

2.2: Linear Transformations in Geometry

use Mathematica to visualize transformations.

scaling by k & (k, l)

reflections.

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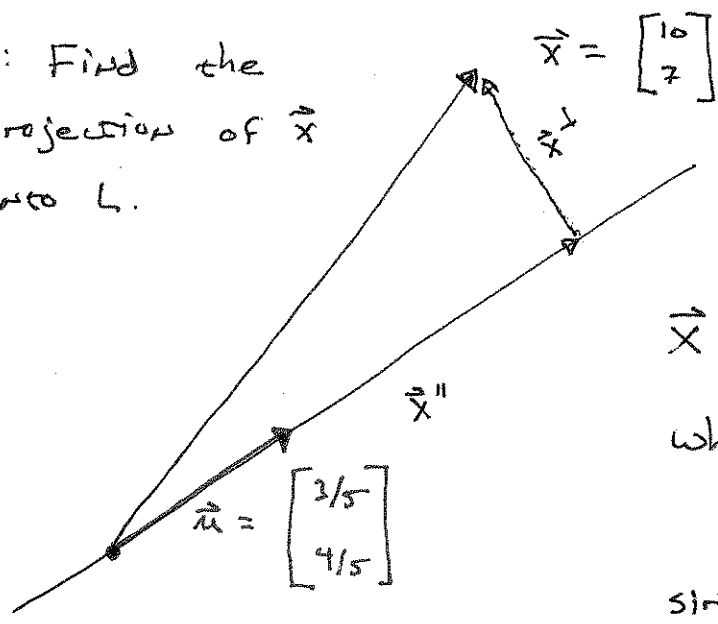
rotations.

General projections of \vec{x} in the direction of the unit vector \vec{u} along L .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{proj}_L(\vec{x}) &= \vec{x}^{\parallel} \\
 &= (\vec{x} \cdot \vec{u}) \vec{u} \\
 &= \left(\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} \right) \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= (x_1 u_1 + x_2 u_2) \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 u_1^2 + x_2 u_1 u_2 \\ x_1 u_1 u_2 + x_2 u_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= x_1 \begin{bmatrix} u_1^2 \\ u_1 u_2 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} u_1 u_2 \\ u_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} u_1^2 & u_1 u_2 \\ u_1 u_2 & u_2^2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{projection matrix } A} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $\text{proj}_L(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$, we know the projection is a linear transformation.

ex1: Find the projection of \vec{x} onto L .



$L: 4x - 3y = 0$

$$\vec{x} = \vec{x}'' + \vec{x}^\perp$$

where $\vec{x}'' = \text{proj}_L(\vec{x})$

since $\vec{u} \parallel L$, we know that $\vec{x}'' = k\vec{u}$ for some scalar k . We must find k .

we know $0 = \vec{x}^\perp \cdot \vec{u}$

$$= (\vec{x} - \vec{x}'') \cdot \vec{u}$$

$$= (\vec{x} - k\vec{u}) \cdot \vec{u}$$

$$= \vec{x} \cdot \vec{u} - k\|\vec{u}\|^2$$

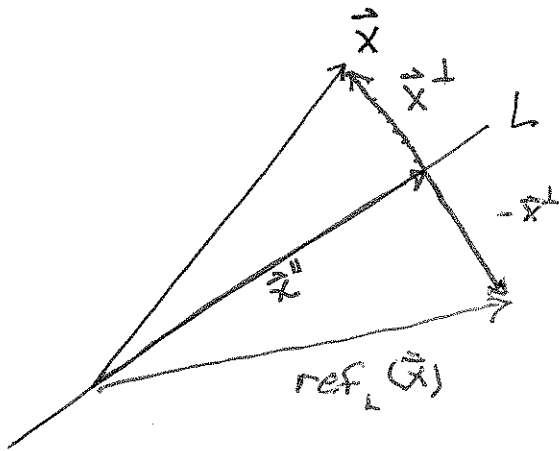
and so $k = \frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{u}}{\|\vec{u}\|^2} = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 3/5 \\ 4/5 \end{bmatrix}}{5} = 58/5$

now $\vec{x}'' = k\vec{u} = \frac{58}{5} \begin{bmatrix} 3/5 \\ 4/5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 174/25 \\ 232/25 \end{bmatrix}$

and $\vec{x}^\perp = \vec{x} - \vec{x}'' = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 174/25 \\ 232/25 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 76/25 \\ -57/25 \end{bmatrix}$

you can confirm that $\vec{x}'' + \vec{x}^\perp = \vec{x}$ and $\vec{x}'' \cdot \vec{x}^\perp = 0$

Reflections about the line L .



v1:
$$\begin{aligned} \text{ref}_L(\vec{x}) &= \vec{x}^{\parallel} - \vec{x}^{\perp} \\ &= (\vec{x} - \vec{x}^{\perp}) - \vec{x}^{\perp} \\ &= \vec{x} - 2\vec{x}^{\perp} \quad (\text{in terms of } \vec{x}^{\perp}) \end{aligned}$$

v2:
$$\begin{aligned} \text{ref}_L(\vec{x}) &= \vec{x}^{\parallel} - \vec{x}^{\perp} \\ &= \vec{x}^{\parallel} - (\vec{x} - \vec{x}^{\parallel}) \\ &= 2\vec{x}^{\parallel} - \vec{x} \\ &= 2(\vec{x} \cdot \vec{u})\vec{u} - \vec{x} \end{aligned}$$
 where \vec{u} is a unit vector parallel to L .

Show the reflection is a linear transform.

$$= 2 \begin{bmatrix} u_1^2 & u_1 u_2 \\ u_1 u_2 & u_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 2u_1^2 - 1 \\ 2u_1 u_2 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2u_1 u_2 \\ 2u_2^2 - 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and $u_1^2 + u_2^2 = 1$ since \vec{u} is a unit vector.

$$= x_1 \begin{bmatrix} u_1^2 - u_2^2 \\ 2u_1 u_2 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 2u_1 u_2 \\ u_2^2 - u_1^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ b & -a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{where } a = u_1^2 - u_2^2 \text{ and } b = 2u_1 u_2$$

Since $\text{ref}_L(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x}$ we know the reflection is a linear transform.