

MATH 406 Session #33

Find all invariant lines under the transformation $T_2\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

T_2 is a reflection in the line $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$; so $T_2^{-1}\left(\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Applying Theorem 4.2.4 to this situation, we seek $\begin{bmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = k \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \end{bmatrix}$ for an arbitrary non-zero constant k .

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ if } \begin{bmatrix} u_2 & u_1 & u_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

That is if $u_2 = u_1$ and $u_1 = u_2$ and $u_3 = u_3$.

Hence any line with equation of the form $k \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & l \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$ where k is an arbitrary non-zero constant and l is an arbitrary constant is invariant under T_2 . Those are simply the lines with equations, in standard form, of the form $kx + ky + kl = 0$ where k and l are arbitrary constants and k is not zero. These are all lines perpendicular to the line $y = x$. In our previous exercise, we showed that points on the line $y = x$ are invariant.

So, the line $y = x$, or $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$, is also invariant under T_2 .

Consequently, the lines $y = x$ and all those of the form $y = -x + c$ for some constant c are invariant under T_2 . Alternatively, the lines

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \text{ and } \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \text{ for any constant } c \text{ are invariant under } T_2.$$