A be an $m \times n$ matrix and B an $n \times m$ matrix. Suppose that $AB = I_m$ (the $m \times m$ identity matrix). Show that the equation $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ is consistent, for every vector in \mathbb{R}^m and the equation $B\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ has only the trivial solution.

• Let \vec{b} be a vector in \mathbb{R}^m . Then $\vec{x} = B\vec{b}$ is a solution of $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ because $A(B\vec{b}) = (AB)\vec{b} = I_m\vec{b} = \vec{b}$. Hence $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$ is consistent.

• Assume $B\vec{x} = \vec{0}$. Then $A(B\vec{x}) = A\vec{0} = \vec{0}$. On the other hand, $A(B\vec{x}) = (AB)\vec{x} = I_m\vec{x} = \vec{x}$. So $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$. Hence, $B\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ has only the trivial solution.

(b) Let $S : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ and $T : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be linear transformations. Suppose that $S(T(\vec{x})) = \vec{x}$, for every vector \vec{x} in \mathbb{R}^m . Show that T is one-to-one and S is onto.

Notice that part (a) is a translation of part (b) if we take A to be the standard matrix of S and B that of T .

S is onto: Let \vec{b} be a vector in \mathbb{R}^m . Then $S(T(\vec{b})) = \vec{b}$. So \vec{b} is a value of S .

T is one-to-one: Suppose $T(\vec{u}) = T(\vec{v})$. We need to show that $\vec{u} = \vec{v}$. Indeed, if $T(\vec{u}) = T(\vec{v})$, then $S(T(\vec{u})) = S(T(\vec{v}))$. The left hand side is \vec{u} , the right " " " \vec{v} .

So $\vec{u} = \vec{v}$.

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Let L be the line in \mathbb{R}^3 spanned by a non-zero vector \vec{u} . Let $R: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be given by the formula

$$R(\vec{x}) = \vec{x} - 2 \left(\frac{\vec{x}^T \vec{u}}{\vec{u}^T \vec{u}} \right) \vec{u}. \quad (1)$$

Note that vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 are considered here as 3×1 matrices, and we regard the 1×1 matrices $\vec{x}^T \vec{u}$ and $\vec{u}^T \vec{u}$ as scalars, so that the fraction $\frac{\vec{x}^T \vec{u}}{\vec{u}^T \vec{u}}$ is a scalar (quotient of two dot products).

(a) Show that R is a linear transformation by verifying properties (1) and (2) in the definition of a linear transformation in Section 1.8.

$$(1) R(\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) - 2 \left(\frac{(\vec{v} + \vec{w})^T \vec{u}}{\vec{u}^T \vec{u}} \right) \vec{u} = \vec{v} - 2 \left(\frac{\vec{v}^T \vec{u}}{\vec{u}^T \vec{u}} \right) \vec{u} + \vec{w} - 2 \left(\frac{\vec{w}^T \vec{u}}{\vec{u}^T \vec{u}} \right) \vec{u} = R(\vec{v}) + R(\vec{w}).$$

The above holds for every two vectors \vec{v}, \vec{w} in \mathbb{R}^3 .

(2) For every vector \vec{w} in \mathbb{R}^3 and any scalar c we have

$$R(c\vec{w}) = c\vec{w} - 2 \left(\frac{(c\vec{w})^T \vec{u}}{\vec{u}^T \vec{u}} \right) \vec{u} = c \left[\vec{w} - 2 \left(\frac{\vec{w}^T \vec{u}}{\vec{u}^T \vec{u}} \right) \vec{u} \right] = c R(\vec{w}).$$

(b) Show that $R(\vec{v}) = -\vec{v}$, for every vector \vec{v} in L .

If \vec{v} belongs to L , then $\vec{v} = c\vec{u}$, for some scalar c and

$$\text{so } R(\vec{v}) = R(c\vec{u}) \stackrel{\text{part a}}{=} c R(\vec{u}) = c \left[\vec{u} - 2 \left(\frac{\vec{u}^T \vec{u}}{\vec{u}^T \vec{u}} \right) \vec{u} \right] = c [\vec{u} - 2\vec{u}] = -c\vec{u} = -\vec{v}.$$

(c) Two vectors \vec{v}, \vec{w} in \mathbb{R}^3 are orthogonal (i.e., perpendicular), if $\vec{v}^T \vec{w} = 0$. Show that $R(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}$, if \vec{x} belongs to the plane P orthogonal to L . Note: Parts 1b and 1c show that R is the reflection of \mathbb{R}^3 with respect to the plane P .

If \vec{x} belongs to P , then $\vec{x}^T \vec{u} = 0$, so

$$R(\vec{x}) = \vec{x} - 2 \left(\frac{\vec{x}^T \vec{u}}{\vec{u}^T \vec{u}} \right) \vec{u} = \vec{x} - 2 \cdot 0 \vec{u} = \vec{x}.$$

$$A = (\vec{a}_1 \vec{a}_2 \vec{a}_3)$$

(d) Find the standard matrix of the reflection $R: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ with respect to the

plane $\mathcal{P}: x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$. Hint: Let $\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Note that $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = x_1 + x_2 + x_3$.

