# MATH2701 Lecture Notes

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## 1 Recap

A group is a set G equipped with a multiplication  $*: G \times G \to G$  that satisfies Associativity, Existence of Identity and Inverse.

- The group  $\mathscr{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  of all transformations in  $\mathbb{R}^n$
- The group  $\mathscr{T}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  of all translations in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  recall  $T_{\mathbf{b}}: \mathbf{x} \to \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$  This group is a subgroup of  $\mathscr{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is isomorphic to the group  $(\mathbb{R}^n, +)$ . A mapping  $\tau: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$  is called an isometry if it preserves distance between any two points. Any isometry is a transformation.
- The set  $\mathscr{I}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  of all isometries in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a subgroup of  $\mathscr{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . It contains  $\mathscr{I}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  as a subgroup.
- If  $\tau : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$  is an isometry, then there exist and orthogonal  $n \times n$  matrix Q and a vector  $\mathbf{b}$  such that  $\tau$  has the following equation.

$$\tau(\mathbf{x}) = Q\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}.$$

• Some special isometries: translations, reflections in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , glide reflections in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

## 2 Hyperplanes and Reflections

**Definition 1.** A hyperplance in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is the translation  $\mathbb{H} = T_a(V)$  of an n-1 dimensional subspace V. If V is the orthogonal complement of a line parallel to  $\mathbf{n}$ , i,e,  $V = \langle \mathbf{n} \rangle^{\perp}$  then V has equation  $\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0$ . and, thus,  $\mathbb{H}$  has equation in point-normal form:  $\mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a})$  or in in cartesian form:

$$n_1X_1 + n_2X_2 + \ldots + n_nX_n + c = 0.$$

where  $\mathbf{n}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n), \mathbf{c} = -\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{a}$ . In other words, every hyperplance  $\mathbb{H}$  is determined by its normal  $\mathbf{n}$  and a point  $A(\mathbf{a})$  in  $\mathbb{H}$ :

$$\mathbb{H} = \mathbb{H}_{\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{a}} = \{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}) = 0 \}.$$

In parametric vector form:  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{a} + \lambda_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + \ldots + \lambda_{n-1} \mathbf{a}_{n-1}$ , where  $\mathbf{a}_1, \ldots \mathbf{a}_n$  form a basis for  $\langle \mathbf{n} \rangle^{\perp}$ 

#### 2.1 Reflections

**Definition 2.** Let  $\mathbb{H}$ . The reflection  $\sigma_{\mathbb{H}}$  in  $\mathbb{H}$  is the mapping defined by:

$$\sigma_{\mathbb{H}} = \begin{cases} P & \text{if } P \in \mathbb{H}; \\ P' & \text{if if } P \text{ is off } \mathbb{H} \text{ and } \mathbb{H} \text{ is perpendicular bisector of } \overline{PP'} \end{cases}$$

(in the sense that d(P,X) = d(P',X) for all  $X \in \mathbb{H}$ )

**Proposition 1.** Let  $\mathbb{H}$  be a hyperplance

1. A reflection  $\sigma_{\mathbb{H}}$  is an isometry satisfying  $\sigma_{\mathbb{H}} = 1$ 

- 2.  $\sigma_{\mathbb{H}}$  fixes a line  $m \not\subseteq \mathbb{H}$  if and only if  $m \perp \mathbb{H}$ .
- 3.  $\sigma_{\mathbb{H}}$  fixes a line pointwise if and only if  $m \subseteq \mathbb{H}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbb{H} = \mathbb{H}_{\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{a}}$ .

