

Step-1

Given that $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$ and $M = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

So, $M^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$M^{-1}AM = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} a \cos \theta + d \sin \theta & b \cos \theta + e \sin \theta & c \cos \theta + f \sin \theta \\ -a \sin \theta + d \cos \theta & -b \sin \theta + e \cos \theta & -c \sin \theta + f \cos \theta \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The element (3,1) in this product is $g \cos \theta + h \sin \theta$ is given to be zero.

$$\Rightarrow g \cos \theta + h \sin \theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow h \sin \theta = -g \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{-g}{h}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{-g}{h} \right)$$