

Yesterday: we checked that

$$T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, (x, y) \mapsto (x+2y, 3x+4y)$$

was linear.

Note that

$$T(x, y) = (x+2y, 3x+4y)$$

can be represented as matrix multiplication

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x+2y \\ 3x+4y \end{pmatrix}$$

we say that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

represents  $T$ .

Theorem Any linear transformation

$T$  can be represented by a

matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ .

Proof

Well  $T(1, 0) = (a, c)$  say.

and

$$T(0,1) = (c,d) \text{ say.}$$

Then

$$T(x,y) =$$

$$T(x(1,0) + y(0,1))$$

$$= T(x(1,0) + T(y(0,1)))$$

$$= xT(1,0) + yT(0,1)$$

$$= x(a,b) + y(c,d)$$

$$= (ax+cy, bx+dy)$$

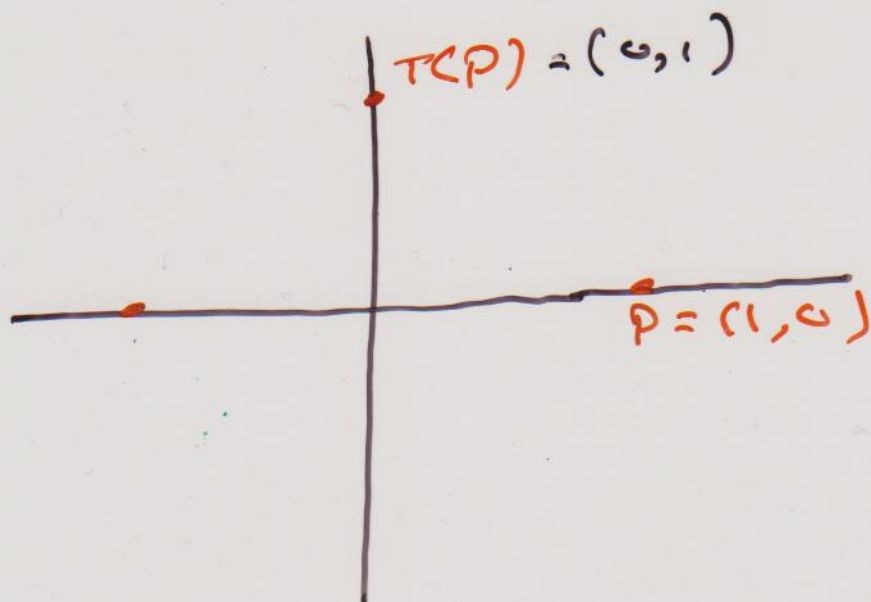
} By  
linearity  
of  $T$

Now

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ax+cy \\ bx+dy \end{pmatrix}$$

FACTS: Any reflection is linear.  
Any rotation is linear.  
Any composite of a reflection and rotation is linear.

Example Find the matrix representing a reflection in the  $y$ -axis, followed by a <sup>clockwise</sup> rotation of  $\frac{5\pi}{2}$  rads about the origin.



$$\text{So } T(1, 0) = (0, 1)$$

$$T(0, 1) = (1, 0)$$

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

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So the required matrix is

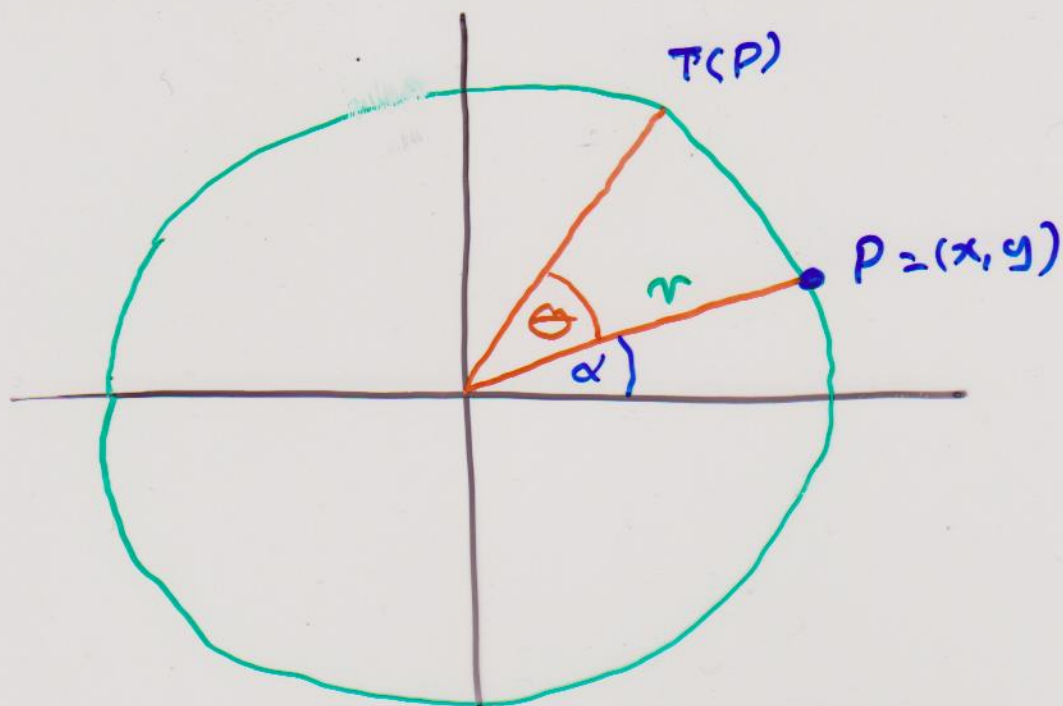
$$\underline{\underline{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}}$$

Remark The trace of a matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  is the number  $a + d$ .

Theorem Let  $S: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  
 $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be linear  
transformations represented  
by matrices  $A, B$ . Then  
the linear transformation

$T \circ S: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, v \mapsto T(S(v))$   
is represented by the  
matrix  $BA$ .

Consider a rotation of the  
plane through an angle  $\theta$   
about the origin. What  
matrix represents this  
transformation?



if  $P = (x, y) = (r \cos \alpha, r \sin \alpha)$

then

$$T(P) = (r \cos(\alpha + \theta), r \sin(\alpha + \theta))$$

$$= r (\cos(\alpha + \theta), \sin(\alpha + \theta))$$

$$= r (\cos \alpha \cos \theta - \sin \alpha \sin \theta, \sin \alpha \cos \theta + \cos \alpha \sin \theta)$$

$$= (x \cos \theta - y \sin \theta, y \cos \theta + x \sin \theta)$$

So

$$T(P) = \begin{pmatrix} x \cos \theta - y \sin \theta \\ y \cos \theta + x \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

matrix of  
anticlockwise  
rotation through  
angle  $\theta$  about  
origin.