- 1. By definition,  $\sigma_{\mathbb{H}}^2 = 1$ . Hence, it is a bijection by existence of inverse I think (Ask Lect). A For the proof of isometry, we may prove it geometrically mimicking the  $\mathbb{R}^2$  case, or algebraically (to come.)
- 2. if  $m \perp \mathbb{H}$ , it is clear  $\sigma_{\mathbb{H}}(m) = m$  (Ask lect). Conversely,  $Q = \sigma_{\mathbb{H}}(P)$  for some  $P \in m$ , but off  $\mathbb{H}$ . Then  $Q \in m$  and the line segment  $\overline{PQ}$  is perpendicular to  $\mathbb{H}$  (Ask Lect dont we get Q in m from knowing that PQ is perpendicular as reflection  $\rightarrow$  there is only on perpendicular form one pt so Q in m This deduction seems to go in the opposite direction.) Hence,  $m \perp \mathbb{H}$ .
- 3. is clear:  $\sigma_{\mathbb{H}} = P$  for all  $P \in m \Leftrightarrow m \subseteq \mathbb{H}$  (Ask lect by definition?)

### 2.2 General Reflection Formula

**Theorem 1.** If  $\mathbb{H} = \mathbb{H}_{\mathbf{n},\mathbf{a}}$ , the there exist  $Q = I - \frac{2}{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n}} \mathbf{n} \mathbf{n}^T \in O_n(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\mathbf{b} = 2 \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{n}}{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n}} \mathbf{n}$ 

such that.

$$\sigma_{\mathbb{H}}(\mathbf{x}) = Q\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}.$$

*Proof.* By vector geometry (draw the expression below geometrically to see that it gives reflection),

$$\sigma_{\mathbb{H}}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{a} + [(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}) - 2\operatorname{proj}_{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a})] = \mathbf{x} - 2\operatorname{proj}_{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a})$$
 (1)

$$= \mathbf{x} - 2\frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{n}}{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n}} \mathbf{n} + 2\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{n}}{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n}} \mathbf{n}. \tag{2}$$

Now the first assertion follows easily, noting

$$(\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{n})\mathbf{n} = (\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{x}) \,\mathbf{n}.$$

Note that  $(\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{x})\mathbf{n}$  is a scalar so using commutativity.

$$\left(\mathbf{n}^{T}\mathbf{x}\right)\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{n}\left(\mathbf{n}^{T}\mathbf{x}\right) = \left(\mathbf{n}\mathbf{n}^{T}\right)\mathbf{x}.$$

Now continuing from (2) by substituting,

$$\begin{split} &=\mathbf{x}-2\frac{(\mathbf{n}\mathbf{n}^T)\mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{n}\cdot\mathbf{n}}+\frac{2\mathbf{a}\cdot\mathbf{n}}{\mathbf{n}\cdot\mathbf{n}}\mathbf{n}\\ &=\mathbf{x}\left(I-2\frac{(\mathbf{n}\mathbf{n}^T)}{\mathbf{n}\cdot\mathbf{n}}\right)+\frac{2\mathbf{a}\cdot\mathbf{n}}{\mathbf{n}\cdot\mathbf{n}}\mathbf{n}\\ &=Q\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{b}. \end{split}$$

Since Q is symmetric (difference between two symmetric matrices) and QQ = I

#### 2.3 Reflections in $\mathbb{R}^2$

Corollary 1. In  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , if line  $\ell$  has equation aX + bX + c = 0, then ther reflection  $\sigma_{\ell}$  has equation:

$$\sigma_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{a^2 + b^2} \begin{bmatrix} b^2 - a^2 & -2ab \\ -2ab & a^2 + b^2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \frac{1}{a^2 + b^2} \begin{bmatrix} -2ac \\ -2bc \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{a^2 + b_2} \begin{pmatrix} 2a(ax + by + c) \\ 2b(ax + by + c) \end{pmatrix}.$$

*Proof.* Here,  $\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{n} = -c$ . Substituting gives the required formula (substituting in the general reflection formula theorem before). Alternatively, let  $\mathbf{x}' = \sigma_{\ell}(\mathbf{x})$ . Then  $\mathbf{x}' - \mathbf{x}$  is parallel to  $\mathbf{n}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}' + \mathbf{x}) \in \ell$ . Thus, b(x' - x) = a(y' - y) and a(x' + x) + b(y' + y) + 2c = 0. Hence simplifying both equations, bx' - ay' = bx + ay and ax' + by' = -(ax + by + 2c) which are two equations and two variables. Solving gives the second formula