So the plane \mathcal{P} is orthogonal to \vec{u} .

$$\vec{a}_1 = A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = R \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - 2 \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{2}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/3 \\ -2/3 \\ -2/3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{a}_2 = A \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = R \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{2}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2/3 \\ 1/3 \\ -2/3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{a}_3 = A \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = R \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{2}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2/3 \\ -2/3 \\ 1/3 \end{pmatrix}$$

So $A = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

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Consider the matrix $D_\theta := \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$. We know that the linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, given by $T(\vec{x}) = D_\theta \vec{x}$ is a counterclockwise rotation of the plane with angle θ about the origin.

(a) For two angles α and β consider the two products $D_\alpha D_\beta$ and $D_\beta D_\alpha$. Arguing geometrically, describe the two linear transformations with standard matrices $D_\alpha D_\beta$ and $D_\beta D_\alpha$. Are they the same?

$$D_\alpha D_\beta(\vec{x}) = \vec{x} \text{ rotated angle } \beta \text{ and then angle } \alpha \text{ counterclockwise} \\ = \vec{x} \text{ " " } \alpha + \beta \text{ counterclockwise} = D_{\alpha + \beta}(\vec{x}),$$

$$D_\beta D_\alpha(\vec{x}) = D_{\alpha + \beta}(\vec{x}), \text{ by interchanging the roles of } \alpha \text{ and } \beta$$

(b) Now compute the products $D_\alpha D_\beta$ and $D_\beta D_\alpha$. Do the results make sense in terms of your answer in part 2a? Recall the trig identities

$$\sin(\alpha + \beta) \stackrel{(*)}{=} \sin(\alpha) \cos(\beta) + \cos(\alpha) \sin(\beta)$$

$$\cos(\alpha + \beta) \stackrel{(**)}{=} \cos(\alpha) \cos(\beta) - \sin(\alpha) \sin(\beta).$$

$$D_\alpha D_\beta = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\alpha) & -\sin(\alpha) \\ \sin(\alpha) & \cos(\alpha) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\beta) & -\sin(\beta) \\ \sin(\beta) & \cos(\beta) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} [\cos(\alpha) \cos(\beta) - \sin(\alpha) \sin(\beta)] & [\cos(\alpha) \sin(\beta) + \sin(\alpha) \cos(\beta)] \\ [\sin(\alpha) \cos(\beta) + \cos(\alpha) \sin(\beta)] & [-\sin(\alpha) \sin(\beta) + \cos(\alpha) \cos(\beta)] \end{pmatrix} \\ \stackrel{(*) \text{ and } (**)}{=} \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\alpha + \beta) & -\sin(\alpha + \beta) \\ \sin(\alpha + \beta) & \cos(\alpha + \beta) \end{pmatrix} = 2 D_{\alpha + \beta}$$

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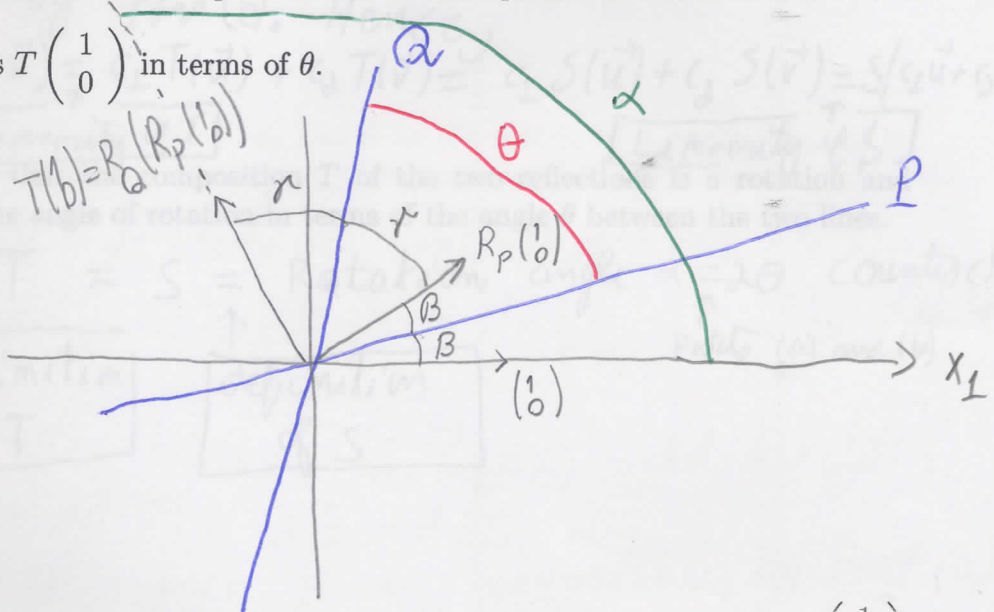
Let P and Q be two lines through the origin in \mathbb{R}^2 with an angle $\pi/4 < \theta < \pi/2$ between them. Let $R_P : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the reflections of the plane about the line P , as in Homework 2 Question 6. Define R_Q similarly using the line Q . Let $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be their composition, given by $T(\vec{x}) = R_Q(R_P(\vec{x}))$.

