

What is the matrix P when $k = 1$?

(3) Prove that the image of P is the subspace V spanned by a_1, \dots, a_k , or equivalently the set of all vectors in \mathbb{R}^n of the form Ax , with $x \in \mathbb{R}^k$. Prove that the nullspace U of P is the set of vectors $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $A^\top u = 0$. Can you give a geometric interpretation of U ?

Conclude that P is a projection of \mathbb{R}^n onto the subspace V spanned by a_1, \dots, a_k , and that

$$\mathbb{R}^n = U \oplus V.$$

Problem 6.8. A rotation R_θ in the plane \mathbb{R}^2 is given by the matrix

$$R_\theta = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}.$$

(1) Use **Matlab** to show the action of a rotation R_θ on a simple figure such as a triangle or a rectangle, for various values of θ , including $\theta = \pi/6, \pi/4, \pi/3, \pi/2$.

(2) Prove that R_θ is invertible and that its inverse is $R_{-\theta}$.

(3) For any two rotations R_α and R_β , prove that

$$R_\beta \circ R_\alpha = R_\alpha \circ R_\beta = R_{\alpha+\beta}.$$

Use (2)-(3) to prove that the rotations in the plane form a commutative group denoted **SO**(2).

Problem 6.9. Consider the affine map $R_{\theta, (a_1, a_2)}$ in \mathbb{R}^2 given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(1) Prove that if $\theta \neq k2\pi$, with $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $R_{\theta, (a_1, a_2)}$ has a unique fixed point (c_1, c_2) , that is, there is a unique point (c_1, c_2) such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = R_{\theta, (a_1, a_2)} \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

and this fixed point is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2 \sin(\theta/2)} \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\pi/2 - \theta/2) & -\sin(\pi/2 - \theta/2) \\ \sin(\pi/2 - \theta/2) & \cos(\pi/2 - \theta/2) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(2) In this question we still assume that $\theta \neq k2\pi$, with $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. By translating the coordinate system with origin $(0, 0)$ to the new coordinate system with origin (c_1, c_2) , which