

Details for solution for Section 4.5 #10. (See solution posted under Assignment #11 on web site.)

4.5 #10 Find any points invariant under $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \sqrt{3} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

We seek $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ such that

$$(1) \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \sqrt{3} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ which is equivalent to } (2) \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2}x - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}y + \sqrt{3} = x \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}y + 1 = y \end{cases}$$

But (2) is equivalent to (3) $\begin{cases} -\frac{3}{2}x - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}y = -\sqrt{3} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x - \frac{1}{2}y = -1 \end{cases}$

(3) is equivalent to (4) $\begin{cases} 1x + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}y = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} \\ 1x + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}y = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} \end{cases}$ and (4)

reduces to (5) $x = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}y$

So, all points on the line $1x + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}y - \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} = 0$, that is the line $\begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$, are invariant under T . That line is therefore also invariant under T .

Check: Note the points we claim are invariant all have the form $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{2-t}{\sqrt{3}} \\ t \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ for some $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix} \frac{2-t}{\sqrt{3}} \\ t \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \sqrt{3} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2-t}{\sqrt{3}} \\ t \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{t-2}{2\sqrt{3}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}t}{2} + \sqrt{3} \\ t - \frac{2}{2} + \frac{1}{2}t + 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2-t}{\sqrt{3}} \\ t \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \checkmark$$