

# Math 122

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Review  $V$ : vector space

$T: V \rightarrow V$  is orthogonal if it preserves  $\langle, \rangle$

$$\langle Tv, Tw \rangle = \langle v, w \rangle \quad \forall v, w \in V$$

$T$  preserves length  $\|v\| = \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle}$

$T$  preserve angles  $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos \theta$ .

Write  $T$  as a matrix  $A$  wrt to a basis (orthonormal)

$$x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \langle x, y \rangle = \sum x_i y_i = \vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}$$

Propositions: The following are equivalent

(i)  ${}^t A \cdot A = I$

(ii)  $\langle Ax, Ay \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$

(iii) The columns of  $A$  form an ONB.

Pf

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)  $\langle Ax, Ay \rangle = {}^t(Ax) \cdot Ay = {}^t A Ax = \vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = \langle x, y \rangle$

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii)  $x = e_i, y = e_j \quad \langle A e_i, A e_j \rangle = \langle e_i, e_j \rangle = 0$  if  $i \neq j$   
 $= 1$  if  $i = j$

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i)  ${}^t A A = (b_{ij}) \rightarrow (b_{ij}) = \langle A e_i, A e_j \rangle$

Now, consider  $SO_3$ .

Claim:  $A \in SO_3$  has at least 1 eigenvalue equal to 1.

Pf. Characteristic poly  $f(x)$  of degree 3 and real coefficients.

Say  $f(z) = 0$  then  $f(\bar{z}) = \bar{z}^3 - a_2 \bar{z}^2 + a_1 \bar{z} - a_0 = \overline{z^3 - a_2 z^2 + a_1 z - a_0} = \overline{f(z)} = 0$

$\Rightarrow f$  has a real root  $c \Rightarrow \exists v: Tv = cv$ .

then  $\langle v, v \rangle = \langle cv, cv \rangle (= \langle Tv, Tv \rangle) = c^2 \langle v, v \rangle \Rightarrow c^2 = 1 \Rightarrow c = 1$ .

Now

But products of roots of  $f = z^3 - 1 \rightarrow 3$  real roots.  $\rightarrow$  2 complex roots, 1 real root

$$\rightarrow 1 = \begin{cases} c z \cdot \bar{z} = c |z|^2 \Rightarrow c = \frac{1}{|z|^2} \\ e \cdot (\pm 1) (\pm 1) \Rightarrow \text{at least one is } +1 \end{cases}$$

How do we then write  $SO_3$  out explicitly?

Write  $A \in SO_3$  wrt to an orb containing the eigenvector for eigenvalue 1

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & & \\ 0 & & \end{bmatrix} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Check the canonical forms to understand} \\ \text{why } A \text{ decomposes into 2 blocks} \end{array} \right)$$

Claim that  $B \in SO_2$ ,  $\det A = \det B = 1$  (by calculating  $\det A$ )

$$\det A = (1) \det(B) = 1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

In fact, can write  $B = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$

## Group of Rigid Motions

A rigid motion also called an isometry is a map

$$m: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \text{ s.t. } |mX - mY| = |X - Y| \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

ex! Any orthogonal  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is a rigid motion

ex 2: Translation  $m: x \rightarrow x + b$

$$|x + b - (y + b)| = |x - y|$$

Claim:  $M = \{ \text{rigid motion} \}$  is a group?

Proposition

A rigid motion fixes the origin  $\Leftrightarrow$  it is orthogonal

Pf.  $\Leftarrow$  orthogonal  $\Rightarrow$  preserves length,  $(\leq, >)$

$\Rightarrow$ : We know  $|mX - mY| = |X - Y|$   
thus

$$\langle mX - mY, mX - mY \rangle = \langle X - Y, X - Y \rangle$$

Let  $Y = 0 \rightarrow \langle mX, mX \rangle = \langle X, X \rangle$

So now consider  $\langle X - Y, X - Y \rangle = \langle X, X \rangle - 2\langle X, Y \rangle + \langle Y, Y \rangle$   
 $\langle mX - mY, mX - mY \rangle = \langle mX, mX \rangle - 2\langle mX, mY \rangle + \langle mY, mY \rangle$

$$\Rightarrow \langle X, Y \rangle = \langle mX, mY \rangle \Rightarrow m \in O(n)$$

Proposition: Any rigid motion is the composition of something in  $O(n)$  with a translation.