#### 2.4 Example reflection calculation

**Problem 1.** Find the equation of a reflection in the line tangent to the circle  $x^2 + y_2 = 25$  at (3,4)

Solution:

The normal of the tangent line  $\ell$  is  $\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ . If  $\mathbf{x}$  is a point on  $\ell$  other than (3,4), then  $\mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{n}) = 0$ . So,  $\ell$  has the equation 3x + 4y - 25 = 0. The equation of  $\sigma_{\ell}$  has the form

$$\sigma_{\ell} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} - \frac{2}{25} \begin{pmatrix} 3(3x + 5y - 25) \\ 4(3x + 4y - 25) \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \frac{1}{25} \begin{pmatrix} 4^2 - 3^3 & -2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \\ -2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 & 3^3 - 4^2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}.$$

You can verify this answer by checking the reflection of something you intuitively know the answer for. Half of a point on the line expect reflection to be 3/2 of that point.

$$\sigma_{\ell} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\sigma_{\ell}\left(\frac{2}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 3\\4 \end{pmatrix}\right) = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 3\\4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 6\\8 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{3}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 3\\4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

#### 2.5 Points in a generic position

**Definition 3.** We say that m points  $P_1, P_2, \dots P_m \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are in a generic position if the vectors  $\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{p}_1$ , for  $i = 2, 3, \dots, m$ . are linearly independent. In particular n+1 points in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are in generic position if every hyperplance contains at most n of the n+1 points.

**Theorem 2.** Following are results about generic points:

- 1. An isometry on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  that fixes n+1 points in generic position is the identity map
- 2. An isometry on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  that fixes n points in generic position is a reflection or the identity map.
- 3. An isometry that fixes n-1 but not n points in a generic position is a product of two reflections.
- 4. Every isometry (in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ) is a product of at most n+1 reflections.

*Proof.* We prove all these results:

1. If  $\tau$  is an isometry, then by a theorem proved previously, there exists and orthogonal matrix  $Q \in O_n(\mathbb{R})$ , and a vector **b** such that  $\tau(\mathbf{x}) = Q\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$ . Now suppose points  $P_1, \ldots, P_{n+1}$  are in a generic position with position vectors  $\mathbf{p}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{p}_{n+1}$  and  $\tau(P_i) = P_i$  for every i. Then we have:

$$Q\mathbf{p}_i + \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{p}_i.$$

for all  $1 \le i \le n+1$ . Thus subtracting  $Q\mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{p}_1$ , from equation above we get

$$Q(\mathbf{p_1} - \mathbf{p_i}) = \mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_i.$$

for all i = 2, ..., n+1. Hence, Q fixes every element in the basis  $\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2, ..., \mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_{n+1}$  for  $\mathbb{R}^n$  so  $Q = I_n$ . Consequently, b = 0 and  $\tau = 1$ , proving (1).

2. Suppose  $\tau$  fixes points  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n$  which are in generic position. Then the hyperplane.

$$\mathbb{H} = \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{p}_1 + \lambda_1 (\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_1) + \ldots + \lambda_{n-1} (\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}_1).$$

where  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$ .

