Assignment 9

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Abstract—This is a simple document explaining how to express a matrix by the linear combination of the rows of another matrix.

Download all and latex-tikz codes from

svn co https://github.com/gadepall/school/trunk/ncert/geometry/figs

1 Problem

Let
$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and $B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -4 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ Is there any

matrix C such that CA = B?

2 EXPLANATION

The matrix B is obtained by multiplying the matrix A with matrix C which is nothing but the linear combinations of the rows of matrix A. Now, considering the first row of matrix B:

$$(3 1) = a_1 (1 -1) + b_1 (2 2) + c_1 (1 0) (2.0.1)$$

If $a_1 = 1$, $b_1 = 1$ and $c_1 = 0$, then the above equation is satisfied, that is,

$$(3 1) = 1(1 -1) + 1(2 2) + 0(1 0) (2.0.2)$$

Similarly, considering the second row of matrix B:

$$(-4 4) = a_2 (1 -1) + b_2 (2 2) + c_2 (1 0)$$
(2.0.3)

If $a_2 = -4$, $b_2 = 0$ and $c_2 = 0$, then the above equation is satisfied, that is,

$$(3 1) = (-4)(1 -1) + 0(2 2) + 0(1 0)$$
(2.0.4)

So, the matrix C can be written as:

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.5}$$

3 SOLUTION

So, the matrix $C = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ such that CA = B.

3.1. Verification of the above problem using python code.

Solution: The following Python code verifies the above solution.

codes/multiplication test.py