Pf:  $m \in M, m(0) = b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

$\rightarrow$  let

$$t_{-b}: x \rightarrow x - b.$$

$$\rightarrow t_{-b} \circ m \text{ fixes } 0 \Rightarrow t_{-b} \circ m \in O(n)$$
$$\Rightarrow m = t_b \circ A. \neq$$

Symmetries of the plane (consider  $m$  linear)

Define  $m \in M$  is orientation preserving if  $\det m = 1$ ,  
orientation reversing if  $\det m = -1$

If  $m$  is not linear, then just consider geometric interpretation.

Examples. translation, reflection, rotation, glide-reflection  
glide reflection = reflection about  $l$ , translation along  $l$ .

Theorem: All rigid motions of the plane have one of these forms

Translation, rotation: orientation preserving

Reflection, glide reflection: orientation reversing

Proof:  $m \in M$  = group of rigid motions of the plane then  
 $m = t_a \cdot A_\theta \cdot r^i$

$t_a: x \rightarrow x+a$

$A_\theta$ : rotate by  $\theta$

$r$ : reflection about axis

because an element in  $O_2$  lies either in  $SO_2$  or  $rSO_2$  (the other way)

Further such expressions are unique, otherwise:

$$\Rightarrow t_b \cdot t_a = A_\phi \cdot A_\theta \quad (\text{the orientation preserving part})$$

Translation = Rotation only when both = 0

$$\Rightarrow t_a = t_b \\ A_\theta = A_\phi$$

Say  $m$  is orientation preserving  $\Rightarrow m = t_a \circ A_\theta$

$\cup$   $m$  fixes a point in the plane (find it w/ geometric arguement)

So  $m(p) = p$

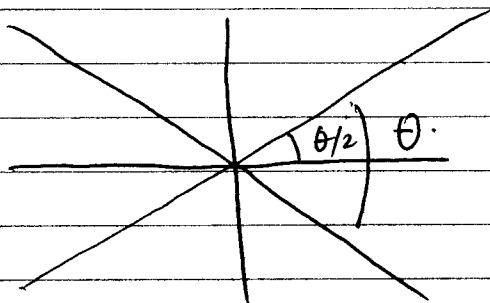
$$\begin{aligned} m(p+x) &= t_a \circ A_\theta(p+x) \\ &= A_\theta(p+x) + a \\ &= A_\theta p + A_\theta x + a \end{aligned}$$

$$= (t_a \circ A_\theta)(p) + A_\theta(x)$$

$$= p + A_\theta(x)$$

$\Rightarrow m$  is rotation around  $p$ .

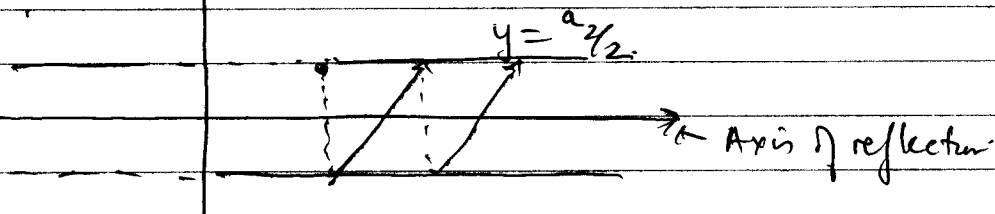
$m$  is orientation reversing  $m = t_a \circ r$ .  
 ← fixed by  $t_a \circ r$



$A_{\theta} \circ r = r'$ : reflection about a line through origin  
 Change coordinates ~~is that~~

Now  $m = t_a \circ r$

let  $a = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix}$



→ It is a glide reflection along the axis of reflection because at each time  $m = t_a \circ r$ , moves a point along the axis and also reflects it.

Notes: two subgroups of  $M$ :

1)  $O \in M$  orthogonal

$T \in M$  transformation  $T \cong \mathbb{R}^n$ .

2) The group of rigid motions that fix  $p$  conjugate to  $O(n)$   
 eg.  $O(n) \oplus -p$

3)  $\varphi: M \rightarrow O$  is a homomorphism with kernel  
 $t_a \circ r \rightarrow A_{\theta} \circ r \rightarrow$

Exercise

$T \triangleleft M$ :