contains all n points. If  $\tau \neq 1$ , then there exists a point R off  $\mathbb{H}$  such that  $\tau(R) = R' \neq R$ . So we have  $d(P_i, R) = d(\tau(P_i), \tau(R)) = d(P_i, R')$  for all i = 1, 2, ... n. Thus, for any point  $A(\mathbf{a})$  in  $\mathbb{H}$ , since its position vector  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{p}_1 + \lambda_1 \mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_1 + ... + \lambda_{n-1} \mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}_1$  for some  $\lambda_i$ , we see that

$$\tau (\mathbf{a}) = Q (\mathbf{p}_1 + \lambda_1 (\mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_1) + \dots \lambda_{n-1} (\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}_q)) + \mathbf{b}$$
$$= [Q (\mathbf{p}_1) + \mathbf{b}] + \lambda_1 (\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_1) + \dots \lambda_{n-1} (\mathbf{p}_n - \mathbf{p}_1) = \mathbf{a}.$$

The above simplification is because the **b**'s will cancel out when you evaluate the  $Q(\mathbf{p}_i)$  values upon distributing Q. So,  $d(A,R) = d(\tau(A),\tau(R)) = d(A,R')$ . This shows  $\mathbb{H}$  is the perpendicular bisector of  $\overline{RR'}$ . Hence  $\tau = \sigma_{\mathbb{H}}$ .

- 3. Suppose  $\tau$  is an isometry, and fixes the points  $P_1, \ldots, P_{n-1}$  in generic position. Choose a point  $P = P_0$  so that  $P, P_1, \ldots, P_{n-1}$  are in generic position. Then  $P' = \tau(P) \neq P$ . (Proof incomplete right now complete from slides)
- 4. Suppose  $\tau$  is an isometry and let m be the maximal number of points in generic positions which  $\tau$  fixes. We apply a downward induction on m. If m = n + 1 or n, we are done by (1) and (2).

Suppose now that m < n and the assertion is true for m+1. Consider a point P such that  $P' = \tau\left(P\right) \neq P$  and a hyperplane  $\mathbb H$  containing the m points in generic position and perpendicularly bisection  $\overline{PP'}$ . Then  $\sigma_{\mathbb H}\tau$  fixed m+1 points in generic position. By induction,  $\sigma_{\mathbb H}\tau$  is a product of n-m reflections. Hence,  $\tau$  is a product of n-m+1 reflections. By induction, the assertion is true for all  $m=n+1,n\ldots,1,0$ .

Corollary 2. Following results can be deduced from above.

- 1. Every plane isometry is a product of at most three reflections.
- 2. The group  $\mathscr{I}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  of isometries on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is generated by reflections  $\mathbb{H}_{n,\mathbf{a}}$  for all  $\mathbf{0} \neq \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

**Remark.** We call  $\mathscr{I}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  a reflection group. The study of finite ferflection groups is an interesting research area in mathemtics.

#### 3 Translations and rotations in $\mathbb{R}^n$

#### 3.1 Tanslations

**Theorem 3.** An isometry  $\tau$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a translation if and only if  $\tau$  is the product of two reflections in parallel hyperplanes.

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbb{H} = \mathbb{H}_{n,a}$  and  $\mathbb{H}' = \mathbb{H}_n$ , b. Then, for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we have

$$\begin{split} \sigma_{\mathbb{H}'}\sigma_{\mathbb{H}}\left(\mathbf{x}\right) &= \sigma_{\mathbb{H}'}\left(\mathbf{x} - 2\frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{n}}{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n}}\mathbf{n} + 2\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{n}}{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n}}\mathbf{n}\right) \\ &= \left(\mathbf{x} - 2\frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{n}}{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n}}\mathbf{n} + 2\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{n}}{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n}}\mathbf{n}\right) - 2\frac{\left(\mathbf{x} - 2\frac{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{n}}{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n}}\mathbf{n} + 2\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{n}}{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n}}\mathbf{n}\right) \cdot \mathbf{n}}{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n}}\mathbf{n} + 2\frac{\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{n}}{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n}}\mathbf{n} \\ &= \mathbf{x} + 2\left(\frac{\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{n}}{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n}} - \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{n}}{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n}}\right)\mathbf{n} \\ &= \mathbf{x} + 2proj_n\left(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}\right) \\ &= T_{2proj_n\left(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}\right)}(\mathbf{x}). \end{split}$$