(a) Sketch a diagram assuming that the intersection of P and Q with the first quadrant are two rays not on the x_1 and x_2 axes, and that Q lies above P in the first quadrant. Then sketch $T\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right)$. Express the angle α the vector $T\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right)$ makes with the positive half of the x_1 -axis in terms of θ and use it to express $T\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right)$ in terms of θ .

Angle $\theta = \beta + \gamma$

Angle $\alpha =$
 $= 2\beta + 2\gamma$
 $= 2(\beta + \gamma) = 2\theta,$

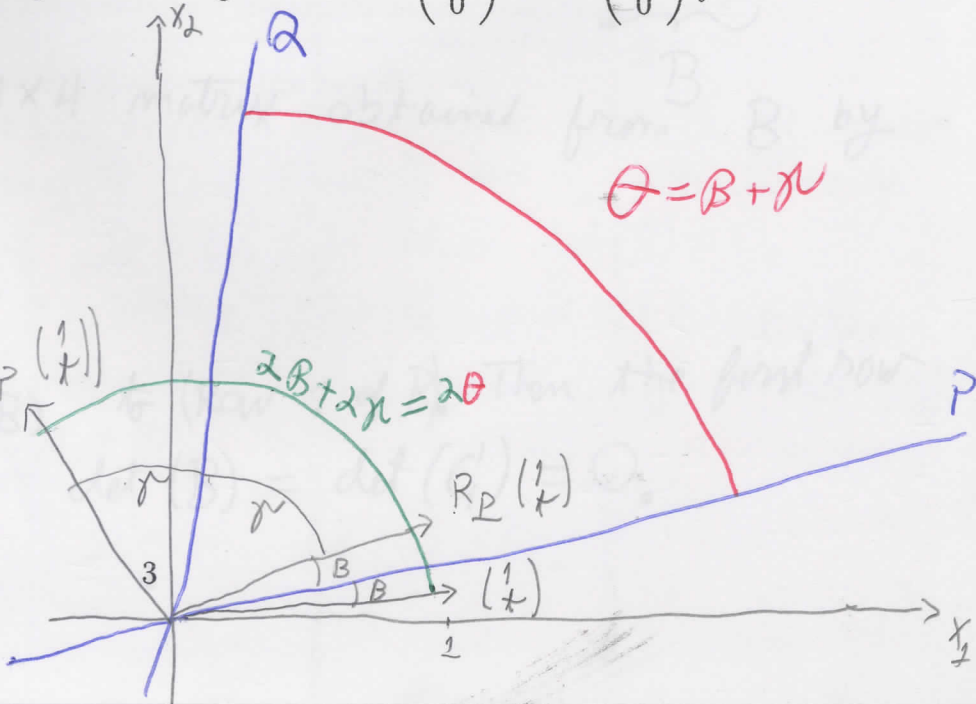
So $\alpha = 2\theta$



(b) Note that for a sufficiently small positive scalar t , the vector $\vec{v} := \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \end{pmatrix}$ also lies in the first quadrant below the line P . Choose such a scalar t and sketch \vec{v} and $T(\vec{v})$ in a diagram and use your sketch to conclude that the angle between v and $T(\vec{v})$ is equal to the angle α between $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $T\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}\right)$ you computed in part 3a.

same argument shows

$T\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \end{pmatrix}\right) = R_Q(R_P\left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \end{pmatrix}\right))$



(c) Let S be the counterclockwise rotation of the plane angle α about the origin. Show that T and S must be the same linear transformation. I.e., prove the equality $T(\vec{x}) = S(\vec{x})$, for every vector $\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$ in \mathbb{R}^2 . Hint: Use the

linearity of T and S .

The matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & t \end{pmatrix}$ has a pivot in every row, since $t \neq 0$. Hence, the two vectors $\vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ t \end{pmatrix}$ span \mathbb{R}^2 . Every vector \vec{x} in \mathbb{R}^2 is a linear combination $\vec{x} = c_1 \vec{u} + c_2 \vec{v}$. Now $T(\vec{u}) = S(\vec{u})$, by Part (a), and $T(\vec{v}) = S(\vec{v})$, by Part (b). Hence,

$$T(\vec{x}) = T(c_1 \vec{u} + c_2 \vec{v}) \stackrel{\text{Linearity of } T}{=} c_1 T(\vec{u}) + c_2 T(\vec{v}) = c_1 S(\vec{u}) + c_2 S(\vec{v}) \stackrel{\text{Linearity of } S}{=} S(c_1 \vec{u} + c_2 \vec{v}) = S(\vec{x})$$

(d) Conclude that the composition T of the two reflections is a rotation and express the angle of rotation in terms of the angle θ between the two lines.

$$T = R_{\alpha} \circ R_{\beta} \stackrel{\text{definition of } T}{=} T = S \stackrel{\text{definition of } S}{=} \text{Rotation angle } \alpha = 2\theta \text{ counterclockwise}$$

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Parts (a) and (b)