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Question

If
$$f(\alpha) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha & 0 \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
, prove that $f(\alpha)f(-\beta) = f(\alpha - \beta)$.

Solution

We have

$$f(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0\\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{1}$$

$$f(\alpha) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha & 0\\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2}$$

$$f(-\beta) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta & \sin \beta & 0 \\ -\sin \beta & \cos \beta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{3}$$

$$f(\alpha)f(-\beta) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha & 0\\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta & \sin \beta & 0\\ -\sin \beta & \cos \beta & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4)$$

Solution

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha \cos \beta + \sin \alpha \sin \beta & \cos \alpha \sin \beta - \sin \alpha \cos \beta & 0\\ \sin \alpha \cos \beta - \cos \alpha \sin \beta & \sin \alpha \sin \beta + \cos \alpha \cos \beta & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (6)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\alpha - \beta) & -\sin(\alpha - \beta) & 0\\ \sin(\alpha - \beta) & \cos(\alpha - \beta) & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{7}$$

$$= f(\alpha - \beta). \tag{8}$$

Thus proved.



Python code - Verify the result

```
import numpy as np
def f(theta):
   return np.array([
       [np.cos(theta), -np.sin(theta), 0],
       [np.sin(theta), np.cos(theta), 0],
       [0, 0, 1]
   ])
# Take input
alpha = float(input("Enter alpha (in radians): "))
beta = float(input("Enter beta (in radians): "))
# Compute both sides
lhs = f(alpha) @ f(-beta)
rhs = f(alpha - beta)
```

Python code - Verify the result

```
# Check equality (within tolerance, since floats may not be exact
)
if np.allclose(lhs, rhs, atol=1e-9):
    print("Verified: f(alpha) f(-beta) = f(alpha - beta)")
else:
    print(" Not equal")
    print("LHS =\n", lhs)
    print("RHS =\n", rhs)
```

Output of Python code

```
Enter alpha (in radians): 4
Enter beta (in radians): 5
Verified: f(alpha) f(-beta) = f(alpha - beta)
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
#include <stdbool.h>
#define SIZE 3
#define EPS 1e-9 // tolerance for floating-point comparison
// Function to build matrix f(theta)
void f(double theta, double M[SIZE][SIZE]) {
   M[0][0] = cos(theta); M[0][1] = -sin(theta); M[0][2] = 0;
   M[1][0] = \sin(\text{theta}); M[1][1] = \cos(\text{theta}); M[1][2] = 0;
   M[2][0] = 0; M[2][1] = 0; M[2][2] = 1;
```

```
// Multiply two 3x3 matrices
void multiply(double A[SIZE][SIZE], double B[SIZE][SIZE], double
    C[SIZE][SIZE]) {
   for (int i = 0; i < SIZE; i++) {</pre>
       for (int j = 0; j < SIZE; j++) {</pre>
           C[i][i] = 0;
           for (int k = 0; k < SIZE; k++) {
               C[i][j] += A[i][k] * B[k][j];
```

```
// Check if two matrices are approximately equal
bool equal(double A[SIZE][SIZE], double B[SIZE][SIZE]) {
   for (int i = 0; i < SIZE; i++) {</pre>
       for (int j = 0; j < SIZE; j++) {</pre>
           if (fabs(A[i][j] - B[i][j]) > EPS)
               return false;
   return true;
```

```
// Print a 3x3 matrix
void printMatrix(double M[SIZE][SIZE]) {
    for (int i = 0; i < SIZE; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < SIZE; j++) {
            printf("%10.6f ", M[i][j]);
        }
        printf("\n");
    }
}</pre>
```

```
int main() {
   double alpha, beta;
   printf("Enter alpha (in radians): ");
   scanf("%lf", &alpha);
   printf("Enter beta (in radians): ");
   scanf("%lf", &beta);
   double F_alpha[SIZE][SIZE], F_minus_beta[SIZE][SIZE],
       F_alpha_minus_beta[SIZE] [SIZE];
   double lhs[SIZE][SIZE], rhs[SIZE][SIZE];
```

```
// Build matrices
f(alpha, F alpha);
f(-beta, F minus beta);
f(alpha - beta, F alpha minus beta);
// Compute lhs = f(alpha) * f(-beta)
multiply(F alpha, F minus beta, lhs);
// rhs = f(alpha - beta)
for (int i = 0; i < SIZE; i++)</pre>
   for (int j = 0; j < SIZE; j++)</pre>
       rhs[i][j] = F_alpha_minus_beta[i][j];
```

```
// Compare
if (equal(lhs, rhs)) {
   printf("\n Verified: f(alpha) f(-beta) = f(alpha - beta)\
       n"):
} else {
   printf("\nNot equal!\n");
   printf("\nLHS =\n"); printMatrix(lhs);
   printf("\nRHS =\n"); printMatrix(rhs);
}
return 0;
```

Output of C code

```
Enter alpha (in radians): 2
Enter beta (in radians): 1.23

Verified: f(alpha) f(-beta) = f(alpha - beta)
```