(Hence,  $\sigma_{\mathbb{H}_{\mathbf{n},\mathbf{b}}}\sigma_{\mathbb{H}_{\mathbf{n},\mathbf{a}}} = T_{2proj_{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{b}-\mathbf{a})}$ )

Conversely, suppose  $\tau_{P,Q}$  be translation sneding  $P(\mathbf{p})$  to Q. Let  $\mathbf{n}$  be a vector parallel to  $\overrightarrow{PQ}$  and  $M(\mathbf{m})$  the midpoint of  $\overrightarrow{PQ}$ . Then we have,

$$\sigma_{\mathbb{H}_{\mathbf{n},\mathbf{m}}}\sigma_{\mathbb{H}_{\mathbf{n},\mathbf{p}}} = T_{2proj_n}\left(\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{p}\right) = T_{2\left(\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{p}\right)} = T_{\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{p}} = \tau_{P,Q}.$$

We got  $T_{2proj_n}(\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{p})$  above from the same calculation as the proof.

#### 3.2 Translations in $\mathbb{R}^2$

**Corollary 3.** A plane isometry is a translation if and only if it is a produ t of two reflections in parallel lines.

**Example 1.** For lines  $\ell_1: 2x+3y=0, \ell_2: 2x+3y=5$  and  $\ell_3: 2x+3y=7$ , find the vector band line  $\ell$  such that  $\sigma_{\ell_2}\sigma_{\ell_2}\sigma_{\ell_1}=\sigma_{\ell}$ .

Solution. We have,

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$
.

and points  $A(1,1) \in \ell_2$  and  $B(1,2) \in \ell_3$ . Then

$$proj_{\mathbf{n}}(B-A) = proj_{\mathbf{n}}\begin{pmatrix} 1\\0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{2}{13}\begin{pmatrix} 2\\3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

and

$$\sigma_{\ell_3}\sigma_{\ell_2} = T_{\frac{4}{13} \binom{2}{3}}.$$

using the formula.

Thus,

$$\sigma_{\ell_3} \sigma_{\ell_2} \sigma_{\ell_1} = T_{\underbrace{\frac{4}{13} \binom{2}{3}}} \sigma_{\ell_1} : \mathbf{x} \mapsto \frac{1}{13} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -12 \\ -12 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \frac{4}{13} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{13} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \times 2 (2x + 3y - 2) \\ 2 \times 3 (2x + 3y - 2) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence,  $\ell : 2x + 3y - 2 = 0$ 

#### 3.3 Rotations

#### 3.4 Rotations in $\mathbb{R}^2$

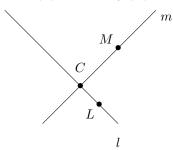
**Definition 4.** A rotation on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  about a point C, through angle  $\theta$ , is the transformation that fixes C and otherwise sends a point P to a point P', where d(C,P)=d(C,P'), and the angle from  $\overrightarrow{CP}$  to  $\overrightarrow{CP'}$  is  $\theta$  (in anti-clockwise direction if  $\theta>0$ , and clockwise if  $\theta<0$ ). We denote this transformation by  $\rho_{C,\theta}$ .

**Theorem 4.** An plane isometry is a rotation if and only if it is the product of two plane reflections in intersecting lines. More precisesly,

- 1. if lines l, m intersect at C, and the directed angle from l to m is  $\frac{\theta}{2} \in (-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ , then  $\sigma_m \sigma_l = \rho_{C,\theta}$ ;
- 2. if lines p, q, r are concurrent, then there exists a line l such that

$$\sigma_r \sigma_q \sigma_p = \sigma_l.$$

*Proof.* (2) follows easily from (1). We now prove (1). Let  $L \in l, L \neq C$ , and let  $M \in m, M \neq C$ . By a geometrical argument, one checks easily that  $\sigma_m \sigma_l(C) = C = \rho_{C,\theta}(C), \sigma_m \sigma_l(L) = \sigma_m(L) = \rho_{C,\theta}(L)$ .



