

## 7.1 Warm-Up Exercises

In the following exercises, all coordinates and components are given with respect to a right-oriented orthonormal frame  $\mathcal{K}$ .

**7.1.** Starting from the matrix form of the projections and reflections described in this chapter, deduce the matrices of

- a) the orthogonal projections on the coordinate axes and on the coordinate hyperplanes of  $\mathcal{K}$ .
- b) the orthogonal reflections in coordinate axes and in coordinate hyperplanes of  $\mathcal{K}$ .

**7.2.** Determine the orthogonal projection of the point  $A(2, 11, -5)$  on the plane  $\pi : x + 4y - 3z + 7 = 0$  by determining the matrix form of the projection.

**7.3.** Determine the orthogonal reflection of the point  $P(6, -5, 5)$  in the plane  $\pi : 2x - 3y + z - 4 = 0$  by determining the matrix form of the reflection.

**7.4.** Project the point  $P(4, 1, -2)$  on the  $z$ -axis parallel to the plane  $\pi : x + y + z = 0$ .

**7.5.** Write down the vector forms and matrix forms for parallel projections and reflections in  $\mathbb{E}^3$ .

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$$\text{Pr}_{H,v}(P) = \left( I_n - \frac{v \cdot a^T}{v^T \cdot a} \right) \cdot P - \frac{a_{n+1}}{v^T \cdot a} v \quad \text{where } H: a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n + a_{n+1} = 0 \\ a(a_1, \dots, a_n)$$

$$\mathcal{K} = (0, \mathbb{B}) \quad \mathcal{D} = (e_1, \dots, e_n)$$

consider coord hyperplane  $\perp e_1 \iff H: x_1 = 0$

then  $a = v = (1, 0 \dots 0)$  and  $a_n = 0$

$$\text{so } \text{Pr}_{H,v}(P) = \left( I_n - \frac{v \cdot v^T}{v^T \cdot v} \right) P$$

$$v \cdot v^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} (1 0 \dots 0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v^T \cdot v = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Pr}_{H,v}(P) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & \\ & 1 & 0 & \\ & 0 & \ddots & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot P$$

$$\text{Ref}_{H,v}(P) = \left( I_n - 2 \frac{v \cdot a^T}{v^T \cdot a} \right) \cdot P - 2 \frac{a_{n+1}}{v^T \cdot a} v = \left( I_n - 2 v \cdot v^T \right) \cdot P \\ = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & & & \\ & 1 & 0 & \\ & 0 & \ddots & 0 \end{pmatrix} P$$

$$\text{Pr}_{\ell, \mathbb{W}}(P) = \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{a}^T}{\mathbf{v}^T \cdot \mathbf{a}} P + \left( I_n - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{a}^T}{\mathbf{v}^T \cdot \mathbf{a}} \right) Q.$$

where  $\ell: a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n + a_{n+1} = 0$   
 $\mathbf{v}$  = dir vect of  $\ell$   
 $Q$  = point on  $\ell$

$\ell: x_1 - \text{axis}$

$$\Rightarrow H: x_1 = 0 \quad \mathbf{v} = (1, 0, \dots, 0) \quad Q = O(0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Pr}_{\ell, \mathbb{W}}(P) = \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}^T}{\mathbf{v}^T \cdot \mathbf{v}} P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} P = p_1$$

$$\text{Ref}_{\ell, \mathbb{W}}(P) = \left( 2 \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{a}^T}{\mathbf{v}^T \cdot \mathbf{a}} - I_n \right) P + 2 \left( I_n - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{a}^T}{\mathbf{v}^T \cdot \mathbf{a}} \right) Q. = \left( 2 \cdot \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}^T - I_n \right) P$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix} P$$

7.2. Determine the orthogonal projection of the point  $A(2, 11, -5)$  on the plane  $\pi: x + 4y - 3z + 7 = 0$  by determining the matrix form of the projection.

Let  $\pi$  be the plane

A N.V for  $\pi$  is  $\mathbf{n}(1, 4, -3)$

so the orthogonal projection is a projection along lines parallel to  $\mathbf{n}$

$$\text{Let } P(x_0, y_0, z_0) \in \mathbb{E}^3 \text{ and consider the line } \ell: \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \\ z_0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 + t \\ y_0 + 4t \\ z_0 - 3t \end{pmatrix}$$