Hence,  $\sigma_m, \sigma_l = \rho_{C,\theta}$  (Ask lect why, not sure how the generic point argument explained in lecture works.)

#### Corollary 4. Some rotation results:

- 1. A non-identity rotation (on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ) fixes exactly one point.
- 2. A rotation with centre C fixes every circle with centre C.
- 3. The set of all rotations about a particular point (i.e. with centre at a particular point) is a sugbroup of the group  $\mathscr{I}(\mathbb{R}^2)$  of isometries; further still, it is a commutative subgroup. In other words,

$$\mathscr{R}_C := \{ \rho_{C,\theta} : \theta \in \mathbb{R} \} \le \mathscr{I}(\mathbb{R}^2).$$

and

$$\rho \rho' = \rho' \rho, \forall \rho, \rho' \in \mathscr{R}_C.$$

#### Theorem 5.

The rotation  $\rho_{\mathbf{0},\theta}: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$  about the origin  $\mathbf{0}$  and through the angle  $\theta$  i the linear isomorphism  $T_{U,\mathbf{0}}(\mathbf{x}) = U\mathbf{x}$ , where U is the following matrix:

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Reason for U being this you apply rotation by  $\theta$  to the basis and that gives the matrix as  $\rho_{0,\theta}$  is a linear map (one of the properties of isometries).

If **c** is the position vector of C, then  $\rho_{C,\theta} = T_{\mathbf{c}} (\rho_{0,\theta}) T_{-\mathbf{c}}$  (Ask lect, can you explain why this holds). Hence,  $\rho_{C,\theta}$  has equation  $\rho_{C,\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = U\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$ , where U defines  $\rho_{\mathbf{0},\theta}$  as in (1) and  $\mathbf{b} = (I - U)\mathbf{c}$ . Moreover, at the group level, we have  $\mathscr{R}_C = T_{\mathbf{c}}\mathscr{R}_{\mathbf{0}}T_{-\mathbf{c}}$ , or  $\mathscr{R}_C$  is conjugate to  $\mathscr{R}_{\mathbf{0}}$ .

*Proof.* By the theorem above, we may assume that  $\rho_{0,\theta} = \sigma_m, \sigma_l$ , where l is the x-axis, and m has equation:

$$\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)X - \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)Y = 0.$$

Hence,  $\sigma_m$  has the equations:

$$\begin{cases} x' = \left(1 - 2\sin^2(\frac{\theta}{2})\right)x + \left(2\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)\right)y = (\cos\theta)x + (\sin\theta)y\\ y' = (\sin\theta)x - (\cos\theta)y. \end{cases}$$

Also,  $\sigma_l$  has (more obvious) equation: X' = X, Y' = -Y. Hence, by multiplying matrices, we can see that:

$$\sigma_m \sigma_l = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = U \mathbf{x}.$$

proving (1).

Maintain the notation in the proof of (1). For (2), we have

$$T_{\mathbf{c}}\rho_{\mathbf{0},\theta}T_{-c} = T_{\mathbf{c}}\sigma_{m}\sigma_{l}T_{-\mathbf{c}} = \left(T_{\mathbf{c}}\sigma_{m}T_{-\mathbf{c}}\right)\left(T_{\mathbf{c}}\sigma_{l}T_{-\mathbf{c}}\right) = \sigma_{m'}\sigma_{l'} = \rho_{C,\theta}.$$

(Ask lect about  $(T_{\mathbf{c}}\sigma_m T_{-\mathbf{c}}) (T_{\mathbf{c}}\sigma_l T_{-\mathbf{c}}) \sigma_{m'}\sigma_{l'} = \rho_{C.\theta}$ )

3 TRANSLATIONS AND ROTATIONS IN  $\mathbb{R}^n$