The orthogonal projection of  $P$  on  $\pi$  is  $P' = \bar{\pi} \cap l$

$$\pi \cap l: (x_0 + t) + 4(y_0 + 4t) - 3(z_0 - 3t) + 7 = 0$$

$$x_0 + t + 4y_0 + 16t - 3z_0 + 9t + 7 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{1}{26} (-x_0 - 4y_0 + 3z_0 - 7)$$

one can also apply  
the formula  
to get this matrix

$$\Rightarrow P' = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 + \frac{-x_0 - 4y_0 + 3z_0 - 7}{26} \\ y_0 + 4 \frac{-x_0 - 4y_0 + 3z_0 - 7}{26} \\ z_0 - 3 \frac{-x_0 - 4y_0 + 3z_0 - 7}{26} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{26} \begin{pmatrix} 25 & -4 & 3 \\ -4 & 10 & 12 \\ 3 & 12 & 17 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \\ z_0 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{7}{26} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

in particular

$$\text{Pr}_{\pi}^{\perp}(A) = \frac{1}{26} \begin{pmatrix} 25 & -4 & 3 \\ -4 & 10 & 12 \\ 3 & 12 & 17 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{7}{26} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{26} \begin{pmatrix} -9 \\ 42 \\ 53 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{7}{26} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{26} \begin{pmatrix} -16 \\ 14 \\ 74 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{13} \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ 7 \\ 57 \end{pmatrix}$$

7.3. Determine the orthogonal reflection of the point  $P(6, -5, 5)$  in the plane  $\pi: 2x - 3y + z - 4 = 0$  by determining the matrix form of the reflection.

Let  $\bar{\pi}$  be the plane and let  $Q(x_0, y_0, z_0) \in \mathbb{E}^3$

A normal vector for  $\bar{\pi}$  is  $n(2, -3, 1)$

The orthogonal reflection in  $\bar{\pi}$  is the reflection in  $\bar{\pi}$  along lines parallel to

$$[\text{Ref}_{\pi}^{\perp}(Q)] = [\text{Ref}_{\pi, n}(Q)] = \left[ \text{Id}_3 - 2 \frac{n \cdot a^t}{n^t \cdot a} \right] [Q] - 2 \frac{-4}{n^t \cdot a} [n]$$

where  $a = n$ , so

$$n \cdot a^t = n \cdot n^t = \begin{vmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{vmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -6 & 2 \\ -6 & 9 & -3 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$n^t \cdot a = n^t \cdot n = (2 \ -3 \ 1) \begin{vmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{vmatrix} = 4 + 9 + 1 = 14$$

$$\text{So } [\text{Ref}_{\pi}^{\perp}(Q)] = \frac{1}{14} \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 12 & -4 \\ 12 & -4 & 6 \\ -4 & 6 & 12 \end{vmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \\ z_0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{4}{7} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{In particular } \text{Ref}_{\pi}^{\perp}(P) = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 7 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

7.4. Project the point  $P(4, 1, -2)$  on the  $z$ -axis parallel to the plane  $\pi: x + y + z = 0$ .

Let  $P'$  be the projected point. Then  $P' = O_2 \cap \pi'$  where  $\pi'$  is a plane passing through  $P$  and parallel to  $\pi$

$$\Rightarrow \pi': (x-4) + (y-1) + (z+2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \pi': x + y + z - 3 = 0$$

$$\text{So } P': \begin{cases} x + y + z - 3 = 0 \\ x - y = 0 \quad (\text{z-axis}) \end{cases} \Rightarrow z = 3 \Rightarrow P'(0, 0, 3)$$

7.5. Write down the vector forms and matrix forms for parallel projections and reflections in  $\mathbb{E}^3$ .

- We show this for projections in hyperplanes (the other cases are similar)
- the vector forms don't change:

$$\text{Pr}_{H,\mathbf{v}}(P) = P - \frac{\varphi(P)}{\text{lin } \varphi(\mathbf{v})} \mathbf{v}.$$

but  $H$  is in this case a plane  
so it has an equation of the form  
 $H: ax + by + cz + d = 0$   
and  $\mathbf{v} = v(v_x, v_y, v_z)$

- For the matrix form we have

$$[\text{Pr}_{H,\mathbf{v}}(P)]_K = \left( \text{Id}_n - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{a}^t}{\mathbf{v}^t \cdot \mathbf{a}} \right) \cdot [P]_K - \frac{a_{n+1}}{\mathbf{v}^t \cdot \mathbf{a}} [\mathbf{v}]_K \quad \text{which in our case becomes}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{a\sqrt{x} + b\sqrt{y} + c\sqrt{z}} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{x}a & \sqrt{x}b & \sqrt{x}c \\ \sqrt{y}a & \sqrt{y}b & \sqrt{y}c \\ \sqrt{z}a & \sqrt{z}b & \sqrt{z}c \end{pmatrix} \right) \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} - \frac{d}{a\sqrt{x} + b\sqrt{y} + c\sqrt{z}} \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{a\sqrt{x} + b\sqrt{y} + c\sqrt{z}} \begin{pmatrix} b\sqrt{y} + c\sqrt{z} & \sqrt{x}b & \sqrt{x}c \\ \sqrt{y}a & a\sqrt{x} + c\sqrt{z} & \sqrt{y}c \\ \sqrt{z}a & \sqrt{z}b & a\sqrt{x} + b\sqrt{y} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} - \frac{d}{a\sqrt{x} + b\sqrt{y} + c\sqrt{z}} \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{pmatrix}$$